



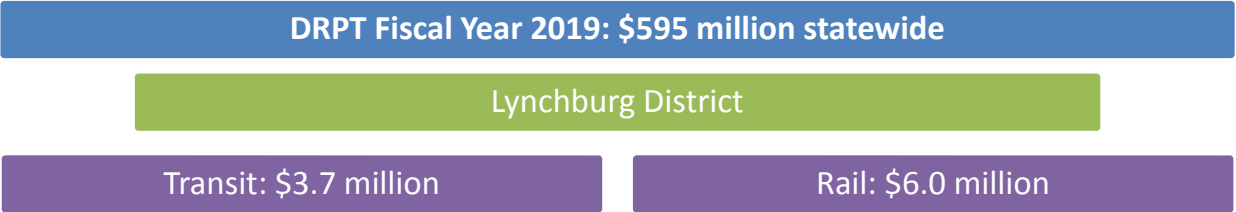
Lynchburg District Highlights

We are the Commonwealth's advocate for promoting transportation options to the general public, businesses, and community decision makers.

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is a state agency that reports to the Secretary of Transportation. 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. Our primary areas of activity are rail, public transportation, and commuter services. DRPT works with local, regional, state, and federal governments, as well as private entities, to provide support for projects and programs by:

Assessing feasibility and environmental impacts of new and expanding services	Conducting statewide rail and public transportation studies	Planning and programming new services and capital improvement projects	Providing leadership, advocacy, technical assistance, and funding
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Below are summaries of ongoing projects and funding allocations in the proposed Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) that support this mission in the Lynchburg District.



Transit and Commuter Programs

Organizations in the Lynchburg District that receive state funding in FY 2019 of DRPT's SYIP are:



In the past, DRPT has provided funding to the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) for the construction of its new transit facility that opened in June 2017. Ninety percent of the funds for the \$23 million dollar facility came from federal and state sources DRPT provided.

Rail Programs



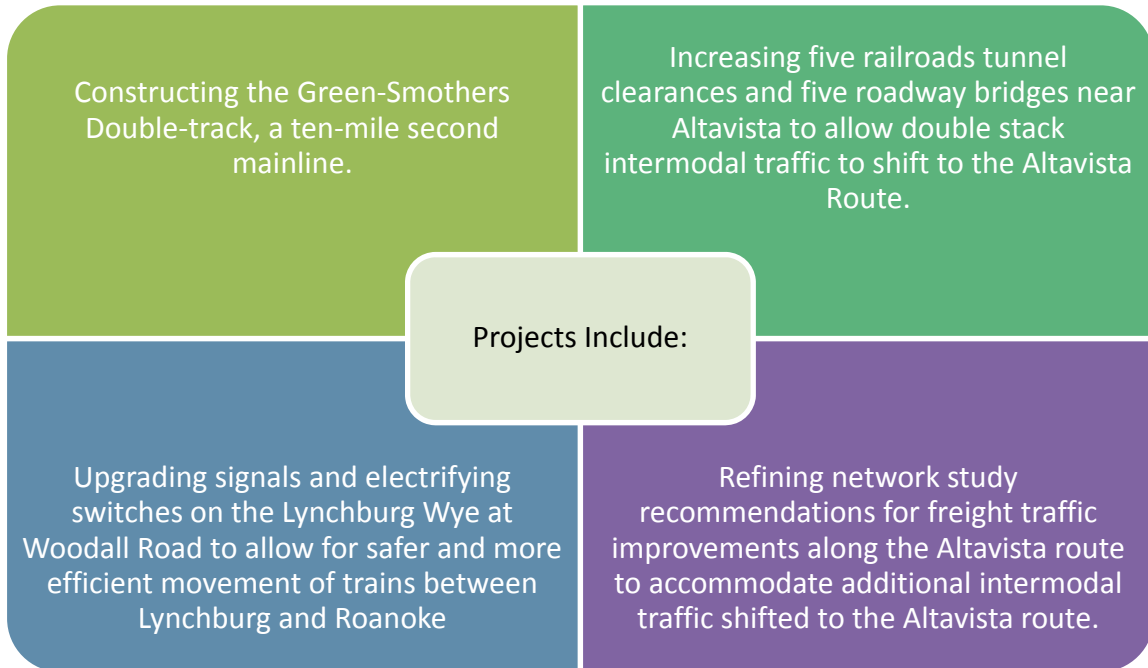
DRPT provides funding for six Virginia intercity passenger rail train along four routes operated by Amtrak. Included in this funding is one roundtrip per day from Roanoke with a stop in Lynchburg. All of these passenger rail services travel along the Northeast Corridor and offer one-seat rides to destinations including Washington, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

Ridership on Virginia State-Supported Routes for Federal FY 16-FY 17

Ridership	FY 16 <small>(10/1/15- 9/30/16)</small>	FY 17 <small>(10/1/16-9/30/17)</small>	Percent Change
Route 46: Lynchburg to DC	184,868	189,881	2.7%
Route 47: Newport News to DC	329,551	331,308	0.5%
Route 50: Norfolk to DC	146,605	155,389	6.0%
Route 51: Richmond to DC	177,305	174,935	-1.3%
TOTAL	838,329	851,443	1.6%

Amtrak Extension to Roanoke

To assist in extending Amtrak service to Roanoke, DRPT has provided funding to several projects in the Lynchburg District that will also aid freight service in the Lynchburg area. Service in Roanoke started in October 2017.



Virginia Shortline Railway Preservation and Development Program

The Rail Preservation Fund benefits the nine shortline railroads operating in Virginia, which provide the “local” network and the “last mile” of service for rail freight to reach its destination. The fund promotes the continuation of rail service by achieving Federal Railroad Administration Class 2 track safety standards, allowing freight service to operate at speeds up to 25 mph. It also promotes development of rail transportation support facilities, encouraging industrial growth and promoting truck diversion from Virginia’s highways.

In the Lynchburg District, Buckingham Branch Railroad received state funding in FY 19.



Smart Scale is a prioritization process focused on investing limited tax dollars into the right projects that meet the most critical transportation needs in Virginia. Virginia’s Smart Scale selects the right transportation projects for funding and ensures the best use of limited

tax dollars. It is the method of scoring planned projects included in VTrans.

Transportation projects are scored based on an objective, outcome-based process that

is transparent to the public and

allows decision-makers to be held

accountable to taxpayers. Once projects are scored and

prioritized, the Commonwealth

Transportation Board is given the

best information possible in order to approve the right projects for funding.

FY17- Smart Scale funded 8 transit projects totaling \$31m

FY18- DRPT funded 17 projects totaling \$168m

Lynchburg Central Business District Circulator

GLTC runs the free circulator six days a week continuously on fifteen minute intervals between the hours of 10:30 am and 2:30 pm Mondays through Fridays and between 7:00 am and 2:30 pm on Saturdays. Service began on August 23, 2017.

Danville Transit System

This project allowed the local transit system to purchase two transit buses and construct a bus shelter to service Averett University. Service began on August 23, 2017.

If you have any questions or comments about any of these projects, please contact our office:

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