DRPT Agency Update – August 2023

Transit, Planning, and Commuter Assistance Grant Recipient Workshop
DRPT will be hosting a Post-Award Webinar for all Public Transit, MPO and Commuter Assistance grant recipients on Friday, August 11th at 10:00 am. A representative from each recipient organization is requested to attend the webinar.

The 90-minute webinar will provide information and next steps for DRPT's Public Transit, MPO and Commuter Assistance grant recipients, followed by opportunities for Q&A. Topics include an overview of grant administration procedures, grant agreements, DRPT oversight, performance data entry, reimbursement requirements, planned changes to DRPT programs in FY25, and more. **Friday, August 11 from 10:00AM - 11:30AM** - [Click here to register](#)

CTB approved FY 2024-FY2029 SYIP
The [Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)](https://www.ctb.org) approved the Fiscal Years 2024 to 2029 Six-Year Improvement Program, which allocates about $6.3 billion in funding to public transportation and rail programs over the next six years. DRPT will administer the funds for rail and public transportation systems in Virginia to help manage traffic congestion and provide transportation choices while also safely transporting people and goods across the Commonwealth.

The CTB approved $861.9 million in funding for public transportation and rail programs in Fiscal Year 2024.

You can explore the investments the Commonwealth is making on [DRPT's Open Data Portal](https://www.drpt.virginia.gov/open-data).

FTA releases Transit-Oriented Development Planning NOFO
The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the availability of $13,460,978 to support comprehensive or site-specific planning associated with new fixed guideway and core capacity improvement projects. Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Grants.gov website by **11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on 10/10/2023**. [View the FR Notice](#).

The [Pilot Program for TOD Planning](https://www.drpt.virginia.gov/open-data) provides funding to communities to integrate land use and transportation planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity transit project corridors. As required by statute, any comprehensive or site-specific planning funded through the pilot program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership potential, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, engage the private sector, identify
infrastructure needs, and enable mixed-use development near transit stations. The statute also requires that the planning work be associated with a new fixed guideway or core capacity transit project.