

DRPT Agency Update – June 2023

Discover Transit Campaign

DRPT is promoting Virginia's transit services this spring and fall, starting April 17, 2023. A webinar was hosted on April 6, 2023 to share more about this marketing campaign and the partner marketing toolkit. A recording of the webinar may be found here: <https://youtu.be/M9VnCwZZK8M>.

Information includes what the Discover Transit marketing initiative is, its goals, cobranding opportunities, and media placement plan. Promotional materials will be available on the new connectingva.org site and here: <https://connectingva.drpt.virginia.gov/discover-transit-partner-toolkit/>

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Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program

The Commonwealth has received \$3.2 million in federal funding to improve four railroad crossings in rural Virginia. The rail crossing upgrades in Hanover, Stafford, and Spotsylvania counties will enhance safety and rail service as well as support higher volume and higher speed rail between Richmond and Washington, D.C.

The funding comes from the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program, administered by the Federal Railroad Administration. The program focuses on areas in the rail network where improvements to crossings could save lives, reduce commuting delays, and improve commerce. The four Virginia projects, among 63 projects in 32 states that received federal funding, are at the following locations:

- Brent Point Road near Arkendale Road and just outside of Widewater State Park in Stafford County
- Summit Crossing Road in Spotsylvania County
- Doswell Road near Doswell Park Road in Hanover County
- Elmont Road between Elmont Crossing Lane and Tyson Trail in Hanover County