



## Northern Virginia 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 for the Northern Virginia District**

DRPT's SYIP recommends \$879.3 million in statewide allocations for FY 2020. In the Northern Virginia District, this includes \$500 million in state funds for transit, \$103.3 million in federal funds for transit, \$93.4 million in state funds for rail, and \$42.4 million in federal funds for rail.

### **Transit and Commuter Programs**

Organizations recommended to receive state funding in FY 2020 include:

- Alexandria Transit Company
- Arlington County
- City of Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services
- City of Falls Church
- County of Loudoun
- Dulles Area Transportation Association
- Fairfax County
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
- Northern Virginia Transportation Commission
- Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation
- Tysons Partnership, Inc.
- Virginia Railway Express
- Virginia Regional Transit
- Washington Metropolitan 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. All state-supported intercity passenger rail services the Northeast Corridor, offering a one-seat ride to additional destinations like Philadelphia, New York, and Boston.

## **Long Bridge & I-95 Corridor Improvements**

DRPT's SYIP recommends nearly \$129 million in FY 2020 in state, federal, local, and private funds towards construction of the Long Bridge & I-95 Corridor Improvement projects.

The Long Bridge is a two track rail bridge over the Potomac River between Arlington and Washington, D.C., owned and operated by CSX. The bridge is currently at 98 percent capacity during peak hours with all freight, Amtrak, and Virginia Railway Express commuter rail traffic between Virginia and the northeast crossing in each direction. Seventy-six trains cross Long Bridge daily (34 VRE, 24 Amtrak, and 18 CSX) with an anticipated increase to 192 total daily trains by 2040.

Currently, District of Columbia Department of Transportation is completing its NEPA study of Long Bridge, with a Draft EIS expected in mid to late 2019 and a record of decision in mid-2020. Estimated costs of a new two track bridge upstream is anticipated to be \$1.3 to \$1.6 billion dollars. In conjunction with the Long Bridge project, DRPT recommends allocations of rail funds for five projects in Northern Virginia.

- Long Bridge Phase 1: 4<sup>th</sup> track in Arlington and Alexandria
- Alexandria VRE Station: Provide ADA compliant pedestrian tunnel and elevator access as well as improve platforms to accommodate two trains simultaneously
- Crystal City VRE Station: Relocate station and construct island platform to serve two trains simultaneously
- L'Enfant VRE Station & 4<sup>th</sup> Track: Construct 4<sup>th</sup> track and island platform allowing the station to serve two trains simultaneously
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Track between Franconia and Occoquan

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