



2021 Transportation Initiative Final Report

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2021 Transportation Initiative

Item 447.10 of Chapter 552 of the 2021 Special Session I Acts of the Assembly (Appropriation Act) directed allocation of \$323.4 million in one-time federal funds, one-time general funds, and previous year economic development transportation funds

Amount based on the following:

- \$233.4 million in funds made available for Highway Infrastructure Programs by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA);
- \$20.0 million out of uncommitted balances in the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund (TPOF);
- \$15.0 million in uncommitted balances previously allocated for Financial Assistance for Planning, Access Road, and Special Projects (Access Programs); and
- \$55.0 million in General Funds

2021 Transportation Initiative - Uses

The item set out the following uses and requires a final report to the Governor and General Assembly on these uses no later than June 30, 2022

Project/Initiative	Amount millions)
Intercity Passenger Rail from Roanoke to Blacksburg/Christiansburg	\$83.5
Improve commuter rail service on the VRE Manassas Line	83.5
Improvements to the I-64 Corridor - (1) to complete funding for HRELN, (2) any remaining amounts to improvements between exit 205 to 234	93.1
WMATA Capital for FY 2022	32.4
Regional trails	10.0
Pilot programs for fare-free transit with urban and rural providers	10.9
Redevelopment demonstration program - Falls Church	10.0
Total	\$323.4

Intercity Passenger Rail from Roanoke to Blacksburg/Christiansburg (Western Rail Initiative)

- **FY 2022-2027 CTF SYFP provided \$83.5 million**
- **Legal agreements with Norfolk Southern (NS) were finalized in January. Financial Close is expected in June 2022 after environmental, survey, title work, and federal clearance are complete.**
- **Service expansion for the Roanoke route was announced in 2021 and the NS agreement allows a second Roanoke train in summer 2022 after the financial close.**
- **Both Roanoke trains will be extended to the New River Valley (NRV) after infrastructure projects are complete. Forecast of 80,000 annual net new rides along the whole NRV Corridor.**
- **VPRA began the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Feasibility Study in the fall of 2021 to examine station locations to construct a new passenger rail platform in the New River Valley and as a result, two potential sites have been identified in Christiansburg near the Uptown Christiansburg Mall site.**

Commuter rail service – VRE Manassas Line

- **FY 2022-2027 CTF SYFP provided \$83.5 million**
- **VPRA and VRE are working with Norfolk Southern to reach agreement for expanded VRE service on the Manassas line**
- **Expanded service would include up to four new roundtrips by 2026, including late night and weekend service**

I-64 Corridor Improvements

- Provides funds first to cover any funds needed for the Hampton Roads Express Lanes Network (HRELN)
- FY 2022-2027 CTF SYFP allocated \$93.1 million for this purpose
- The required traffic and revenue modeling was completed and identified that funding is needed to support completion of the HRELN
- The Board approved \$93.1 million transfer to the HREL Segment 1A at its May 2022 meeting
 - Segment 1A located in City of Norfolk between Patrol Bridge Road and Tidewater Drive
- The project was advertised in April 2022 with anticipated October 2022 award

WMATA Capital

- Funds to be used first to ensure Virginia meets its commitments to the \$500 million in dedicated regional funding in FY 2022
- Any remaining funds to be transferred to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) to reduce local contribution necessary to support WMATA helping to address reduced regional gas tax revenues
- FY 2022-2027 CTF SYFP provides \$32.4 million in FY 2022 to DRPT
- The Board subsequently allocated \$22,397,000 of the \$32.4 million in the FY 2022-2027 SYIP to fully fund the \$154.5 million of WMATA Dedicated Funding for FY 2022 (*amount may change based on final June 2022 revenue collected*)
- The remaining \$10,003,000 will be allocated between WMATA and NVTC in the fourth quarter of FY 2022 based on actual revenue collections for the WMATA Dedicated Funding sources

Regional Trails

- **To support planning, development, and construction of multi-use trails with priority given to developing new regionals trails, projects to improve connectivity of existing trail networks, and geographic diversity**
- **FY 2022-2027 CTF SYFP provides \$10.0 million in FY 2022 and remains available for development and construction of trail projects**
- **The Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) convened a working group to identify trails, master planning process, and complete funding needs assessment**
 - **Required report submitted to General Assembly in January 2022**
 - **Multi-use trails policy briefing presented to Board in January 2022**

Pilot Programs for Zero or Reduced Fare Transit

- **Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) Goal: To establish pilot programs for zero and reduced fare transit and enhance regional connectivity between urban areas**
- **FY 2022-2027: \$39.6 million dedicated to zero and reduced fare programming**
 - **Including the additional CTF SYFP allocation of \$10.9 million to DRPT for this purpose**
 - **Six zero/reduced fare pilot projects approved by CTB for implementation**
- **The HJ 542 Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization study is underway**
 - **Appropriation Act provided that not more than \$900,000 may be used to study transit equity and modernization (as required by HJ 542)**
 - **The Interim Study Report was completed in December 2021**
 - **The Final Study Report will be completed no later than August 2022**

Redevelopment Demonstration Program – City of Falls Church (Connected Infrastructure Demonstration Program)

- **FY 2022-2027 CTF SYFP provides \$10 million for demonstration program within and adjacent to the Virginia Tech campus in the City of Falls Church**
- **Working group was established and presented statement of work to deliver the Smart Cities demonstration program**
 - **Examples of work include smart intersections; smart parking and payment system(s); adaptive lighting; and data exchange, management, and evaluation system(s) to support planning, design, and decision making**
 - **To date, approximately \$274,000 expended on planning effort, with balance to be provided to development and construction of program components**
- **VDOT, City of Falls Church currently engaged in executing necessary project agreements to begin project development**

Next Steps

- **Action item to approve final report**
- **Submittal of final report to Governor and General Assembly by June 30, 2022**