



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

# Strategic Plans

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# Urban Transit Agency Strategic Plans



- Required every five years from transit agencies with 20+ bus fleet serving urbanized areas of 50,000+ population
- Impacted Agencies:

<b>Alexandria (DASH)</b>	<b>Arlington Transit</b>
<b>Fairfax Connector</b>	<b>Loudoun Transit</b>
<b>PRTC</b>	<b>Blacksburg Transit</b>
<b>Charlottesville Area Transit</b>	<b>Fredericksburg Transit</b>
<b>GLTC- Lynchburg</b>	<b>GRTC- Richmond</b>
<b>GRTC- Roanoke</b>	<b>Harrisonburg Transit</b>
<b>Hampton Roads Transit</b>	<b>Petersburg Area Transit</b>
<b>Radford Transit</b>	<b>Williamsburg Area Transit</b>

# Strategic Plan Legislative Guidelines



- Assessment of state of good repair needs
- Review of the performance of fixed-route bus service
- Evaluation of opportunities to improve operating efficiency of the transit network
- Examination and identification of opportunities to share services where multiple transit providers' services overlap
- Examination of opportunities to improve service in underserved areas
- Transit agencies in urban areas between 1.5-2 million must coordinate with regional MPO on planning and include prioritization and regional funding allocations for transit and rail in the region (\*HRT)

# General Policy Questions



- Agency Size
  - Different parameters/expectations for large agencies vs. small agencies?
- Update Cycle
  - Update every five years – is that turnaround too tight for some elements (route restructuring)?
  - Importance of remaining nimble and responsive to changing conditions
  - Intermediate review at 5 years – full update at 10
  - Timing of completion & integration with grant applications

# Agency Size – Number of Vehicles

<b>Alexandria (DASH) – 86</b>	<b>Arlington Transit – 69</b>
<b>Fairfax Connector – 302</b>	<b>Loudoun Transit – 85</b>
<b>PRTC – 158</b>	<b>Blacksburg Transit – 74</b>
<b>Charlottesville Area Transit – 39</b>	<b>Fredericksburg Transit – 31</b>
<b>GLTC- Lynchburg – 51</b>	<b>GRTC- Richmond – 273</b>
<b>GRTC- Roanoke – 61</b>	<b>Harrisonburg Transit – 51</b>
<b>Hampton Roads Transit – 368</b>	<b>Petersburg Area Transit – 28</b>
<b>Radford Transit - 26</b>	<b>Williamsburg Area Transit - 54</b>



# Policy Discussion – Plan Elements



- Assessment of state of good repair needs
  - Federal requirement
  - Language in existing TDP requirement - strengthen
- Review of the performance of fixed-route bus service
  - General language in existing TDP requirement - strengthen
- Evaluation of opportunities to improve operating efficiency of the transit network
  - Richmond Transit Network Plan
  - Comprehensive Operational Analysis

# Policy Discussion – Plan Elements



- Examination and identification of opportunities to share services where multiple transit providers' services overlap
  - Identification of overlap in existing TDP guidance
  - Opportunities to share services?
- Examination of opportunities to improve service in underserved areas
  - Opportunities to adjust current service or expand to improve service in underserved areas

# Implementation Plan - Phasing



Agency	Last TDP	Implementation
Alexandria (DASH)	2016	Next Update
Arlington Transit	2017	Next Update
Fairfax Connector	2016	Next Update
Loudoun Transit	2016	Next Update
PRTC	In progress	Transition
Blacksburg Transit	In progress	Transition
Charlottesville Transit	In progress	Transition
Fredericksburg Transit	In progress	Transition
GLTC - Lynchburg	In progress	Pilot
GRTC - Richmond	2018	Transition
Harrisonburg	2017	Next Update
Hampton Roads	2018	Pilot
Petersburg	In progress	Transition
Radford Transit	In progress	Transition
Williamsburg	2016	Next Update
GRTC - Roanoke	In progress	Transition



# Next Steps

- Prepare pilot projects
- Develop guidance
- 60 day review period
- Implement guidance by December 1, 2018





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