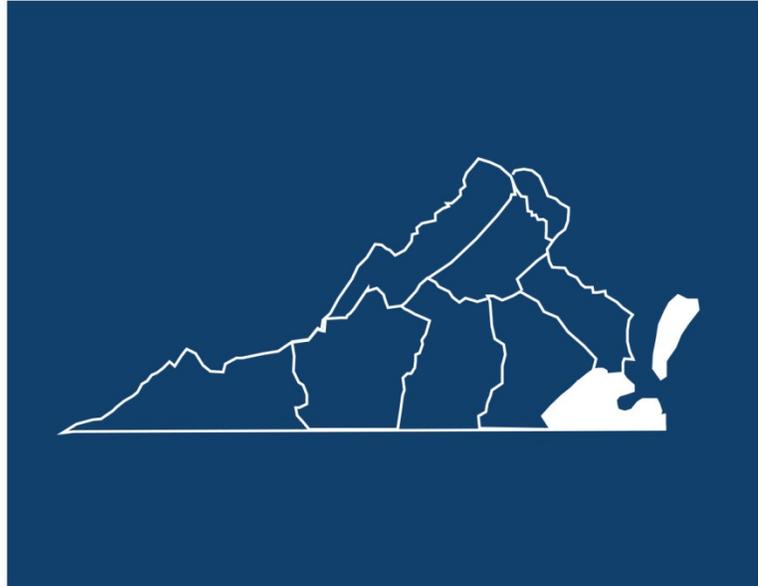




## Hampton Roads District: Six-Year Improvement Program

### General Funding

- The Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for Fiscal Years 2017-2022 provides \$3.6 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 \$666.8 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, \$40.2 million is going to the Hampton Roads district to support public transportation and commuter services, and \$22.5 million\* to support freight and passenger rail in the district.



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

### Public Transportation

DRPT has provided approximately \$5.2 million in FY17 to Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) for the purchase of 17 new buses, and it has provided an additional \$1.7 million to rehabilitate its current buses. Also, DRPT continues to provide \$4.6 million in funding to HRT towards a Draft Environmental Impact Statement that will define potential routes and transit modes in Norfolk that will link the Tide Light Rail system with the Norfolk Naval Station.

DRPT also allocated \$1.4 million as the first phase on renovating and replacing the current operations and maintenance facility for the Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA). Further, WATA applied for additional funding through the SMART Scale process to support a new route into York County including the purchase of an additional bus and three new bus shelters.



The Commonwealth also allocated dollars to the City of Suffolk, Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, the Peninsula Agency on Aging, Portco, Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, STAR Transit, and the Town of Chincoteague for their transit operations and needs. In addition, FY 2017 will see the beginning of rural transit service to the City of Emporia and Greensville County. This is the first new rural service in the Commonwealth in 5 years.

## **Passenger & Freight Rail**

DRPT provides funding for six Virginia intercity passenger rail trains operated by Amtrak, including one roundtrip per day from Norfolk and two roundtrips per day out of Newport News. The agency has allocated \$20 million of FY17, FY18, and FY19 funding towards improvements to the Newport News station. Also, approximately \$10.5 million has been set aside in FY19, FY20, FY21, and FY22 for two additional roundtrip services originating in Norfolk.

DRPT allocated \$32.8 million in FY 17 towards the Commonwealth's \$117 million commitment to the Acca Yard infrastructure improvement project, which will improve travel reliability for passenger rail services for routes traveling to and from Hampton Roads stations to and through the Richmond area. The project also provides two additional train slots for future service to Norfolk. All of these passenger rail services travel along the Northeast Corridor and offer one-seat rides to destinations, including Washington, DC, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

In keeping with its mission, DPRT provides funding in FY17 for a number of freight rail projects in the region. Examples of these projects are:

- The Commonwealth Railway will receive funding for its six-year track infrastructure rehabilitation improvement project.
- The Norfolk and Portsmouth Beltline Railway is making improvements to its rail yard as well as upgrading ties and street crossings to accommodate business growth vital to the Port of Virginia.
- The Norfolk and Virginia Railroad will receive funding for its six-year track infrastructure rehabilitation improvement project.

