



Fredericksburg District Highlights

DRPT is a state agency that reports to the Secretary of Transportation. Our focus is the movement of people and goods throughout the Commonwealth, and our primary areas of activity are rail, public transportation, and commuter services.

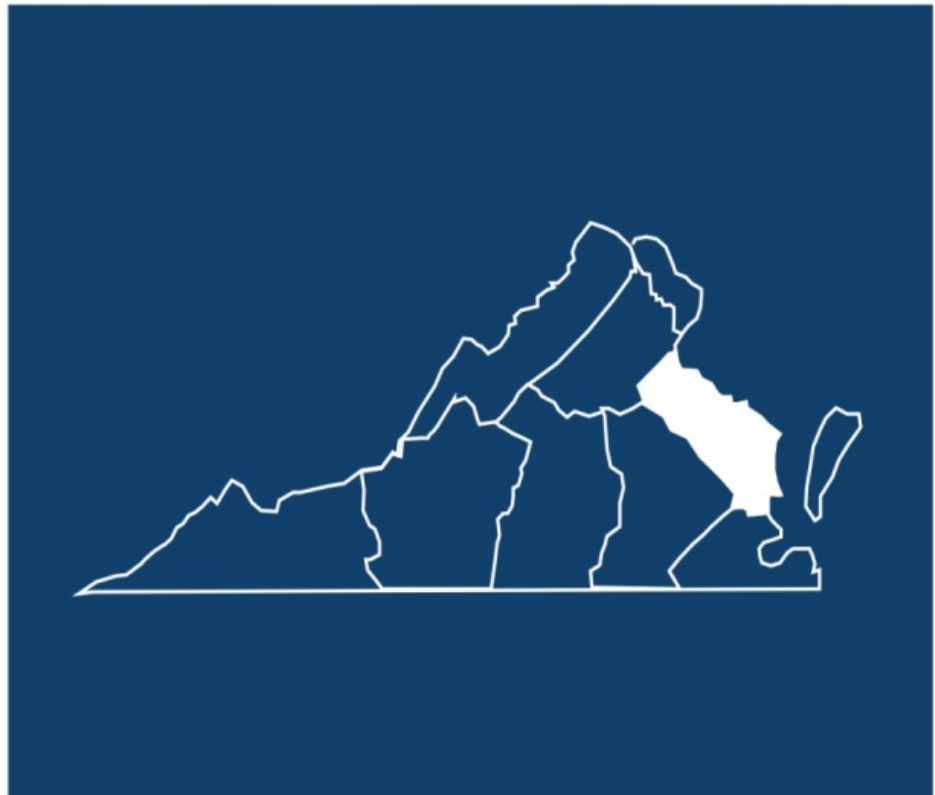
DRPT's mission is to facilitate and improve the mobility of Virginia citizens and to promote the efficient transport of goods and people in a safe, reliable, and cost-effective manner. Below are summaries of ongoing projects and funding allocations that support this mission.

General Funding

DRPT's Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for Fiscal Years 2018-2023 allocates \$669.3 million in Fiscal Year 2018. In the Fredericksburg district, this funding includes \$7.3 million for transit and \$13.4 million for rail.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2019, a portion of transit capital program funding will begin to phase out as the ten-year life of Capital Project Revenue bonds expires. The bonds represent over 40% of transit capital

program funding. The Virginia General Assembly passed legislation to establish the Transit Capital Projects Revenue Advisory Board (RAB) in the 2016 Session as recognition of the need to identify new funding sources for transit capital investments. In its final report, the RAB identified a \$130 million annual average funding gap between revenues and needs over the next ten years, suggested potential revenue sources to meet those needs, and made recommendations for a project-based prioritization framework to allocate limited funding. To view the report, please visit www.drpt.virginia.gov.



Fiscal Year 2018 Smart Scale Projects

Leeland and Brooke VRE Stations Improvements & Potomac Shores Station Construction

This project will increase the capacity of the Leeland and Brooke VRE stations by adding a second platform to and expanding the existing platforms to accommodate eight-car trains. Additionally, the proposal will expand the parking at Leeland Station by adding 225 spaces, installing new bicycle racks, and constructing a shared use path and crosswalk to improve bike and pedestrian connectivity.

VRE Fredericksburg Line Capacity Expansion Project

This project adds seats on the VRE Fredericksburg line which serves long distance trips and reduces congestion in the I-95 corridor. In the Fredericksburg District, it includes an \$8 million expansion of the Crossroads Yard and Maintenance Facility in Spotsylvania and \$34.3 million for 11 new railcars as well as other station improvements that will allow the running of eight-car trains.

Fiscal Year 2017 Smart Scale Projects

Interstate 95 Exit 140 Commuter Parking Lot Expansion

This project will add 500 additional commuter parking spaces to the existing commuter lot. It is anticipated that this project will be completed by Summer 2020.

New Route 1 Commuter Parking Lot

This project will construct a 715 space commuter parking lot with 685 regular spaces, 30 handicap spaces, and a loading area for three buses at the corner of Commonwealth Drive and Route 1 in Spotsylvania County. Planning has begun for this project with construction anticipated to start in 2020.

King and Queen Business/Telework Center

This approved project will be developed on a 3.5 acre site. The 4000 square foot building will have 25 telecommuting work stations and 13 office spaces along with parking and a bus stop. This development is the only alternative workforce location in the Middle Peninsula for commuters. Construction is planned to start in 2020.

Transit and Commuter Programs

Organizations in the Fredericksburg district that receive state funding in Fiscal Year 2018 of DRPT's SYIP are:

- Bay Aging
- Fredericksburg Regional Transit
- George Washington Regional Commission (GWRideConnect)
- Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission (Middle Peninsula Rideshare)
- Northern Neck Planning District Commission (NeckRide.org)



- Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging
- Virginia Railway Express

Passenger and Freight Rail

The Arkendale Third Track Project is part of a larger initiative to provide passenger and freight rail benefits between Richmond and Washington, D.C. Construction of the 3rd main track runs from MP 71.0 at CFP Arkendale in Stafford County, VA to MP 81.3 at CFP North Possum Point in Prince William County, VA on the CSXT Richmond Fredericksburg & Potomac Mainline.

This new third track segment will provide additional capacity to enhance the performance schedule for intercity passenger service, high speed passenger rail service, and Virginia Railway Express commuter service while preserving freight operations. Improvements also include structures such as under-grade railroad bridges, overhead roadway bridges, at-grade railroad crossings, and signal systems. Quantico Station improvements include conversion of a side platform to an island platform with a pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks so that all three tracks can serve the passenger station.

Atlantic Gateway

In 2016, Virginia was selected for a \$165 million dollar federal grant to break the gridlock along Interstate 95. DRPT and VDOT are leveraging these federal funds with state and private funds to undertake the \$1.4 billion dollar Atlantic Gateway program of highway and rail projects. The benefits of Atlantic Gateway will extend well beyond the I-95 corridor and will transform how people and goods move throughout the Commonwealth. In total, it includes 55 miles of benefits touching all modes of transportation.

As a part of this project, 14 miles of additional railroad track will be constructed, including eight miles of a third track in Fairfax County. Additionally, this project will provide long-term improvements to Long Bridge, a critical choke point for passenger and freight rail traffic along the eastern seaboard. As part of this project, CSX will provide additional slots for VRE and intercity rail service along the corridor; and it has contributed the S-line from North Carolina to Richmond, which lays the groundwork for higher speed rail along the Southeast High Speed Rail corridor.

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 corridors. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)



is scheduled to be released in 2017 and a 60-day public comment period will take place once it is released. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will then consider its final recommendations on the DEIS for the FRA to consider before making their final Record of Decision (ROD). Once complete, the ROD will make the DC2RVA corridor eligible for federal funding.

Virginia State Rail Plan

The Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 tasks states with producing a State Rail Plan to establish policies, priorities and implementation strategies for freight and passenger rail transportation, which enhance rail service in the public interest, and serve as the basis for federal and state rail investments within Virginia.

The State Rail Plan includes both short-term and long-term planning horizons and serves as a unifying vision for advancing passenger and freight rail initiatives in the Commonwealth. DRPT consulted with various industry stakeholders including freight and passenger rail owners and operators, governmental and non-governmental entities (including municipalities and regional planning organizations), the general public, elected officials, and interest groups in in this effort. The Commonwealth of Virginia will strategically utilize the State Rail Plan to guide policy and funding decisions which will promote safer travel alternatives, reduce environmental impacts, prioritize numerous advancements in the State's rail transportation network and serve as a catalyst for economic development along the Commonwealth's rail corridors.

For more information, go to www.varailplan.org.

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