



## Richmond District FY 2020-2025 SYIP Highlights

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

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; and
- Providing leadership, advocacy, technical assistance, and funding.

### **Draft 2020-2025 Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) Highlights in the Richmond District**

DRPT's SYIP recommends \$879.3 million in statewide allocations for FY 2020. In the Richmond district, this includes \$15.9 million in state and \$4.0 million in federal funds for transit, and \$96.8 million in state and \$47.7 million (contingent upon federal approval) in federal funds for rail.

### **Transit and Commuter Programs**

Organizations recommended to receive state funding in FY 2020 are:

- Bay Aging
- Blackstone Area Bus System
- Chesterfield County- Citizen Information and Resources
- Chesterfield County- Transportation
- City of Petersburg
- City of Richmond
- Crater Planning District Commission
- Greater Richmond Transit Company
- Hanover Community Services
- Lake Country Area Agency on Aging
- Richmond Regional Planning District Commission
- RideFinders
- Senior Connections, The Capital Area Agency on Aging
- Virginia Transit Association



## **Amtrak**

DRPT provides operating and capital funding for six Virginia intercity passenger rail train along four routes operated by Amtrak. The department supports one roundtrip Amtrak train per day from the Staples Mill station, two round trip trains per day from Newport News which serve the Main Street and Staples Mill stations, and two round trip Amtrak trains from Norfolk serving the Ettrick and Staples Mill stations. These services travel into the Northeast Corridor to destinations including Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

In addition to yearly capital and operating expenses, DRPT also recommends allocated funding for state of good repair projects, including ADA compliance, to the Ashland, Ettrick, Richmond Main Street, and Staples Mill stations. This funding also will address capacity at the Staples Mill station, the busiest Amtrak station in the Southeast.

### **Virginia Shortline Railway Preservation and Development Program**

The Rail Preservation Fund benefits the nine shortline railroads operating in Virginia, which provide the “local” network and the “last mile of service” for rail freight to reach its destination. The fund promotes the continuation of rail service by achieving Federal Railroad Administration Class 2 track safety standards, allowing freight service to operate at speeds up to 25 mph. It also promotes development of rail transportation support facilities, encouraging industrial growth and promoting truck diversion from Virginia’s highways. In the Richmond District, DRPT recommends that the Buckingham Branch Railroad receive state funding in FY 2020.

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