

Transit Grant Recipient Workshops

- Post-Award Webinar for all Public Transit and MPO grant recipients was held on Thursday, July 28 at 10:00AM. The webinar provided information and next steps including an overview of grant administration procedures, grant agreements, DRPT oversight, bus procurement, performance data entry, and more.
- The webinar recording and handouts are posted to OLGA on the “News and Information” page at <https://olga.drpt.virginia.gov/news.aspx>

Federal Discretionary Grant Programs

- Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program: Applications due September 15, 2022
 - The following activities are eligible for the SS4A program:
 - Develop or update a comprehensive safety action plan (Action Plan).
 - Conduct planning, design, and development activities in support of an Action Plan.
 - Carry out projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan.
 - Eligible recipients: Metropolitan planning organizations; counties, cities, towns, and transit agencies or other special districts that are subdivisions of a State; federally recognized Tribal governments; and multijurisdictional groups comprised of the previous entities.
- All Stations Accessibility Program: Applications due September 30, 2022
 - \$350 million/year to provide funding upgrades for legacy rail transit stations that remain inaccessible to individuals with disabilities
 - Eligible recipients: designated recipients that operate or allocate funds to inaccessible pre-ADA—or “legacy” — rail fixed guideway public transportation systems, and States (including territories and Washington, D.C.) and local governmental entities that operate or financially support legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems and corresponding legacy stations/facilities.
- Railroad Crossing Elimination Program: Applications due October 4, 2022
 - This program provides funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.
 - Eligible Applicants: States, political subdivisions of states, tribes, local governments, public port authorities, MPOs, or any group thereof.
 - Minimum Award: \$1 Million
 - Required Local Match: 20%
 - Eligible recipients: states and local government authorities
- Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program: Applications due October 13, 2022
 - Funds for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 RCP Program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development
 - Eligible recipients: States, units of local government, federally recognized Tribal governments, metropolitan planning organizations, and nonprofit organizations.
- Letters of support and technical assistance requests must be submitted as early as possible to allow adequate time to process requests ahead of application deadlines

Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP)

- DRPT will be opening a mid-cycle application seeking TRIP applications for regional routes focused on congestion reduction and mitigation through the provision of transit, including long distance commuter routes
- To qualify for TRIP regional connectivity funding, an entity must provide public transportation services to a population with the following regions:
 - Northern Virginia
 - Charlottesville
 - Lynchburg
 - Fredericksburg
 - Hampton Roads
 - Blacksburg
 - Richmond
 - Roanoke
- Eligible projects include improvement and expansion of routes with regional significance and creation of bus-only lanes or prioritized lighting on routes of regional significance
- Eligible applicants include:
 - Large urban or small urban public transportation providers
 - Transportation district commissions
 - Metropolitan planning organizations
 - Local governments
 - Private non-profit transit providers
- Application period opens September 1, 2022 and closes October 3, 2022
- Letters of support will be accepted until October 21, 2022

HJ 542 Transit Equity and Modernization Study

- The Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study team is working to complete the final review of the Draft Action Plan and will present to CTB in early Fall.
- More information may be found on the study website: www.vatransitmodernization.com