



**Thursday, October 22, 2026
1:30 p.m.
269 Melrose Street, Providence
Transportation Board Room**

The link to view the meeting is below.*

[RIPTA Board of Directors - October 22, 2026](#)

AGENDA

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| 1. | Board Approval/
Potential Vote: | To consider for approval the Draft Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of August 20, 2026. |
| 2. | Public Comment | Limited to three minutes per person. |
| 3. | Board Discussion | CEO Report. |
| 4. | Board Discussion /
Potential Vote: | Reestablishment of the Finance Sub-Committee. |
| 5. | Board Discussion/
Potential Vote: | Update - Annual Financial Statements / Audit. |
| 6. | Board Discussion /
Potential Vote: | To consider for approval the Board Resolution regarding the Ocean State Investment Pool. |
| 7. | Board Discussion /
Potential Vote: | To consider for approval the award of contract for the snow melter system. |

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8. Board Discussion / Potential Vote: To consider for approval the award of contract for the oil and water separator.
9. Board Discussion / Potential Vote: To consider for approval the award of contract for towing services.
10. Board Discussion Board Questions and Answers
11. Executive Session Executive Session to consider, discuss, and act upon such matters as may be closed to the public pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) Sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation, or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation.
12. Adjournment:

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RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 20, 2026

1:30 p.m.

269 Melrose Street, Providence

Transportation Board Room

Members Present: Patrick Crowley, Board Chair; James Leach, Board Vice-Chair; Normand Benoit, Board Treasurer; Robert Rocchio; Vincent Masino; and Kevin Crawley.

Absent Members: Bernard Georges; Board Secretary and Heather Schey.

Also Present: Christopher Durand, CEO; Larissa DeLisi, Esq., Board Counsel; Roy Rivers, Executive Director of Legal Services; members of RIPTA staff; and members of the public.

Call to Order: Mr. Crowley calls the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., indicating that a quorum is present.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Draft Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2026

Mr. Masino makes a motion to approve. Mr. Benoit seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes from Mr. Crowley, Mr. Leach, Mr. Rocchio, and Mr. Crawley.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of the Draft Executive Session Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2026

Mr. Masino makes a motion to approve. Mr. Benoit seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes from Mr. Crowley, Mr. Leach, Mr. Rocchio, and Mr. Crawley.

Agenda Item 3: Public Comment

Daria Phobe Brashear- is non plussed seeing the Transit Center on the agenda before service cuts are restored and service is expanded per the Transit Master Plan.

Miles Brawn Husband – Is here for RIPTA's 60th Anniversary and believes RIPTA does a wonderful job. States that the new paratransit buses are amazing.

Barry Schiller – Urges the Board and Staff to pause the new transit center for six months. He has seven recommendations: 1. Work out routes and a schedule before moving the transit hub; 2. Publicize the 2018 KP Redesign Plan; 3. Contact the delegation to see if the Build Grant could be used for Kennedy Plaza; 4. Go to the public regarding moving the hub. -Mr. Schiller's time expired and Board Chair Crowley asked that he submit the remainder of his comment in writing.

Joe Cole – States that service remains unrestored and 12 drivers are still displaced. States that we need more money and more help; Paratransit on Demand is doing well, but it is costing RIPTA money; and the issues are here and not going away.

Jeannelle Hernandez – States that she is a sophomore in high school and that the service cuts directly impact her and her ability to get to and from school on time. She provides several instances where the service cuts have negatively impacted her.

Dylan Giles – Thanks Mr. Crowley for his service as a Board Member. States that it has been one year since service cuts and the burden on the riders is continuing to grow. States that suburban ridership is falling off and the additional \$4.2 million dollars was zeroed out to \$500,000.00 with no explanation. States that fall service changes do nothing to improve service. Wants to know what RIPTA is going to do to restore service.

Lia Tavaréz – States that she is a recent high school graduate and has taken the bus for the last seven years. States that the service cuts affect her daily and the commute to the Board meeting took her longer than expected. States that she spends a lot of time planning her routes to allow for the extra time needed. Urges Board to fight for funding to restore the service cuts.

Amy Glidden – Reads several excerpts from riders regarding the negative impacts of the service cuts. States that she takes two buses to get to her job and is often passed by because the buses are full. Urges the Board to fight for funding to restore service cuts.

Liza Ward – States that it is imperative to keep the hub in Kennedy Plaza. States that she recognizes the issues with Kennedy Plaza and suggests working on a collaboration with the Department of Health to provide services. States that if the hub is moved and RIPTA's hours do not match those of the train station, the timing won't be helpful for riders. Makes a suggestion to improve the 60 schedule.

Jeanelle Wheeler – States that she is sad to be back at a meeting still discussing service cuts. States that frequency changes forced her to have to change bus routes and many riders have been negatively impacted by service cuts.

Randall Rose – States that he has noticed changes to the hub relocation contract and is glad that a number of bad features seem to be gone. States that the Board cannot vote without seeing a contract and a better picture from the Board Memo. States that moving the hub is detrimental to RIPTA and discusses the federal funding grant.

-Mr. Rose's time expired and Board Chair Crowley asked that he submit the remainder of his comment in writing.

Agenda Item 4: CEO Update

Mr. Durand clarifies the state budget allocations and advises that the complete state budget is available on the General Assembly's webpage.

Mr. Durand announces the Rosa Parks Bus Shelter event on August 28, 2026; the New Paratransit Vehicle event with members of the Rhode Island Delegation on September 2, 2026; and RIPTA's Open House Event on September 26th.

Mr. Durand outlines the CEO report to the Board.

Agenda Item 5. Request for Approval of a Change Order for the 705 Parking Deck

Jack Plouffe, Project Manager, presents the request.

Mr. Leach makes a motion to approve the request. Mr. Rocchio seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Crowley, Mr. Benoit, Mr. Masino and Mr. Crawley.

Agenda Item 6: Request for Approval of the Public Transit Authority Safety Plan

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to approve the PTASP. Mr. Massino seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes from Mr. Crowley, Mr. Leach, Mr. Rocchio, and Mr. Crawley.

Agenda Item 7: Request for Approval of an Award of Contract for Towing Services

Mr. Leach makes a motion to table this agenda item until the next meeting. Mr. Massino seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes from Mr. Crowley, Mr. Benoit, Mr. Rocchio, and Mr. Crawley.

Agenda Item 8. Request for Approval of The Design Phase of the Providence Transit Center

John Chadwick, Chief Administrative Officer, presents the request.

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to approve the moving forward with the Design Phase of the Providence Transit Center. Mr. Massino seconds and the motion passes with favorable votes from Mr. Crowley, Mr. Leach, Mr. Rocchio, and Mr. Crawley.

Agenda Item 9: Board Questions and Answers

None. No votes taken.

Agenda Item 10: Adjournment – 2:42 p.m.

Mr. Benoit makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Masino seconds, and the motion passes with favorable votes by Mr. Crowley, Mr. Leach, Mr. Rocchio and Mr. Crawley.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard Georges, Secretary



CEO UPDATE



URI and RIPTA Launch U-Pass Partnership Providing Free Bus Access For Students, Faculty and Staff

As of October 1, 2026, URI students, faculty, and staff have with free, unlimited access to RIPTA bus service throughout Rhode Island. Under the new partnership, all enrolled URI students and University faculty and staff will be able to use their URI ID cards to board any RIPTA bus at any time, including nights, weekends, and during University holidays. The program makes URI the latest Rhode Island college or university to participate in RIPTA's U-Pass program, which provides members of the University community with unlimited access to public transportation.

Celebrating 60 years, One Story at a Time

RIPTA is marking 60 years of service, from now through June 30, 2027. All year long, we're spotlighting the history, riders, and employees who've shaped the agency — 60 stories in all, one for each year on the road. Follow along on social media or visit [RIPTA.com/60Years](https://ripta.com/60Years).

Successful Second Year of Summer Youth Pass Pilot Program

Eleven organizations participated in the program, helping 236 unique riders take 6,643 trips during July and August 2026. RIPTA offered these organizations a 50% discount on monthly passes and day passes applied to participants' Wave cards.

3rd Annual Christmas in July Food Drive

During the month-long rive, RIPTA employees demonstrated exceptional generosity, collectively donating 20 bins of food to the Rhode Island Food Bank.

Fall Service Changes Effective August 29, 2026

RIPTA makes regular service adjustments three times a year in response to seasonal changes and/or passenger use. Routes 1, 13, 14, and 67 were updated.

Providence Public Schools Outreach

Transit ambassadors were on-site at Kennedy Plaza and several high schools at the start of the school year to help new students navigate the bus system.

2026 Community Site Visits for Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program for Seniors and People with Disabilities

Every month, RIPTA's Customer Service staff travels to communities throughout the state to process Photo ID bus passes for qualified seniors and individuals with disabilities with valid documentation. These statewide Photo ID Community Site Visits allow residents in both rural and urban areas to access transit information and apply for the Reduced Fare Bus Pass Program without having to travel to RIPTA offices in Providence. In August 2026, RIPTA staff traveled to the West Warwick Senior Center and the William Donovan Manor in Newport, processing a total of 34 bus passes.

KEY INITIATIVES

Workforce Development

Current projections are that all reassigned employees will have an opportunity to be back in their original jobs by 1/30/2027.



Service Improvements

Currently targeting implementation of system retiming in January
Changes would address on-time performance and improve working conditions for operators.



Amenity Improvements

Old comfort station at West Exchange has been removed, new facility enroute to provide new restrooms and break areas for employees.



Performance Data and Benchmarking

Swiftly system implementation will be finalized shortly, allowing for improved information for riders and better insights into day-to-day operations for decision makers.



NICK DWYER



MANAGER OF FARE SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

For Nick Dwyer, public transit isn’t just part of his job — it’s his lifestyle.

Nick joined RIPTA a little over a year ago as Manager of Fare System Administration in the Finance Department, or, as he usually puts it, simply “Fare Manager.”

Originally from Boston, Nick moved to Providence in 2017 to attend Rhode Island College and decided to stick around after graduation.

Before RIPTA, Nick worked in operations for CIC, a coworking and office space company. While public transit was a new industry for him professionally, his experience with project management, data, communication and problem-solving transferred well.

“A lot of it is the problem-solving side of it,” Nick said.
“It’s enjoyable to try to understand the system better and fix it.”

Much of Nick’s work happens behind the scenes, where seemingly simple passenger interactions require careful decisions about technology, reliability and the rider experience. Now, he’s seeing that work translate into improvements passengers will experience firsthand, including new fare validators on paratransit vehicles and the upcoming implementation of open payments, which will allow passengers to tap a contactless credit or debit card to pay their fare.

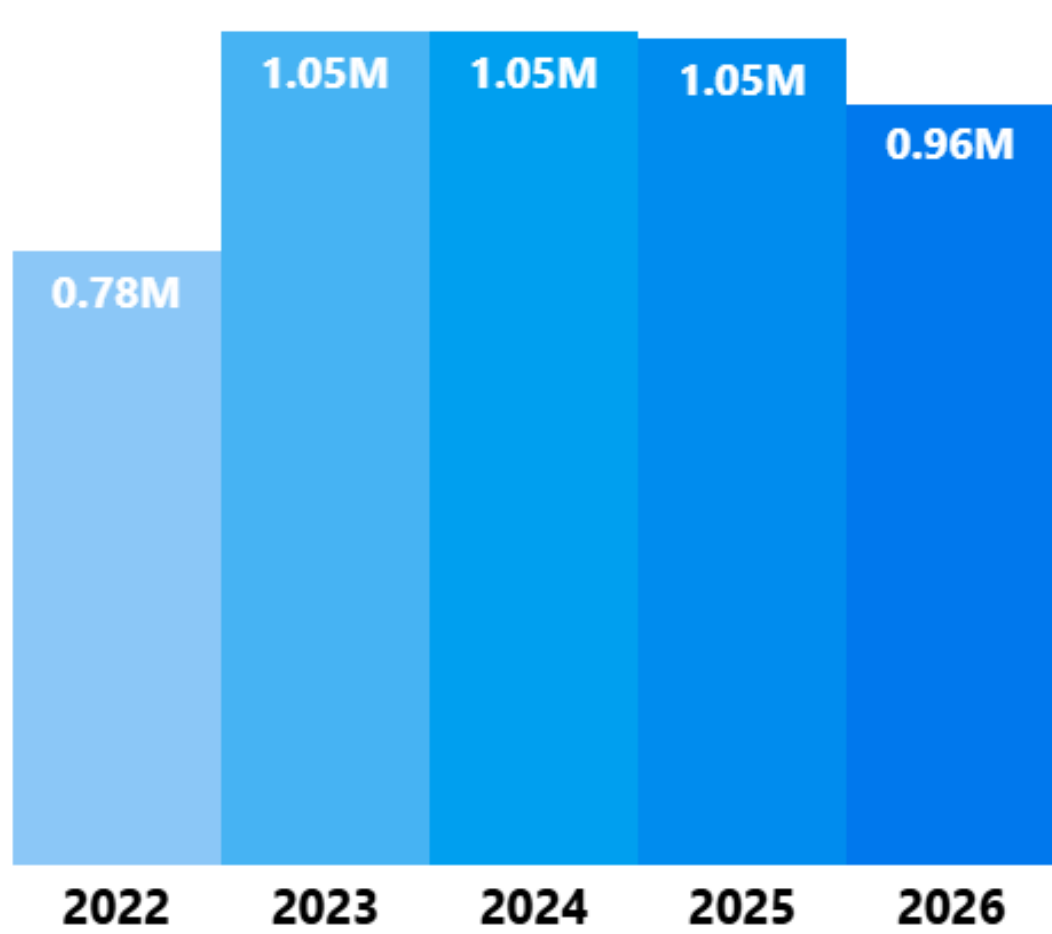
Learning the fare system meant gathering knowledge from employees and departments across the Authority to understand how all the pieces work together. That experience was especially fitting for Nick, who was passionate about public transit long before joining RIPTA. He doesn’t have a driver’s license and has never learned to drive, relying instead on transit to get where he needs to go.

Outside of work, Nick enjoys reading, playing board games with friends and spending time outdoors.
He also sang in a college choir whose work advanced to the consideration stage for a Grammy Award.

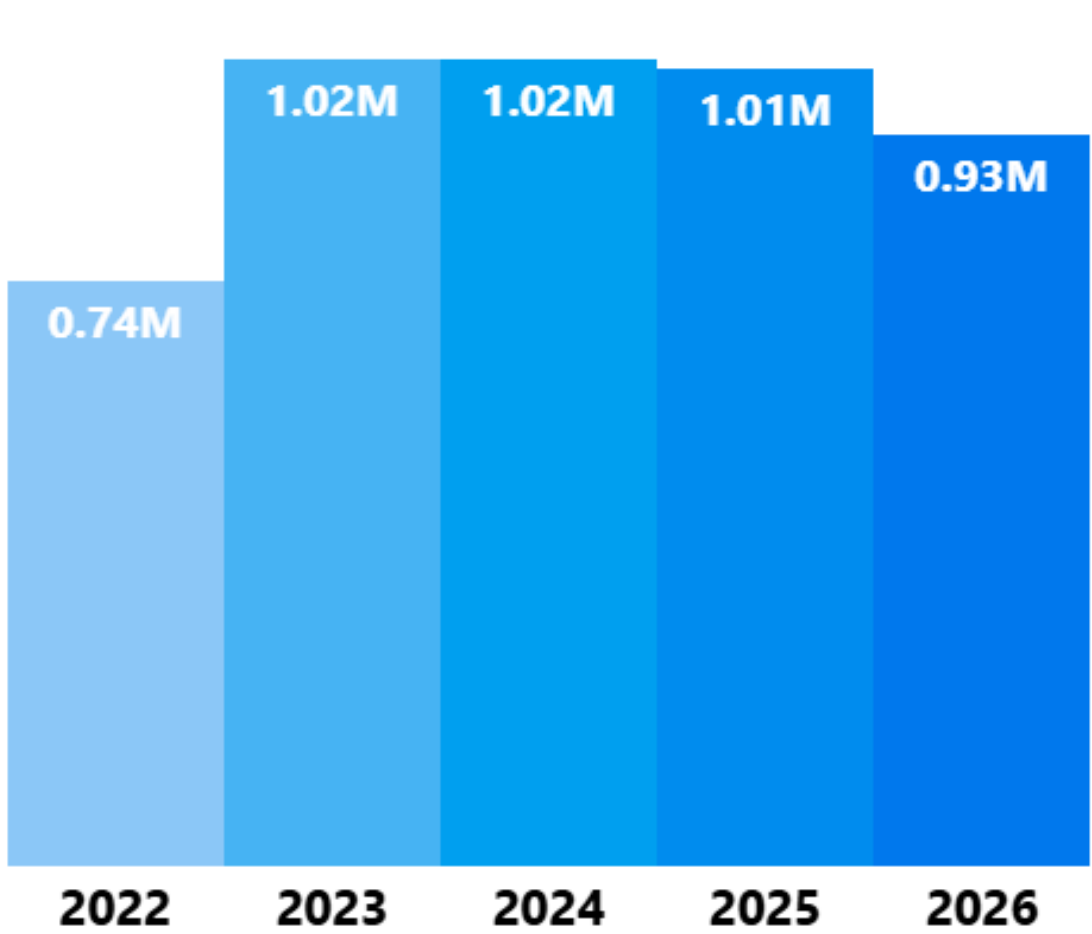
From transit rider to Fare Manager, Nick now helps shape the systems he relies on himself, even if getting there occasionally requires a spreadsheet with 30,000 rows.

MONTHLY RIDERSHIP

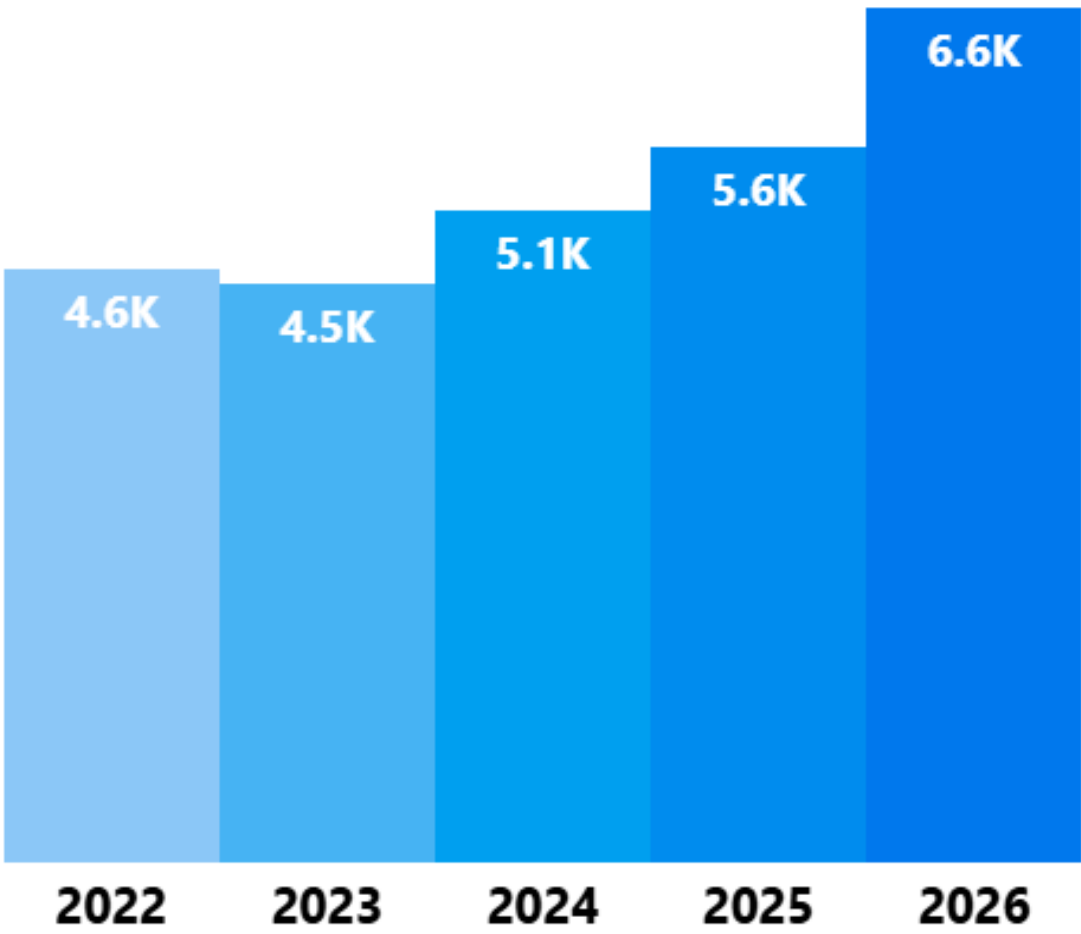
July 2026 Systemwide Ridership



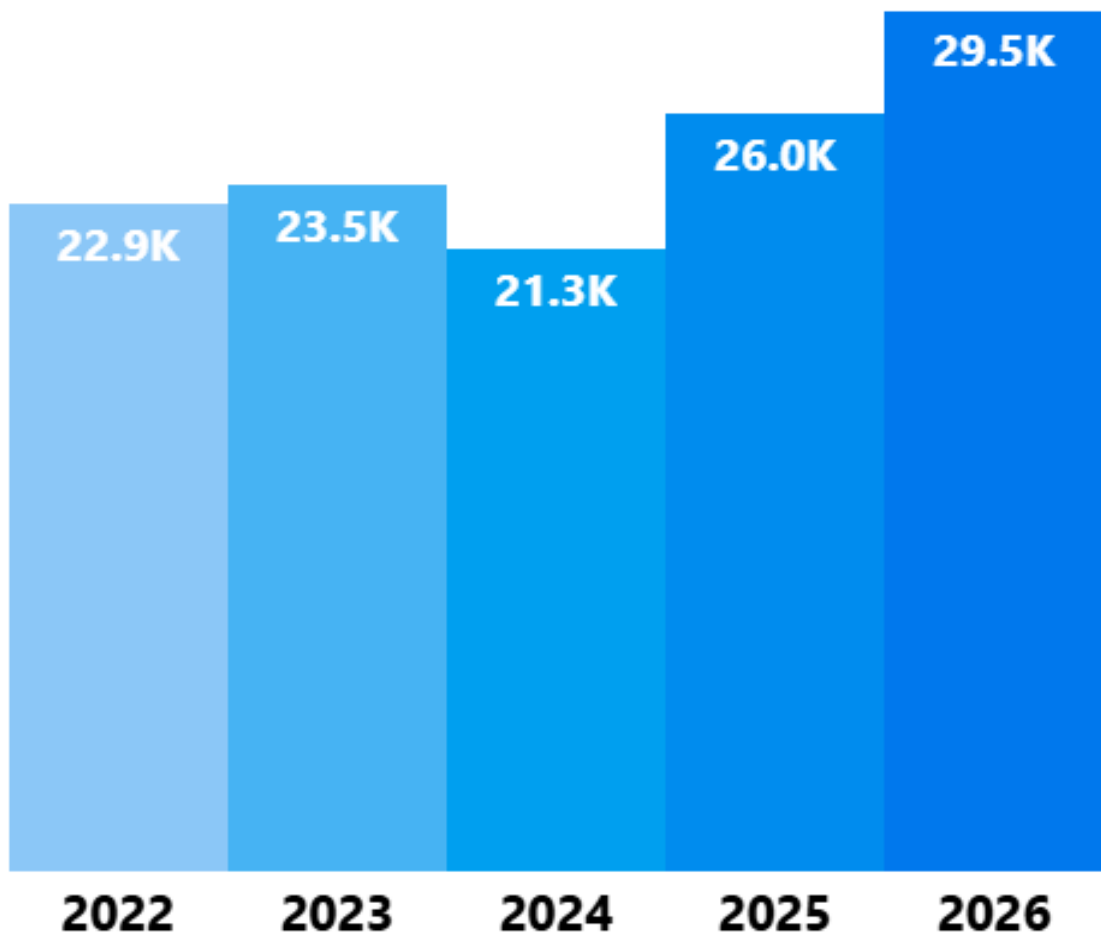
Systemwide



Fixed-Route



Flex



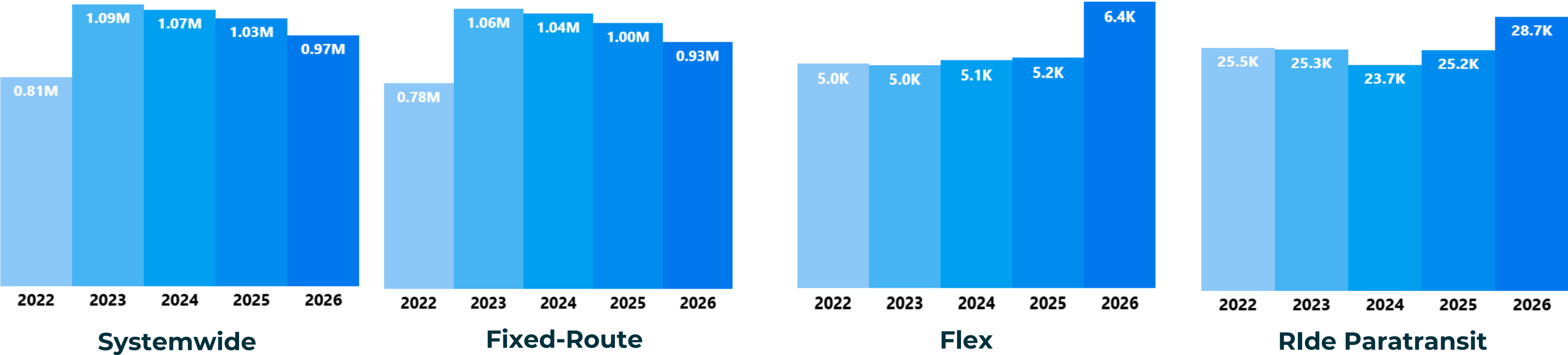
Rlde Paratransit

RIDERSHIP DECREASED 7% IN JULY 2026 FROM JULY 2025

Fixed-Route ridership counts come from the Automatic Passenger Counts (APCs) from UTA.
Flex and Rlde Paratransit ridership counts come from Reveal tablets for Rlde, and 3rd party reports for Taxi trips, Flex On Demand ridership (included with Flex) comes from Spare

MONTHLY RIDERSHIP

August 2026 Systemwide Ridership

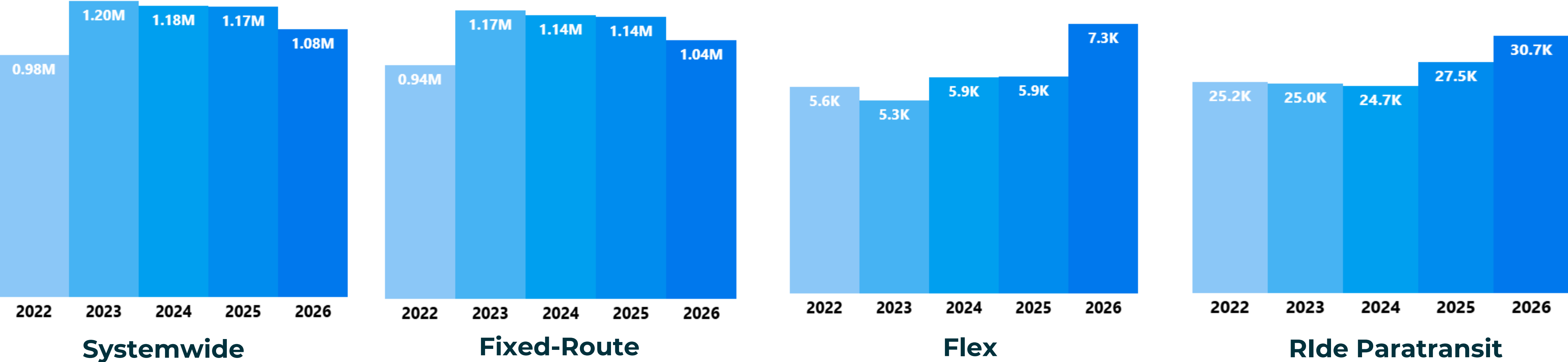


RIDERSHIP DECREASED 6% IN AUGUST 2026 FROM AUGUST 2025

Fixed-Route ridership counts come from the Automatic Passenger Counts (APCs) from UTA.
Flex and Ride Paratransit ridership counts come from Reveal tablets for Ride, and 3rd party reports for Taxi trips, Flex On Demand ridership (included with Flex) comes from Spare

MONTHLY RIDERSHIP

September 2026 Systemwide Ridership

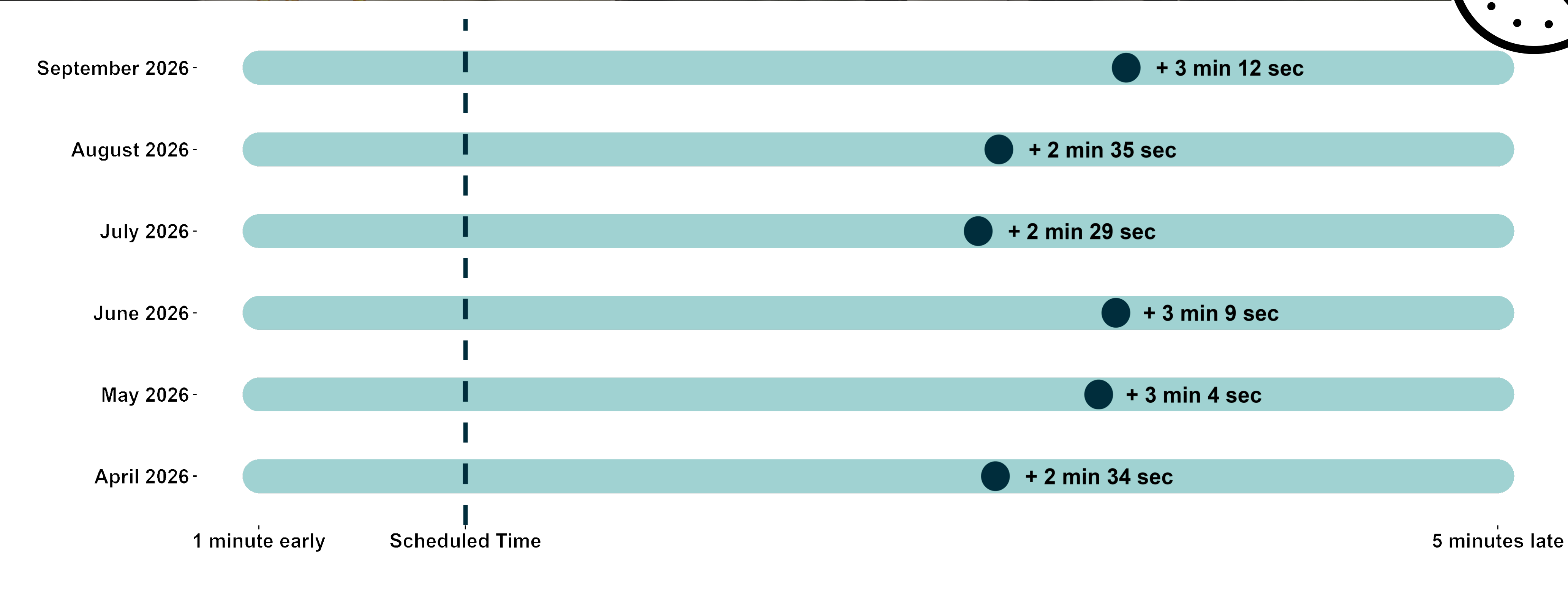


RIDERSHIP DECREASED 8% IN SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM SEPTEMBER 2025

Fixed-Route ridership counts come from the Automatic Passenger Counts (APCs) from UTA.
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ON TIME PERFORMANCE (OTP): FIXED-ROUTE

Monthly Average OTP

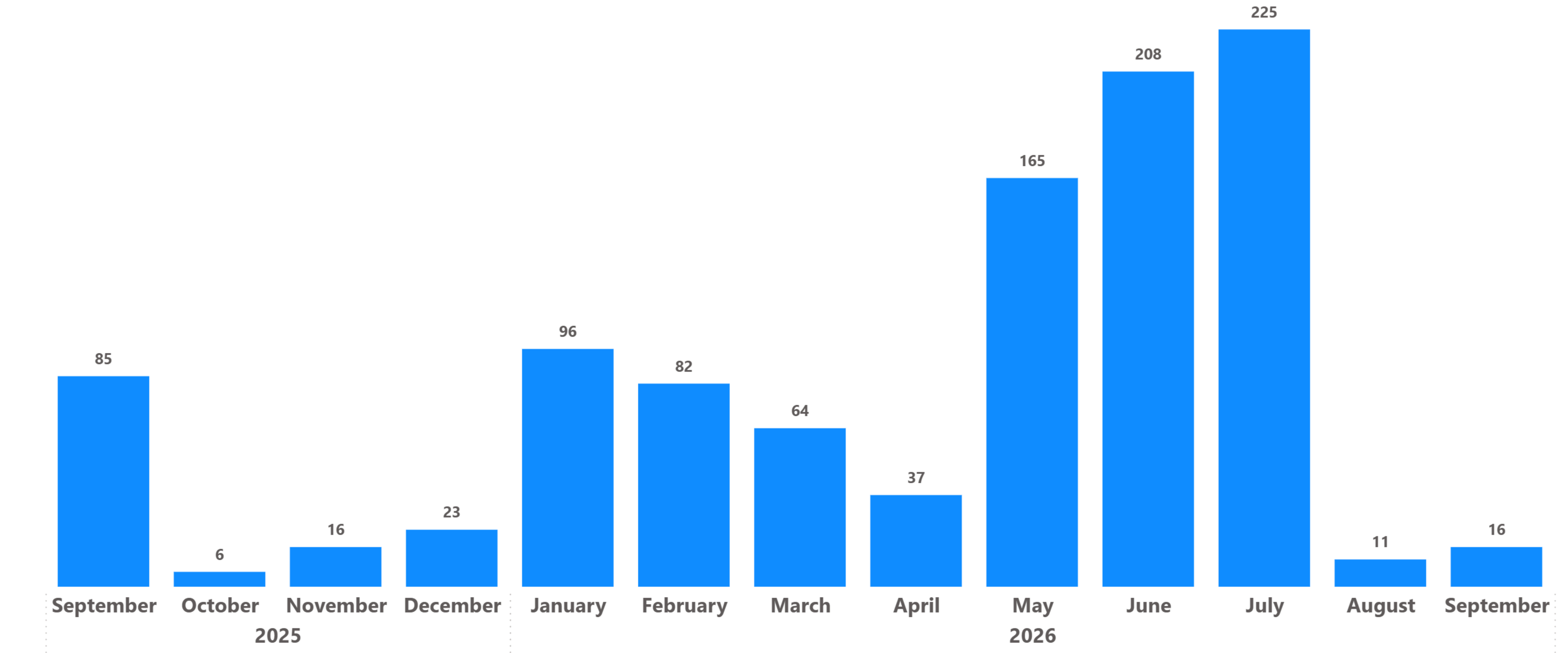


September 2026: Fixed-route buses met on-time performance standards (departures between 1 minute early and 5 minutes late), averaging a 3 minute 12 second late departure.

LOST SERVICE

September 2026

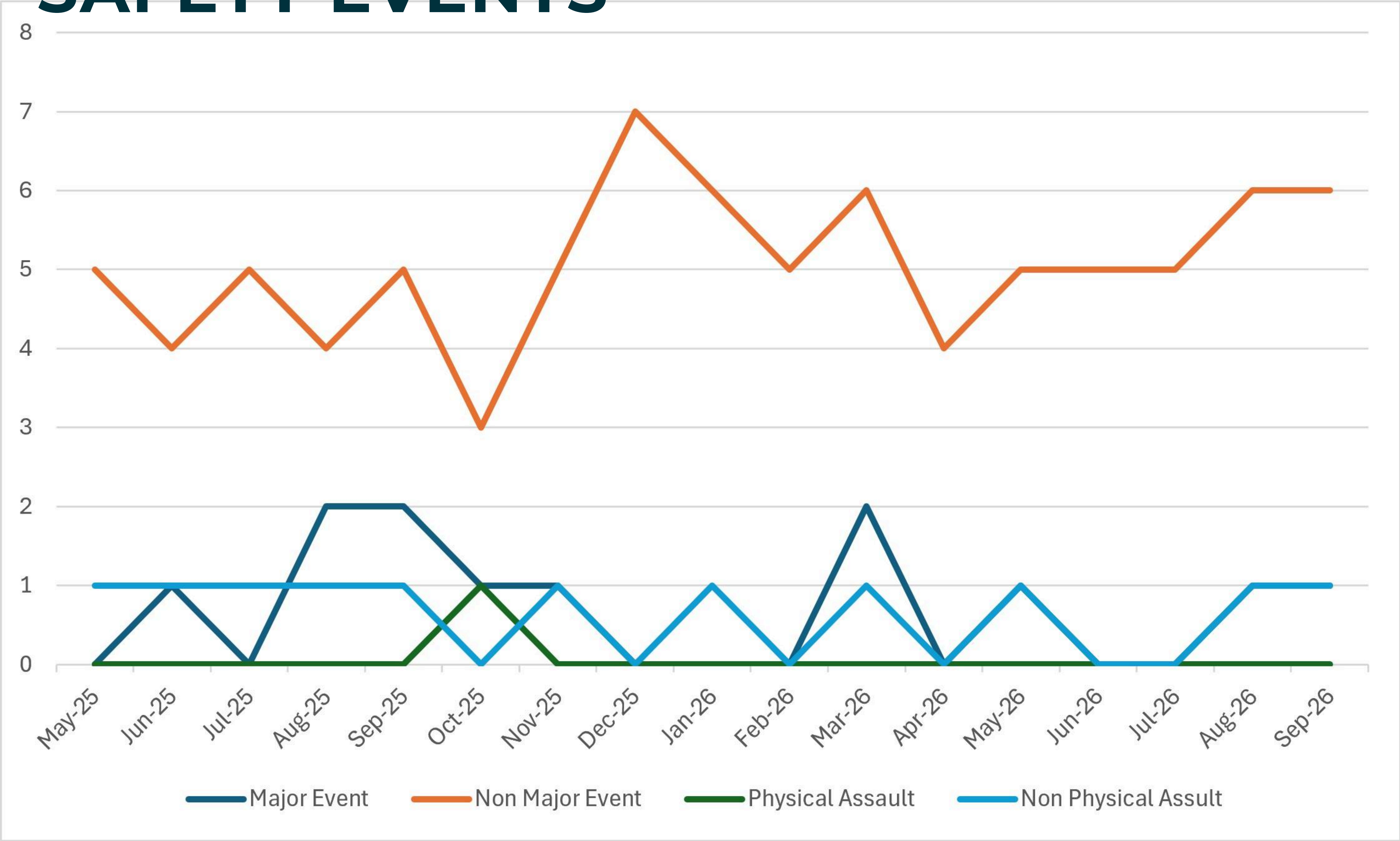
Cancelled/Uncovered Trips by Year and Month



* Counts based on regular trips

** Cancelled does not include Standby or School Cancelled trips

SAFETY EVENTS



The NTD criteria for **S&S-40** (Major Event) reporting include any safety or security event that meets the definition of a major event AND at least one of the following reporting thresholds: a confirmed fatality, an injury requiring transport from the scene, estimated property damage of at least \$25,000., an evacuation for life safety reasons, or a collision requiring a vehicle to be towed away.

The NTD **S&S-50** (Non-Major Monthly Summary Report) requires transit agencies to report safety and security events that do not meet the major event threshold. This includes a monthly summary of non-major incidents like slips, falls, and non-major fires, as well as injuries that occurred within the reporting month.

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority ("RIPTA" or the "Authority") is a body corporate and politic created by R.I.G.L. §39-18, et seq. for the purpose of providing statewide public transit services;

WHEREAS; the Ocean State Investment Pool (hereinafter referred to as "OSIP") was created by R.I.G.L. §35-10.2, et seq. for the purpose of enabling eligible governmental entities to participate with the state in providing maximum opportunities for the investment of public funds consistent with safety and protection of such funds. It is the intention of the general assembly in enabling the general treasurer with the approval of the state investment commission to establish the said investment pools;

WHEREAS; the Authority has certain funds which are intended to be used to fund capital and operating expenditures which are not yet immediately required;

WHEREAS; The OSIP has retained Fidelity Investments to act as investment advisor and servicing agent subject to the objectives and guidelines established by the OSIP trust ("Fidelity" or the "Investment Manager");

WHEREAS; OSIP will provide favorable yield and liquidity terms;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate RIPTA officials to execute certain transactions with Fidelity and OSIP on the Authority's behalf;

WHEREAS, RIPTA hereby designates Christopher Durand in his capacity as Chief Executive Officer, Nathan Watchous in his capacity as Deputy Chief of Finance, and Teri Fossa in her capacity as Controller to take such actions and to execute and deliver to the Investment Manager such documents as may be necessary to discharge the Authority's obligations with respect to the appointment of Fidelity as the Investment Manager of OSIP funds, and with respect to issuing instructions to enable Fidelity to discharge its obligations as Investment Manager of the Authority's assets:

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority that Christopher Durand, Nathan Watchous, and Teri Fossa in their stated capacities, are hereby so authorized and empowered.

On Behalf of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority

Patrick Crowley, Board Chair

Date

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY STAFF SUMMARY FORM

TO:	RIPTA Board of Directors	DATE:	10/01/2026
PREPARED BY:	James Canty/Frank DiMaio	DEPARTMENT:	Facilities

TITLE : 27-05 Tow Behind Snow Melt System

Staff is seeking approval from the Board of Directors to proceed with the purchase of a tow-behind snow melting unit from Ajax Tocco, dba Snow Dragon, for \$295,000.

BACKGROUND

RIPTA manages snow and ice removal across its facilities during winter weather events.

The proposed purchase is a tow-behind snow melting unit manufactured by Ajax Tocco, dba Snow Dragon. Because the unit is mobile and towable, it can be deployed at multiple RIPTA facilities based on operational needs and winter weather conditions.

An Invitation to Bid was posted on the State procurement website on August 21, 2026. In addition to the public posting, direct invitations to bid were emailed to six companies. A total of two bids were received.

The low responsive bid was submitted by Ajax Tocco, dba Snow Dragon, in the amount of \$295,000. The equipment is currently available and can be delivered prior to the 2026–2027 winter season.

JUSTIFICATION

The proposed purchase provides RIPTA with a dedicated piece of equipment designed to melt snow rather than relying solely on conventional snow removal methods.

The primary benefits include:

- Multi-campus utilization: Because the unit is tow-behind equipment, it can be transported and used at other RIPTA facilities when winter conditions require additional snow management resources.
- Potential operational cost savings: Reducing the time and resources required for snow removal may lower associated labor, equipment, hauling, and disposal costs.
- Protection of the parking garage investment: The parking deck is undergoing extensive repairs, and an effective snow management strategy will support the protection and continued use of the repaired facility.
- Operational flexibility: A dedicated snow-melting unit would provide RIPTA with an additional snow management resource that can be deployed based on the severity and location of winter weather conditions.

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY STAFF SUMMARY FORM

TO:
 DATE:

PREPARED BY:
 DEPARTMENT:

FUNDING

Funding for this purchase will be eighty percent from Federal Transit Administration formula grants and twenty percent from RIPTA operating funds.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1 – Continue the current snow removal process.

RIPTA could continue using its existing snow removal methods. This would avoid the immediate capital expenditure but would continue the existing operational requirements associated with snow removal and would not provide RIPTA with the additional snow-melting capability proposed by this purchase.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors authorize the purchase of the tow-behind snow melting equipment from Ajax Tocco, dba Snow Dragon, in the amount of \$295,000, pursuant to the completed procurement process.

The purchase will provide RIPTA with equipment capable of supporting snow removal operations at any RIPTA campuses. The equipment is currently available for delivery and can be placed into service prior to the 2026–2027 winter season.

APPROVALS (shaded Departments must approve all Staff Summaries). Projects between \$5,000 and \$10,000 must have Department Director/AGM. Projects between \$10,000 and \$100,000 must have CEO also. Projects greater than \$100,000 must also have Board of Directors Approval

Department	Initial	Date	Department	Initial	Date
Budget/Finance	<i>rw</i>	10/16/2026	Maintenance/Facility		
Customer Service			Marketing		
Environmental/Safety			Planning		
Project Management	<i>dy</i>	10/16/2026	Procurement	<i>dy</i>	10/16/2026
Flex/Paratransit			Security		
Human Resources			Training		
Inform. Services			Transportation		
Legal/Risk Mgmt			Chief Exec. Officer	<i>dy</i>	10/19/2026

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY STAFF SUMMARY FORM

TO:	RIPTA Board of Directors	DATE:	09/29/2026
PREPARED BY:	Matthew Quider / Sheryl Gomes	DEPARTMENT:	PROJECT MANAGEMENT

TITLE : 27-02 Oil Water Separator Construction

RIPTA's Board of Directors is requested to approve a contract for New England Construction of Rumford, RI in the amount of \$527,523 for the replacement of the Transportation Building's oil water separators (OWS).

Additionally, we are requesting a 15% contingency of \$79,128 to cover any unforeseen issues for a total approved value of \$606,651.

BACKGROUND

On August 3, 2026 RFP 27-02 titled "Oil Water Separator Construction" was issued. The RFP was publicly advertised on the RI State Purchasing website and sent directly to over 30 vendors. A Pre-bid meeting was held August 13, 2026 with an additional opportunity to walk the site on September 9, 2026. Contractor proposals were due September 16, 2026.

Two responsive bids were received. The evaluation team met to assess the proposals on September 24, 2026 and New England Construction was the selected vendor.

JUSTIFICATION

The existing oil water separator tanks are assumed to be the original tanks installed when the building was constructed in the early 90's. Regularly scheduled inspections have found that the tanks are in poor condition and internal components show heavy corrosion.

Prior to discharging wastewater to Narragansett Bay Commission's sewer system, the oil water separators must remove any oil that gets into the wastewater from the trench drains or bush wash system. This requirement is outlined in NBC's Wastewater Discharge Permit issued to RIPTA. Noncompliance with any terms or conditions of this permit shall constitute a violation of the rules and regulations and may subject RIPTA to an administrative or civil penalty.

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY STAFF SUMMARY FORM

TO: RIPTA Board of Directors

DATE: 09/29/2026

PREPARED BY: Matthew Quider / Sheryl Gomes

DEPARTMENT: PROJECT MANAGEMENT

FUNDING

25-001 REHAB/RENOVATE - ADMIN/MAINT FACILITY

ALTERNATIVES

Continue utilizing the existing oil water separators until complete failure occurs. Once the oil water separators fail, RIPTA would be required to shut down the fixed route bus wash. Additionally, fixed route buses would need to be stored outside of the Transportation Building to prevent any leaked oils from entering the trench drain system in the bus storage area.

RECOMMENDATION

RIPTA Project Management recommends the Board of Directors approve this contract.

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Project Management	<i>JC</i> <i>JC</i>	10/07/2026	Procurement	<i>SK</i>	10/14/2026
Flex/Paratransit			Security		
Human Resources			Training		
Inform. Services			Transportation		
Legal/Risk Mgmt			Chief Exec. Officer	<i>SK</i> Sheryl Gomes	10/19/2026

Evaluation Points-RFP 27-02

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Evaluation 1- Qualifications/ Experience/ Past Performance in comparable projects</u>	<u>Evaluation 2- Timeline & Phasing Plan</u>	<u>Evaluation 3- Safety Program</u>	<u>Evaluation 4- Experience with Construction Administrative Procedures</u>	<u>Evaluation 5- Pricing</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ricon	15.60	27.00	8.40	9.00	21.63	81.63
New England Construction	19.30	27.00	9.20	9.00	30.00	94.50
Points Allocated	20	30	10	10	30	100

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY STAFF SUMMARY FORM

TO:	RIPTA Board of Directors	DATE:	08/24/2026
PREPARED BY:	John Chadwick	DEPARTMENT:	Maintenance

TITLE : 26.20 Towing Services

RIPTA Board of Directors is requested to award a contract to Vally Auto Service for towing services. Based on historical usage, the average cost for this contract is \$183,595.28 per year based on a 8% annual increase per year, during the 5-year period of the awarded contract. This is an initial one-year term, with up to four annual renewal options to be exercised at the sole discretion of the Authority.

BACKGROUND

An invitation for bids was issued July 1, 2026. The solicitation was publicly advertised on the RI State Purchasing Website and was sent directly to 10 vendors. On July 23, 2026 three responsive bids were received. It was determined that Vally Auto Service was the successful vendor.

JUSTIFICATION

Towing services for RIPTA fleet is an essential component to maintain effective operations at the Authority.

RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY STAFF SUMMARY FORM

TO: RIPTA Board of Directors

DATE: 08/24/2026

PREPARED BY: John Chadwick

DEPARTMENT: Maintenance

FUNDING

Operating Funds

ALTERNATIVES

The only option would be to rebid ,which is not recommended since we have put this out to bid several times over the past 5 years and received similar responses. Towing services are vital to RIPTA's operations.

RECOMMENDATION

Award the contract to Vally Auto Service

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Customer Service	D		Marketing	D	
Environmental/Safety	D		Planning	D	
Project Management	D		Procurement	<i>sl</i>	08/31/2026
Flex/Paratransit	D		Security	D	
Human Resources	D		Training	D	
Inform. Services	D		Transportation	D	
Legal/Risk Mgmt	D		Chief Exec. Officer	<i>sw</i>	08/31/2026

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