

# DRPT Director's Report

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## Strategic Assessment Update

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# DRPT Strategic Assessment Update

- ❑ Organizational structure is confirmed and the implementation process has begun
- ❑ DRPT Business Plan under development
- ❑ Process improvements initiated:
  - Process flow charts under development
  - New processes to be initiated in June
- ❑ Program Management Consultant (PMC) support:
  - RFP has been issued
  - PMC to be onboard by August 2007
- ❑ DRPT Business Plan to be presented at Sept/Oct 2007 CTB meeting
- ❑ Full implementation still on target: August 2007
  - Long term improvements to be implemented gradually

# Strategic Initiatives Update

- See DRPT memo on the status of individual initiatives
- Work has begun on all eight initiatives identified for funding at the April 2007 CTB meeting



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## Asset Management Program Update

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# Asset Management Program Update

- ❑ Program is now under development
- ❑ Survey issued to all DRPT transit and human service transportation grantees to gather an inventory of:
  - Fleet information and replacement cycles
  - Performance measures that are in place today
  - Information about which systems report to the National Transit Database today
  - Suggestions to improve DRPT's transit capital grants program
- ❑ Next steps:
  - Grantee surveys are due by May 18, 2007
  - Program development to be completed this summer
  - Program could be implemented in time for this year's transit capital grant cycle in November 2007

# Roanoke Region Intermodal Facility Update

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# Roanoke Region Intermodal Facility Site Search Update

- All 10 sites still under consideration
- On April 25, 2007, the City of Salem notified DRPT of its interest in hosting the facility at the Colorado St. site
- DRPT has deferred its decision on the site location to consider the Colorado St. site in detail
- Additional engineering will be required
- DRPT is working with the City and NS to determine how long the engineering work will take
- Additional information should be available in the coming weeks

# Outstanding Issues from the Strategic Assessment: Passenger Rail in Virginia

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# DRPT Initial Actions/Approach

In consultation with the Rail Advisory Board and rail stakeholder groups:

- ❑ Strategic planning initiatives statewide:
  - DRPT strategic planning initiatives
  - Individual passenger rail initiatives such as:
    - Southeast High Speed Rail
    - TDX
    - Richmond/Hampton Roads Passenger Rail
  
- ❑ Investment strategies for key corridors:
  - I-95 rail corridor
  - I-81 rail corridor

# Achieving a Strategic Rail Vision

- DRPT will proactively answer the “big picture” questions...
  - Where will strategic investments be made?
  - When will these investments be made and by whom?
  - What will be the outcomes and benefits?
  - How will these investments be implemented, used, and monitored?

# DRPT's Approach to Rail Investments

- Develop a Passenger Rail Plan and Policy document
- Develop a Strategic Rail Investment Plan

# Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document

- Policy guide for the planning and development of passenger rail service
- Lead the Commonwealth by establishing a framework for the development and advancement of commuter and intercity passenger rail operations
- Include baseline identification and prioritization of passenger rail corridors
- Establish a benchmark standard for the evaluation and methodology on how to estimate ridership, revenue, and expenditures for new or expanded passenger rail services

# Strategic Rail Investment Plan

- ❑ The guide to lead the Commonwealth in passenger and freight rail development and strategy for the next 20 years
  - Build on the Statewide Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document
  - Incorporate all rail needs updated from the June 2004 Rail Plan, Comprehensive Multimodal Freight Study, VTRANS, and DRPT and local/regional transportation plans
  - Prioritize corridor and strategic rail investments based on long term investment principles and funding streams requiring shared risk and shared benefit

# Summary of Rail Planning Schedule

- ❑ **July-Aug. 2007:** Develop Scope and conduct public outreach for Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document
- ❑ **Oct.– Nov. 2007:** Develop Scope and conduct public outreach for Strategic Rail Investment Plan
- ❑ **Oct. 2007:** Work begins on Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document
- ❑ **Nov. 2007:** Work begins on Strategic Rail Investment Plan
- ❑ **Aug. 2008:** Draft Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document for Public Comment
- ❑ **Sept. 2008:** Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document (Final)
- ❑ **Oct. 2008:** Draft Strategic Rail Investment Plan for Public Comment
- ❑ **Nov. 2008:** Strategic Rail Investment Plan (Final)



# I-95 Rail Corridor Strategic Approach

- ❑ Complete the VTA 2000 projects
- ❑ Conduct a comprehensive Alternatives Analysis and project development: begin summer 2007
  - Include:
    - Operational modeling
    - Review of alternative right-of-way
    - Determination of public and private benefits
- ❑ Conduct environmental review and preliminary engineering to 30%

# I-81 Rail Corridor Strategic Approach

- Work underway:
  - Execute REF agreement for Phase 1 improvements Manassas to Front Royal: late summer
- Complete the I-81 Freight Rail Study: summer 2007
- Implement additional rail improvements identified through the study
- DRPT will maintain independent cost estimates for NS work
- DRPT will ensure that CTB resolution requirements of Oct. 06 are met between VDOT/DRPT I-81 corridor initiatives
- DRPT will ensure that the potential for passenger rail service expansion is included for Manassas to Front Royal and other corridor improvements



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