



Staunton District FY 2020-2025 Program 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 Staunton District

DRPT's SYIP recommends \$879.3 million in statewide allocations for FY 2020. In the Staunton District, this funding includes \$2.6 million in state and \$4.7 million in federal funds for transit and \$8.4 million in state funds for rail.

Transit and Commuter Programs

Organizations recommended to receive state funding in FY 2020 are:

- Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission
- City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation
- City of Winchester
- Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission
- RADAR
- Rockbridge Area Transportation System
- Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging, Inc.
- Valley Program for Aging Services

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 Staunton District, the following shortline railways are recommended to receive state funding in FY 2020:

- Buckingham Branch Railroad Company
- Shenandoah Valley Railroad
- Winchester and Western Railroad Company

If you have any questions or comments, please contact our office:

Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation

600 East Main Street, Suite 2102

Richmond, VA 23219

(804) 786-4440

drptpr@drpt.virginia.gov

www.drpt.virginia.gov

