



## Culpeper District: Six-Year Improvement Program Highlights

### General Funding

- The Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for Fiscal Years 2017-2022 provides \$3.6 billion in funding statewide 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 statewide 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 FY 17, DRPT's SYIP includes \$666.8 million in funding statewide for mass transit, rail, public transportation, and related programs, which is a combination of state and state-controlled federal funding.
- Of that total, \$2.3 million is going to the Culpeper district to support public transportation and commuter services, and \$9.7 million\* to support freight and passenger rail in the district.



\* This number includes funding for projects that span multiple districts

### Public Transportation and Commuter Services

DRPT provides funding to the Rappahannock-Rapidan Planning Commission Commuter Services and Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission RideShare programs that operate within the Culpeper district. These programs promote the use of transit, carpooling, vanpooling, biking, telework and the region's park-and-ride lots, and match commuters in carpools, vanpools, and transit services.

The agency also provides funding assistance to the Charlottesville Area Transit. This allocation is used for operating assistance and for capital costs, including construction of bus shelters and purchase of support vehicles and a replacement bus. DRPT also allocated operating and capital funding to JAUNT, which services the city of Charlottesville as well as the counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Louisa, Nelson, Buckingham, and Amherst counties, and Greene County Transit.

Two projects in the Culpeper District received state funding assistance through Virginia's Smart Scale application process. Funding was allocated for park and ride expansions in Warrenton and Brandy Station along Route 29. The Warrenton park and ride, which is currently serviced



by transit, will expand by 150 parking spots from its current 212. The Brandy Station park and ride will expand from 45 parking spots to 95 spaces and will allow for the accommodation of bus service.

### **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.

As part of its continuing mission, DRPT also provides funding to freight rail services. In the Culpeper district, Buckingham Branch Railroad received funding from DRPT to assist in replacing ties and switches.

