

Agency Update January 2022

FY2023 Grant Application Cycle

- FY2023 DRPT Public Transportation and Commuter Assistance Programs Grant Applications opened on December 1, 2021 and are due by February 1, 2022.
- Grantee workshops held on November 29 and 30, 2021 with webinar recordings available on DRPT YouTube page.
- DRPT hosted a webinar on January 4, 2022 to discuss updates on the FY2023 grant application process for all grantees seeking MERIT transit, commuter assistance, Section 5310, and special program funding in the upcoming grant cycle. Updates included the status of OLGA and process changes for the application cycle that will be necessary for all applicants.

Transit Equity and Modernization Study

- The Interim Study Report was submitted to the General Assembly.
- The study website (<u>vatransitequity.com</u>) will be updated with the Interim Report and additional content including story maps, rider testimonials, and initial findings.

SMART SCALE Round 5

- Round 5 pre-application period opens in March 2022.
- For technical assistance in application preparation, please contact Taylor Jenkins (taylor.jenkins@drpt.virginia.gov) for transit applications and Randy Selleck (randy.selleck@drpt.virginia.gov) for rail applications.