

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 421*

*Approved November 17, 2008*

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority ("RIPTA") recently announced that as part of a reduction in bus services in Rhode Island, it is proposing to reduce service in the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, It is proposed that RIPTA's remaining services will be run less frequently and not at all after 7:00 PM or on holidays; and

WHEREAS, People with disabilities along the discontinued routes will no longer be eligible for ADA Paratransit RIDE van services; and

WHEREAS, People without cars along the discontinued routes will lose mobility options, risking their ability to work, shop, socialize, and participate in the political process including voting, attending public hearings, and observing the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Bus ridership has been increasing significantly over the year as more of our citizens turn to public transit in response to the high cost of fuel and car ownership; and

WHEREAS, Property values along the discontinued routes will suffer as result of not being near a bus line; and

WHEREAS, There is a growing awareness that good public transit can help in combating global climate change, conserving energy, reducing pollution and congestion, and reducing the flow of our energy dollars to oil producing and refining regions of the world.

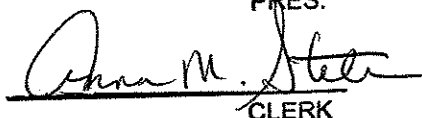
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence hereby respectfully requests that the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, all RIPTA employees, the Governor, and the General Assembly work together cooperatively to find a solution that will enable RIPTA to continue providing full transit services to Providence and the rest of the State of Rhode Island.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence respectfully requests that the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, the Governor, and the General Assembly work together cooperatively to grow the public transit system to better serve Rhode Islanders with transportation choices.

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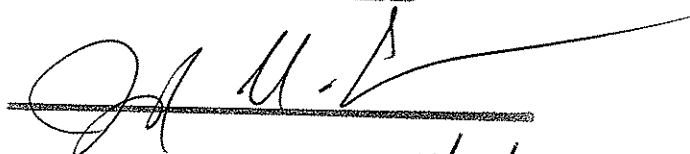


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