

Highlights for Bristol District:

What's in store in the Six-Year Improvement Program

General Funding Information

- The draft Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for Fiscal Years 2016-2021 provides \$3.4 billion in funding for rail and transit programs over the six-year period.
- Due to an \$11 million shortfall in revenue collections in FY14, the draft FY16 SYIP reflects a 3% decrease in operating funding compared to FY15 numbers.
- Governor McAuliffe's omnibus transportation bill, HB 1887, which passed in the 2015 General Assembly Session with bipartisan support, provides approximately \$40 million annually in additional transit capital funding. These funds will be available in FY17.
- The additional transit capital funding mitigates a portion of the loss of funding anticipated in FY21 due to the expiration of transportation Capital Projects Revenue (CPR) bonds; however, more funds will be necessary to fully address the impending funding shortfall.
- For FY16, DRPT's draft SYIP includes \$557.6 million in state funding and \$92.1 million in state-controlled federal funding for mass transit, rail, public transportation, and related programs.
- Of the state total, \$1.4 million is going to the Bristol district to support public transportation and human services, and \$12 million* is going to support freight rail in the district.

* This number includes funding for projects that span multiple districts

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Public Transit and Human Services

DRPT has allocated funding in its SYIP of \$469,802 of state and state-controlled federal transit capital funding for the purchase of 29 replacement and expansion vehicles to assist with commuter programs and human services. Commuters use these programs to get to work, while human services address the needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and people with low incomes.

The agency is also funding the Regional Mobility Enhancement Project, a senior transportation program for Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc.

Additionally, money has been apportioned for the purchase of shop equipment for Four County Transit in the Town of Cedar Bluff. Four County Transit serves Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell Counties.

Freight Rail

The SYIP includes funding for a number of freight rail improvements in the Bristol district that are part of the I-81 Crescent Corridor program. This program endeavors to attract domestic freight from paralleling interstate highways and alleviate truck congestion on major interstate highways.