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The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, Chairperson  
House Finance Committee  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: 2024 H 7491 – AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS – RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Dear Chairman Abney:

The Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) respectfully submits this letter of support for 2024 H 7491.

This act would authorize the Rhode Island Public Authority (RIPTA) to enter certain projects and procure related services using design build contracting and progressive design build contracting. The progressive public-private partnership (P3) process will allow RIPTA to make a smaller investment up-front in the procurement and have more input on the early conceptual design than is currently possible under a more traditional fixed priced, committed-financing P3 procurement. Moreover, this legislation would help position the agency to take advantage of bus-related joint development projects that the U.S. Department of Transportation is actively encouraging.

RIDOT supports the passage of 2024 H 7491. We believe it will be a strong tool in building a strong transit system for all Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Members of the House Finance Committee  
The Honorable William O'Brien  
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House