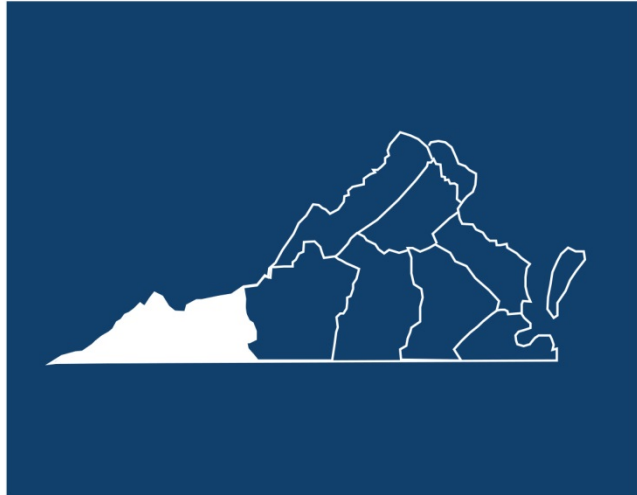




Bristol District: Six-Year Improvement Program Highlights

General Funding

- The Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for Fiscal Years 2017-2022 provides \$3.7 billion in funding for rail and transit programs over the six year period.
- 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. FY 17 marks the first year that these funds are available.
- 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 FY17, DRPT's SYIP includes \$695.5 million funding for mass transit, rail, public transportation, and related programs, which is a combination of state and state-controlled federal funding.
- Of the state total, \$1.5 million is going to the Bristol district to support public transportation and commuter services, and \$3.8 million* to support freight rail in the district.



* This number includes funding for projects that span multiple districts

Public Transportation

DRPT has allocated funding to assist Four County Transit in the Town of Cedar Bluff with the purchase of replacement vans, support vehicles, and a mini-van with a ramp. Four County Transit serves Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell counties. The agency also provided funding assistance to District Three Public Transit, Mountain Empire Older Citizens, and Graham Transit. District Three Public Transit provides services to individuals living in Abingdon, Galax, Marion, and Wytheville as well as the counties of Bland, Carroll, Grayson, Smyth, Washington, and Wythe. Mountain Empire Older Citizens provides services to individuals in the City of Norton and Wise, Lee, and Scott counties. Graham Transit serves the Town of Bluefield.

Freight Rail

The SYIP includes \$3.8 million in FY 17 for siding tracks in Clark as part of the I-81 Crescent Corridor program. This program endeavors to handle more and longer trains in a freight corridor paralleling interstate highways which will help alleviate truck congestion on major interstate highways.

