



## RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### NOTICE UNDER

### THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Acts of 1973, and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (“RIDOT”) will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

**Employment:** RIDOT does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title I of the ADA. For further information, please contact Kelly Caesar, Internal EEO Program Director/AO at [kelly.caesar@dot.ri.gov](mailto:kelly.caesar@dot.ri.gov), or 401 222-3260 extension 4405. RIDOT’s EEO Affirmative Action Plan is available at [http://www.dot.ri.gov/about/who/civil\\_rights.php](http://www.dot.ri.gov/about/who/civil_rights.php), and includes a Chapter IX. Complaint Procedures.

**Effective Communication:** RIDOT will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in RIDOT’s programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

**Modifications to Policies and Procedures:** RIDOT will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in RIDOT offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of RIDOT, should contact Richard Sparks, ADA Coordinator, Office of Civil Rights, Two Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903, 401 222-3260 extension 4499, or [richard.sparks@dot.ri.gov](mailto:richard.sparks@dot.ri.gov), as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require RIDOT to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of RIDOT is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Richard Sparks, ADA Coordinator, Office of Civil Rights, Two Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903, 401 222-3260 extension 4499 or [richard.sparks@dot.ri.gov](mailto:richard.sparks@dot.ri.gov).

RIDOT will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.