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- **Increase RIPTA's share of the Highway Maintenance Account to 20% [Cortvriend [H8178](#)]**
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- **Motor Fuel Tax – Index Allocation to RIPTA to Inflation and Two-year Inflation Rate [Stewart [H8315](#)]**

I don't need to tell you that RIPTA is a critical part of transportation infrastructure for the state, and the recent cuts have been crippling for many who rely on it for work, appointments, and activities. Also it's a key part of keeping the state a competitive place to live and do business.

Personally, I share a single car with my wife, and she mostly drives it. I opt for environmentally sustainable transportation whenever I can - often by bicycle and public transit. Part of my choice in where to buy a home was the proximity to major bus lines. When traveling with my six-year-old son, RIPTA is the only safe way for us to get to many places - we relied on it to get him to and from his daycare and pre-K when he was younger. We still rely on it to get him to and from summer camps and activities. He has been riding the bus with me since he was 1 year old, and he still loves it. With reduced schedules and less reliable service, the activities we can do are reduced, or we end up stranded for an hour waiting for the next bus.

Thanks for your support.

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