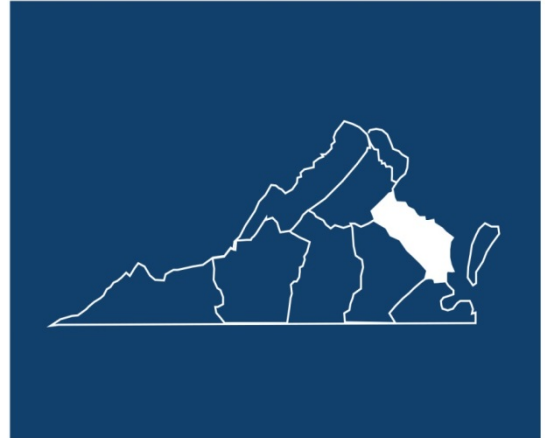




## Fredericksburg District: Six-Year Improvement Program

### 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, \$1.4 million is going to the Fredericksburg district to support public transportation and commuter services, and \$20.7 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 following Transportation Demand Management programs within the Fredericksburg district:

- GWRideConnect – A free ridesharing service that assists commuters with their transportation options, such as vanpools, carpools, buses, and VRE, from Fredericksburg, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline, and King George counties to employment locations in Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia, Richmond, Dahlgren, and other employment sites in the Fredericksburg area.
- The Middle Peninsula Rideshare program – Promotes the use of carpools, vanpools, and transit and provides free ridematching assistance to commuters in the region.
- The Northern Neck Rideshare program, NeckRide.org – Provides commuters with free carpool and vanpool matching services and helps travelers find the right bus service for them.

DRPT is providing \$7.8 million in FY17 towards the expansion of the Brooke, Leeland, and Potomac Shores VRE stations. These projects will assist in improving commuter, intercity passenger, and freight train fluidity in the I-95 rail corridor. Additionally, VRE applied for \$12.6



million in funding through Virginia's Smart Scale process for construction at the Brooke and Leeland stations.

VRE also has applied for funding through the Smart Scale process to acquire 11 new train cars, complete a new station, and expand platforms. This project will improve reliability and reduce delays on the railroad.

### **Passenger and Freight Rail**

DRPT has allocated \$5 million in FY17 for the Arkendale to Powell's Creek third track project, which will improve passenger operations and preserve freight capacity in a highly congested rail corridor. The project is part of a larger initiative between the Commonwealth and CSX Transportation to improve passenger and freight operations.

### **Atlantic Gateway**

Virginia won a \$165 million federal grant to break the I-95 gridlock, the most heavily congested corridor on the east coast. In total, \$1.4 billion dollars in federal, state, and private funds have been committed to this project. Projects included are:

- Extending the I-95/I-395 Express lanes for eight miles north to the Potomac River and ten miles south to Fredericksburg, providing faster and more reliable trips from Fredericksburg to Washington, D.C.
- Constructing 14 miles of additional railroad track and providing long-term improvements to the Long Bridge across the Potomac River, improving freight, VRE, and Amtrak service.
- Building a new southbound I-95 Rappahannock River Bridge.
- Purchasing land between Richmond and the North Carolina/Virginia border in preparation of higher speed rail between Richmond and Raleigh, North Carolina.

### **DC2RVA**

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and DRPT are working together on the Washington, D.C. to Richmond Southeast High Speed Rail project (DC2RVA) to advance rail service and infrastructure improvements in this important corridor. The project will produce recommendations for higher speed passenger rail service, increased passenger and freight rail capacity, and improved passenger rail service frequency and reliability in the corridor. This corridor is shared by growing volumes of passenger, commuter, and freight rail traffic, thereby providing a competitive option for travelers between Washington, D.C. and Richmond and those traveling to and from adjacent corridor. A preliminary environmental impact statement will be released in late 2016.

