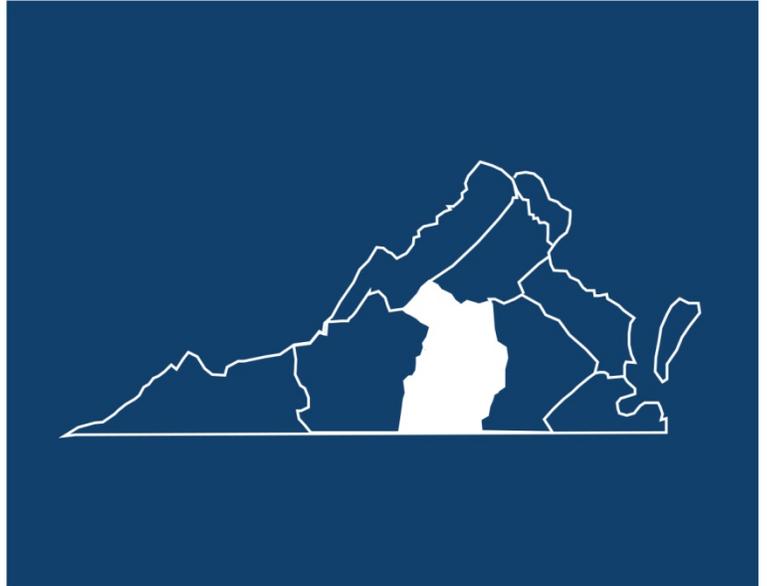




## Lynchburg District: Six-Year Improvement Program Highlights

### 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, \$3.7 million is going to the Lynchburg district to support public transportation and commuter services, and \$28.0 million\* to support freight and passenger rail in the district.



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

### Public Transportation

DRPT provided approximately \$2.6 million in operating and capital assistance in FY17 to the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC). These funds will be used for day-to-day operations and for several purchases, including the purchase of new buses, support vehicles, bus signage, and fare collection equipment. Also, DRPT allocated dollars to the Danville Transit System towards construction of a bus administration building; and the agency continued to provide operating assistance to the Town of Altavista and the Farmville Area Bus. The Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living also received state dollars to support its mission. It aides senior citizens and individuals with disabilities living in the City of Lynchburg as well as the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell.



## **Smart Scale**

During Smart Scale round 1, both the GLTC and Danville Transit System were awarded full funding in FY 17 for expansion of transit services. GLTC was awarded \$479,000 to begin providing a the central business district circulator, and Danville Transit will expand its service in 2018 to Averitt University with the purchase of a propane powered bus and new shelter.

## **Freight and Passenger 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 from Lynchburg. 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. In 2017, DRPT and Amtrak will extend this service to Roanoke; and funding is provided in FY21 and FY 22 for an additional round trip service originating in Lynchburg.

In keeping with its mission, DPRT also provided dollars to freight rail projects throughout the Commonwealth. In anticipation of the anticipated expansion of Amtrak service, funding is being provided to Norfolk Southern for capital improvements between Lynchburg and Roanoke. The Department is also providing funding to the Buckingham Branch Railroad Company to make upgrades to bridges and tracks within the Lynchburg district.

