

Highlights for Culpeper 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, \$3.6 million is going to the Culpeper district to support public transportation and commuter services, and \$19.3 million* is going to support freight and passenger rail in the district.

* This number includes funding for projects that span multiple districts

Public Transportation and Commuter Services

DRPT provides funding to the RRRC Commuter Services and RideShare commuter assistance programs that operate within the Culpeper district. These programs promote the use of transit, carpooling, vanpooling, biking, telework and the region's park-and-ride lots, and match commuters in carpools, vanpools, and transit services.

The Department has also allocated \$953,742 of state and state-controlled federal transit capital funding for the purchase of 15 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 Department is also allocating funds for the renovation of an administrative and maintenance facility for JAUNT public transit service provider.

Additionally, DRPT is providing funding to Green County Transit for extending a second route into the city of Charlottesville.



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Freight and Passenger Rail

The SYIP includes funding for freight rail improvements in the Culpeper 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. The rail improvements in the district are all in an effort to accommodate more and larger trains.

Lastly, DRPT is funding several tie replacement and rail replacement projects to upgrade track conditions for the Buckingham Branch Railroad. Construction of a siding and new signal system will alleviate rail traffic congestion and improve both freight and passenger rail operations. Additional improvements to freight and rail operations include replacing switch heaters and finishing up a tie improvement project on the Orange Branch, which benefit Amtrak's Cardinal Service.