



## Richmond District Highlights

*We are the Commonwealth's advocate for promoting transportation options to the general public, businesses, and community decision makers.*

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is a state agency that reports to the Secretary of Transportation. 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. Our primary areas of activity are rail, public transportation, and commuter services. DRPT works with local, regional, state, and federal governments, as well as private entities, to provide support for projects and programs by:

Assessing feasibility and environmental impacts of new and expanding services

Conducting statewide rail and public transportation studies

Planning and programming new services and capital improvement projects

Providing leadership, advocacy, technical assistance, and funding

**Smart Scale** is a prioritization process focused on investing limited tax dollars into the right projects that meet the most critical transportation needs in Virginia. Virginia's Smart Scale selects the right transportation projects for funding and ensures the best use of limited tax dollars. It is the method of scoring planned projects included in VTrans. Transportation projects are scored based on an objective, outcome-based process that is transparent to the public and allows decision-makers to be held accountable to taxpayers. Once projects are scored and prioritized, the Commonwealth Transportation Board is given the best information possible in order to approve the right projects for funding.



### Round 1 and 2 Projects

#### Broad Street Pedestrian and Transit Stop Improvements

The project will provide various improvements, including sidewalk fill-in, up to six ADA ramps, landing pads, benches, bench pads, a bus shelter, and shelter pad for approximately 14 GRTC bus stops between Forest Avenue and Byrd Avenue along the Broad Street corridor in Henrico County. It will help provide a safer and more convenient location for GRTC bus riders to stand, increase capacity at the bus stops, reduce road

FY17- Smart Scale funded 8 public transportation projects statewide totaling \$31m

FY18- Smart Scale funded 17 public transportation projects statewide totaling \$168m



congestion, improve transit accessibility, and make it safer and more convenient for pedestrians to travel along Broad Street.

#### Parham Road Pedestrian and Transit Stop Improvements

This project will improve multimodal function, transit access, and handicap accessibility along the 0.45 mile Parham Road project corridor in Henrico County. It will provide various improvements, including sidewalk fill-in, curb and gutter, three curb cuts, drainage improvements, three new ADA ramps, construction of a new bus pad with bench, and replace existing shelter and pad for two GRTC local bus stops between Shrader and Hungary Spring Roads. This project will help provide a safer and more convenient location for GRTC bus riders to stand, increase capacity at the bus stops, reduce road congestion, improve transit accessibility, and make it safer and more convenient for pedestrians to travel along Parham Road.

#### E Smart Cities

The proposed central system upgrade will integrate the City's traffic signal system with the Region's Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) systems to improve safety operations and travel speeds for transit vehicles, emergency vehicles, and other city-operated vehicles equipped with AVL. The proposed system accomplishes these goals through an exchange of information between Econolite Centracs, Clever Devices, and Sierra software platforms.

#### Cogbill/Hopkins/Chippenham - Park and Ride Lot

This project will construct a 142 space (118 vehicles, 24 bicycles) park and ride lot in Chesterfield County south of Cogbill Road and east of Hopkins Road. It will include two bike racks with an awning, signage, marking, full depth pavement, lighting, and space for a vehicle charging station.

#### Petersburg Station Park and Ride Structured Lot

The project will allow for the construction of a Large/Urban Park and Ride Structured Lot. This is a major parking deck structure that would hold typically up to 200 or more parking spaces in developed urban areas. This location is located adjacent to interstate 95 and State Route 36 and incorporates a transit center function. It will be served by local, commuter, and intercity bus service with on-site bus circulation.



## Round 3 Rail and Public Transportation Application

### Tri-Cities Area Multimodal Station

This project is to construct a new multi-modal station in Colonial Heights, which will serve existing and future amtrak regional and long distance trains and support the introduction of higher speed rail service along the Southeast High Speed Rail (SEHSR) Corridor. The station will be on a 2.67 acre site adjacent to Boulevard (US 1) with a 13,548 sf platform, 3,688 sf station, and 98,924 sf parking area on the eastern side of the rail line, within the existing paved parking area.

**If you have any questions or comments about any of these projects, please contact our office:**

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