



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 278

EFFECTIVE June 25, 2023

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Public Transit Authority (RIPTA) plays a crucial role in providing accessible and efficient public transportation services to the residents of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Senate bill sponsored by Senate President Dominick Ruggerio seeks to add an additional member to the RIPTA Board of Directors and designate the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) as the board's chair; and

WHEREAS, This proposed change would result in the automatic demotion of the current board chair, who was appointed based on their qualifications and experience; and

WHEREAS, It is crucial for RIPTA to maintain its independence in order to make decisions that prioritize the needs of public transportation users and the communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, The changes being proposed may cause a disturbance in the current balance of expertise and perspectives on the board, which could potentially harm the efficient governance and decision-making process of RIPTA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby opposes the designation of the Director of RIDOT as RIPTA's board chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, the Senate President, the RIPTA Board of Directors, and the Director of RIDOT.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 15 2023
READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

Tina L. Mastroianni
City Clerk