



Hampton Roads 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. The agency'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

Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA) Bus Expansion & Three Expansion Bus Shelters

WATA proposes adding additional service to the Upper York County with one new medium bus and additional shelters.

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

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



Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) Regional Commuter Express Bus

HRT requested funding to purchase five transit buses to establish two new MAX commuter routes and to extend a local bus route service to the Downtown Norfolk Transit Center. The two new commuter routes will provide service from the Chesapeake Center in Chesapeake and from the Victory Crossing Center in Portsmouth to the Naval Station Norfolk.

HRT Peninsula Regional Park and Ride Enhancement

The Smart Scale funding will assist in providing enhancements to the Hampton Transit Facility and the Newport News Transit Facility. They include parking capacity increases, passenger amenities that induce new ridership, multi-modal enhancements that address first mile/last mile and inter/intra state travel, and retail services and amenities aimed at enhancing customer experience. This project will also provide real time customer information related to bus arrivals and departures at the two facilities. In addition, it will establish four new bus bays. The two facilities currently serve over 23 bus routes and 7,761 daily passenger trips.

Round 3 Public Transportation Primary Applications

Newport News Gloucester MAX Service

This project will fund two transit buses to establish a new MAX commuter route that will provide service from the VDOT-owned Guinea Road (#267) Park & Ride in Gloucester County to the Newport News Shipyard. The MAX, or Metro Area Express, is regional express service that connects commuters to cities in Hampton Roads.

Peninsula BRT

Will provide reliable, frequent, and efficient travel choices connecting existing and planned activity centers; support regional growth and promote concentrated transit-oriented development; help to mitigate increases in traffic congestion associated with growth by providing a wider range of mobility options; contribute to making the Peninsula a desirable place to live and work; and positively contribute to existing and future land uses in the corridors.

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