



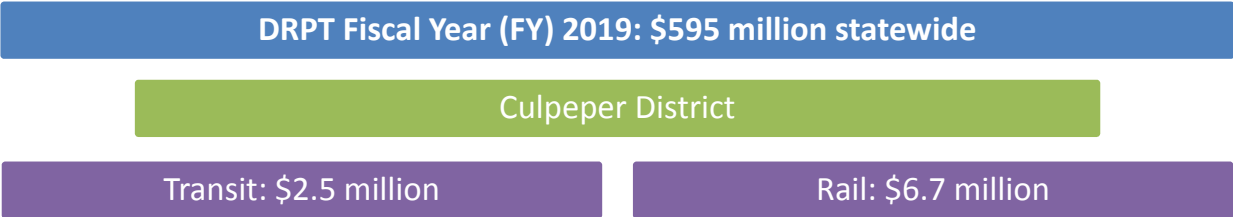
## Culpeper District Highlights

*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 Culpeper District.**



### Transit and Commuter Programs

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



**Rail Programs**



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 Roanoke with stops in Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Culpeper, Manassas, and Alexandria in Virginia. 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.

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

Ridership	FY 16 (10/1/15- 9/30/16)	FY 17 (10/1/16-9/30/17)	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%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>838,329</b>	<b>851,443</b>	<b>1.6%</b>

**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 Culpeper 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 projects totaling \$31m

FY18- DRPT funded 17 projects totaling \$168m



### 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.

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

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