



Culpeper District Highlights

DRPT is a state agency that reports to the Secretary of Transportation. Our focus is the movement of people and goods throughout the Commonwealth, and our primary areas of activity are rail, public transportation, and commuter services.

DRPT's mission is to facilitate and improve the mobility of Virginia citizens and to promote the efficient transport of goods and people in a safe, reliable, and cost-effective manner. Below are summaries of ongoing projects and funding allocations that support this mission.

General Funding

DRPT's Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for Fiscal Years 2018-2023 allocates \$669.3 million in Fiscal Year 2018. In the Culpeper District, this funding includes \$12.6 million for transit and \$9.2 million for rail.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2019, a portion of transit capital program funding will begin to phase out as the ten-year life of Capital Project Revenue bonds expires. The bonds represent over 40% of transit capital program funding. The Virginia General Assembly passed legislation to establish the Transit Capital Projects Revenue Advisory Board (RAB) in the 2016 Session as recognition of the need to identify new funding sources for transit capital investments. In its final report, the RAB identified a \$130 million annual average funding gap between revenues and needs over the next ten years, suggested potential revenue sources to meet those needs, and made recommendations for a project-based prioritization framework to allocate limited funding. To view the report, please visit www.drpt.virginia.gov.



Fiscal Year 2017 Smart Scale Projects

Brandy Station Park and Ride Lot

The existing park & ride lot along Route 29 is currently at capacity with 45 spaces. The current lot spans both sides of secondary Route 663, and it was developed incrementally. This project will expand the lot to 95 spaces. In addition, the lot will be paved and well-marked with appropriate signage, landscaping, and lighting. Also, to enhance safety, the lot will be



constructed entirely on the east side of Route 663. The lot will have two entrances which will allow for circulation and be conducive to accommodating bus service.

Warrenton Park and Ride Lot

The existing Warrenton park-and-ride lot is located at the intersection of U.S. Route 15/29 and Colonial Road (Rt. 605) and contains 212 spaces. This project will address Corridor I, Segment 3 Need "Redundancy and Mode Choice" by providing additional spaces in the existing park-and-ride lot on the Seminole Corridor with transit service to Northern Virginia. This project will expand the lot to add 150 spaces.

Public Transportation

Organizations in the Culpeper District that receive state funding in Fiscal Year 2018 of DRPT's SYIP are:

- Aging Together
- Charlottesville Area Transit
- Greene County Transit, Inc.
- JAUNT
- Rappahannock-Rapidan PDC (Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Foothills Area Mobility, Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Mobility Management, RRRC Commuter Services)
- Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (RideShare)
- Virginia Regional Transit

Passenger and Freight Rail

DRPT is Amtrak's state partner, and it supports regional intercity passenger rail service operated by Amtrak to include one round trip per day originating in Lynchburg with stops in Charlottesville and Culpeper. All state supported Amtrak regional intercity passenger rail service travels into the Northeast Corridor and offers a one-seat ride to destinations including Washington DC, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

DRPT also works closely with the nine shortline railroads that provide local and switching services to industries and ports across the state. In the Culpeper District, DRPT provided funding in Fiscal Year 2018 to the Buckingham Branch Railroad for several projects.

Additionally, DRPT has included funding in the past in its SYIP for a number of freight rail improvements 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 highways including I-81 and Route 29.



Virginia State Rail Plan

The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 tasks states with producing a State Rail Plan to establish policies, priorities and implementation strategies for freight and passenger rail transportation, which enhance rail service in the public interest, and serve as the basis for federal and state rail investments within Virginia.

The State Rail Plan includes both short-term and long-term planning horizons and serves as a unifying vision for advancing passenger and freight rail initiatives in the Commonwealth. DRPT consulted with various industry stakeholders including freight and passenger rail owners and operators, governmental and non-governmental entities (including municipalities and regional planning organizations), the general public, elected officials, and interest groups in in this effort. The Commonwealth of Virginia will strategically utilize the State Rail Plan to guide policy and funding decisions which will promote safer travel alternatives, reduce environmental impacts, prioritize numerous advancements in the State's rail transportation network and serve as a catalyst for economic development along the Commonwealth's rail corridors. For more information, go to www.varailplan.org.

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