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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Intercity Passenger Rail Service Stakeholders

FROM: Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation

DATE: December 3, 2018

SUBJECT: IPROC Funding: Notice of Funding Availability

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The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (“Department”) is now accepting grant applications for the Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund. Applications are due to the Department no later than 5:00 pm on February 1, 2019.

The Department will evaluate applications based on the criteria set out in the application guidelines, the relevance to established goals of the Statewide Rail Plan of 2017, and the relationship to the following priority initiatives identified by the Department for expanding intercity passenger rail service in Virginia:

- Projects that support or advance design related to Long Bridge
- Projects related to the DC to Richmond Tier II Environmental Impact Statement
- Enhancement to existing intercity passenger rail services in Virginia

The Department will accept applications for other projects that meet program guidelines.

To download application guidelines and to submit an application, visit the Online Grant Application (OLGA) portal through the Department’s website: [www.drpt.virginia.gov](http://www.drpt.virginia.gov).

FY20 Six Year Improvement Program applicants should clearly demonstrate public benefit to a specific region or the rail network. Pre-application discussions with Department staff are required. Contact Stephen Smiley, Intercity Passenger Rail Programs Manager, at 804-225-3207 or [Stephen.Smiley@drpt.virginia.gov](mailto:Stephen.Smiley@drpt.virginia.gov) for additional information.