



Lynchburg 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 Lynchburg District.

DRPT's SYIP recommends \$879.3 million in statewide allocations for FY 2020. In the Lynchburg District, this includes \$3.4 million in state and \$5.5 million in federal funds for transit and \$626,000 in state funds for rail. The SYIP also allocates an additional \$11.7 million in state funds for rail programs between FY 2021 and FY 2025.

Transit and Commuter Programs

Organizations recommended to receive state funding in FY 2020 are:

- Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living, Inc.
- Danville Transit System
- Farmville Area Bus
- Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
- JAUNT
- Lake Country Area Agency on Aging
- Piedmont Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging
- Region 2000 Local Government Council
- Town of Altavista
- Town of Blackstone/Blackstone Area Bus System

Amtrak

Amtrak is DRPT's statewide operator for intercity passenger rail. DRPT funds annual capital and operating expenses for four intercity passenger routes with a total of six daily round trips originating in Newport News, Norfolk, Richmond, and Roanoke with a stop at Union Station in Washington, D.C. The daily train originating in Roanoke also provides service to the Lynchburg



Amtrak station. All state-supported intercity passenger rail services the Northeast Corridor, offering a one-seat ride to additional destinations like Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

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 Lynchburg District, Buckingham Branch Railroad is recommended to receive state funding in FY 2020.

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