DRPT
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DRPT Organizational Assessment

- AECOM, an affiliate of DMJM Harris, chosen as primary consultant working with specialized sub-consultants for specific areas of DRPT’s business

- Three-part process:
  - **Part 1: Feb/Mar**: Assess DRPT’s performance to-date against the agency’s mandate
    - Finalizing CTB member interviews
  - **Part 2: Mar/Apr**: Develop suggestions for improvement
    - Four stakeholder workshops: NOVA, Richmond, Roanoke and Hampton Roads
    - Detailed briefings to CTB at March and April meetings
  - **Part 3: Apr/Jun**: Develop an agency Business Plan
    - Organizational assessment
    - Process and program management improvements
    - Reporting and communication improvements

- Implementation begins: July 2007 (tentative)
  - Presentation of final results and next steps to CTB at July meeting
Asset Management Program Update

- Program Objectives:
  - Help provide better financial planning, forecasting and budget information for the SYIP
  - Assist in establishing capital policy goals and procedures
  - Assist grantees in understanding capital replacement cycle and needs
Asset Management Program Update

- Proposed key elements:
  - Capture data on capital assets by grantee including age, condition, remaining useful life and technology utilized
  - Evaluate data collection methods, suggest improvements
  - Assist DRPT in developing asset management policies
  - Develop draft asset class performance goals
  - Develop analytical tools to project future replacement needs, compare resource allocation scenarios and monitor the impact of investment decisions

- Next steps:
  - Procurement process underway
  - Program to be developed by the end of 2007
Roanoke Region Intermodal Facility Site Search Update

- All 10 sites still under consideration
- The facility review team is still evaluating sites: DRPT, VDOT, VPA, VEDP and Norfolk Southern
- Public comment report published on February 2nd with comments received between Nov. 30 and Jan. 16
- DRPT is inviting localities to engage in more detailed discussion of these sites
- DRPT plans to visit each locality at its board meeting in either February or March
- A decision is anticipated in April 2007
S. 294 - Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act

- Introduced Jan. 16th by Sen. Lautenberg (D- NJ), Sen. Lott (R- MS) and 18 co-sponsors
- Same as S. 1516 (2006) with rail security section added
- Authorization Bill – no source of funding identified
- Senate expects action in February 2007

Funding Levels (6 year authorization):
- Amtrak: $1.6 B/year appropriations and $1.3 B/year bonding authority
- States: $300 M capital grants/year
- Amtrak reforms: cuts operating costs by 40% over life of bill
- Debt refinancing for Amtrak’s $3 B debt
- New financial accounting systems and service quality standards
- Restructure Board of Directors

- Reduce delays – STB to issue fines to freight railroads
- Improve governance and operations of Northeast Corridor
- Rail security
Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

- Status of negotiations
- Key FTA reviews and submissions:
  - Review of independent cost estimate
  - Submission of financial plan
- Final design approval
- Implement transfer of toll road and project management
- Execute FFGA
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

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