RiverMPO will be working over the next year on a five year transit plan for the region in partnership with the Estuary Transit District and Middletown Area Transit. As part of its transportation program, RiverMPO provides long range planning for the transit districts. This process helps ensure that transit services are match up with town long range plans for new or revitalized commercial districts, housing, incentive housing zones, bikeways, and access to recreation and services.

Over the last ten years, staff has help secure funding for new routes through this planning process and advocates for transit on the location and access to new bus shelters at rail station, on major routes, and near commercial centers.

It is a rewarding task as increased in ridership yields measurable results. From underserved populations that can now access training or education, journey to work for many of the region’s residents, access to medical care for senior residents, the list goes on.

Look for a new Transit Plan in 2014