



## Hampton Roads 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 Hampton Roads District.**

DRPT's SYIP recommends \$879.3 million in statewide allocations for FY 2020. In the Hampton Roads District, this includes \$30.6 million in state and \$36.9 million in federal funds for transit and \$21.9 million in state funds for rail. Additionally, several projects impacting the Port of Virginia, including the Commonwealth Railway Marshalling Yard Expansion, are included in the FY 2020-2025 SYIP.

### **Transit and Commuter Programs**

Organizations recommended to receive state funding in FY 2020 are:

- City of Suffolk
- Greensville County
- Hampton Roads Transit
- Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization
- Peninsula Agency on Aging
- STAR Transit
- Town of Chincoteague
- Williamsburg Area Transit Authority

### **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 two daily trains originating in Newport News also provide service to the Amtrak station in Williamsburg. All state-supported intercity passenger rail services the



Northeast Corridor, offering a one-seat ride to additional destinations like Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

### *Richmond Area Improvements & Additional Train Service to Norfolk*

In prior fiscal years, DRPT invested over \$100 million to improve Acca Yard in Richmond. Now completed, this project helps improve travel reliability for existing passenger rail service between Hampton Roads and Richmond and CSX's freight rail customers; and it provides two additional train slots to Norfolk. A second Norfolk train began service on March 4, 2019; and a third Norfolk train will begin service in 2022.

### *New Newport News Train Station*

DRPT is funding the construction of a new Amtrak station in Newport News. Located at Bland Boulevard and I-64, this new multi-modal transportation center will be more energy efficient, improve connectivity to other modes of transportation, allow for increased passenger train ridership, and reduce operating costs as Amtrak will be able to turn and maintain the trains on-site. Transportation options will increase through a new intercity bus service with local connections including Hampton Roads Transit, shuttles to the airport, and taxi service.

## **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 Hampton Roads District, the following shortline railways are recommended to receive state funding in FY 2020:

- Buckingham Branch Railroad
- Commonwealth Railway
- Delmarva Central Railroad
- Norfolk Portsmouth Beltline
- North Carolina and Virginia Railroad

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