



Staunton 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, \$4.5 million is going to the Staunton district to support public transportation and commuter services, and \$7.3 million* is going to support freight and passenger rail projects in the district.



*This number includes funding for projects that span multiple districts

Public Transit and Human Services

DRPT funds up to 80% of the ongoing operations of the RideSmart commuter assistance programs for the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission and the RideShare program operated by the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission. These programs provide a free ridematching service to the public to join or form carpools and vanpools and to match commuters with the appropriate bus service. These programs also promote carpooling, vanpooling, transit, biking, teleworking, and park-and-ride lots to help commuters choose the options that work best for them, while also contributing to congestion mitigation.

DRPT also provides funding to the Valley Program for Aging Services, which provides transportation to seniors residing in Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro, and the surrounding counties, as well as the Rockbridge Area Transportation System, which services senior citizens in the Rockbridge county area.



Freight Rail

DRPT is funding the following rail projects for the Staunton district in FY17:

- Winchester & Western Railroad capacity upgrades, yard improvements, rail replacement, and bridge deck renewals will maintain FRA class 2 track safety standards and accommodate heavy railcar loads from quarry business.
- Shenandoah Valley Railroad tie replacements, track bed upgrades, siding rail upgrades, and interchange upgrades will accommodate increased freight rail traffic and anticipated growth in the next few years. These improvements will maintain FRA class 2 track safety standards as well as ensure the safety of cars and railroad operations.
- Buckingham Branch Railroad has tie and track replacement projects to upgrade conditions. These projects will help alleviate rail traffic congestions and improve both freight and passenger rail operations.

Smart Scale – FY 2018 Project Applications

- Waynesboro – Full Southern Corridor Project includes rail siding access
- Harrisonburg - South Main Street and MLK Jr. Way Improvements improve the reliability of transit service in the corridor.

