

Agency Update

November 2021

Transit Equity and Modernization Study

- DRPT is in the process of wrapping up the Baseline Conditions and Needs Assessment Tech Memo. Information collected from the transit agency survey, focus group meetings, stakeholder meetings and Technical Working Group meetings will advise this Tech Memo.
- DRPT has also started drafting the Interim Study Report, which will be made available in December. This Interim Study Report is the first of two required deliverables (the 2nd one is the FInal Study Report, which is due in August 2022).
- In the coming months the study team will be populating the study website (<u>vatransitequity.com</u>) with more content, including story maps, rider testimonials, and initial findings.

Transit Ridership Incentive Program

- Presentation at the October CTB meeting on draft recommendations for the first round of funding:
 - o Three regional route projects
 - Greater Lynchburg Transit Company: Route Extension
 - PAT Southern Connector: Petersburg Emporia connection
 - Hampton Roads Transit: Naval Base Circulator Increased on-base circulation
 - o Four zero-fare projects
 - GRTC, Alexandria, MEOC: System-wide zero fare
 - Fairfax County: Low Income Pass Program
 - There are two additional zero-fare projects, and DRPT will work with applicants on advancing as funding becomes available
 - Charlottesville Area Transit and Fredericksburg Regional Transit: System-wide zero fare
- Additional information is available on DRPT's webpage at: http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/transit/trip-transit-ridership-incentive-program/

Transportation Navigator

- Funded through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Mobility for All grant program and the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Innovation and Technology Transportation Fund (ITTF).
- Online archive of public transportation information in Virginia, providing a directory of public transit, human service, and specialized transportation providers, programs, and services.
- Information includes resource listings on the VirginiaNavigator platform and transit route, schedule, and stop information through General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS) to help riders plan trips through a variety of trip planning platforms including Google Maps and other mobile apps.
- "Virginia Transportation Finder" widget available on the DRPT website to support the public in locating transportation providers.

Upcoming Transit Webinars

- Commuter Assistance Program & Special Projects Grant Workshop November 29, 2021 from 1-3PM
- Transit/Special Programs/MPO Grant Workshop November 30, 2021 from 1-3PM