

# **DRPT Agency Update – March 2025**

## FY26 5303 Funding Opportunity

The FY26 5303 funding opportunity has been posted to <u>Web Grants</u>. The funding opportunity will remain open until the May 1, 2025, application deadline.

### **DRPT MPO Webinar**

To support applicants, DRPT is hosting a webinar for MPOs on **Friday, March 21**, **2025, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**. This session will cover key MPO-related topics, including:

- FTA 5303 program overview and application requirements
- Grant administration
- Transit performance measures
- Transit planning
- S/TIP policies and procedures

**<u>Registration</u>** (registration link is hyperlinked) is now open, and MPOs are strongly encouraged to attend.

#### FY24 5303 Reimbursements

MPOs making final claims on their FY24 5303 funding must do so within 90-days from contract expiration. MPOs must indicate that this is their final billing in their last claim submission so that closeout can occur within a timely manner.

#### **VTA Annual Meeting Registration Open**

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Virginia Transit Association will be held May 28-29<sup>th</sup> At the Richmond Marriott. Conference details and registration information can be found [here].

#### DRPT Connects Businesses 2025 (Jan. 27 – March 14)

This campaign aims to educate Virginia employers on the advantages of offering commuter benefits and hybrid work plans. By showcasing the economic and workplace benefits, this campaign will drive engagement with DRPT's free resources and encourage employers to implement these programs for improved productivity, employee retention, and cost savings.

Encourage employers to visit <u>ConnectingVA</u> for free resources, including:



**Commuter Assistance Programs**: Personalized guidance for creating custom commuter plans.

**Employee Commuter Benefits**: Information on tax incentives, transit subsidies, and commuter-friendly policies.

**Hybrid Work Plans**: Tools to design effective hybrid work schedules that maximize productivity.