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**Mayor and RIPTA (Rhode Island Public Transit Authority)
Make Arrangements to Relocate Holding Location Terminus
of RIPTA Buses**

-Woonsocket Depot Eliminated-John A. Cummings Way Established

WOONSOCKET, RI: For a number of years and Administrations, the current RIPTA bus terminus at the Woonsocket Train Depot has been a subject of dissatisfaction for many City residents. The terminus originally moved to this location to take advantage of a Depot coffee shop and to utilize the Depot location. With the closing of this coffee shop, the location became a local issue. Due to area congestion by both people and traffic and considered a general eyesore by many, this central location on Main Street was not without controversy. Even social media became involved, calling for this problem to be remedied. Overtures were made by previous Administrations to RIPTA, however, resolutions never seemed to materialize.

Upon taking Office, Mayor Baldelli-Hunt worked with RIPTA Director of Planning Amy Pettine on acceptable alternatives. A number of sites were studied and a new RIPTA terminus was selected.

As of Friday, August 28th, the Woonsocket Depot will no longer be in service. The RIPTA terminus will now be at a newly created location on the north side of John A. Cummings Way. This new site will not only address historical issues but it's believed that this re-design will allow additional transfer opportunities and allow routes to run parallel. Service will be improved around the City's major activity centers. RIPTA and the City of Woonsocket are working on two new additional stops (not yet announced) that may be

added to the existing routes. A new sidewalk and shelter will be provided at Cummings Way.

Individuals currently using the Woonsocket Depot will be able to utilize nearby stops as an alternative. The two new stops being studied would both compliment the former Depot stop.

Mayor Baldelli-Hunt praised Amy Pettine and Edward Brown of RIPTA for their efforts. The Department of Public Works, Engineering Division also assisted in this resolution. "Cooperation, open communication and compromise by RIPTA and the City made this long sought solution a reality," stated Mayor Baldelli-Hunt.

The Mayor further stated, "This was one of those issues that everyone was aware of year after year, but because there were no easy answers, it was not resolved. I want my Administration to stay results oriented. I believe the general public will be satisfied with this outcome."

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