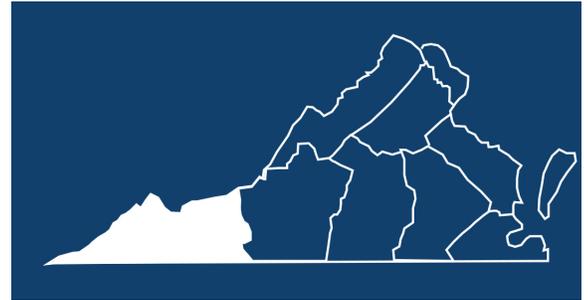


Bristol District: Six-Year Improvement Program Highlights

General Funding Information

- The 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 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 SYIP includes \$485.2 million in state funding and \$81.3 million in state-controlled federal funding for mass transit, rail, public transportation, and related programs.
- Of the state total for FY16, \$1.4 million is going to the Bristol district to support public transportation and human services, and \$11.9 million* is going to support freight rail in the district. The SYIP includes operations funds for the area in FY15 totaling \$1.1 million and capital funds totaling \$.3 million.



* This number includes funding for projects that span multiple districts

Public Transit and Human Services

DRPT has allocated in its SYIP \$1.8 million in 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 in the Bristol district. Commuters use these programs to get to work, while human services address the needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and low income communities. One human service program in the Bristol district is the Regional Mobility Enhancement Project, a senior transportation program for Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Inc. DRPT's SYIP also includes funding for this important program.

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. Funding has also been allocated towards the purchase of computer equipment for District Three County Transit.

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.

