

DRPT Agency Update – September 2023

Transit, Planning, and Commuter Assistance Grant Recipient Workshop

DRPT hosted 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 was requested to attend the webinar.

The 90-minute webinar provided 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. The recording link may be found on the DRPT YouTube page here (Post-Award Grant Workshop (FY2024 Statewide Transit and Commuter Assistance Programs) - YouTube) and presentation link may be found here (PowerPoint Presentation (govdelivery.com)).

TRIP mid-cycle grant opportunity beginning September 25, 2023DRPT will open a midcycle grant opportunity for agencies interested in applying for funds through the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP).

TRIP originally funded two project categories: Zero and Reduced Fare, and Regional Connectivity. In 2023, the Virginia General Assembly approved HB 2338/SB 1326 identifying two new eligible project categories: TRIP Public Safety and TRIP Passenger Amenities. In response to this legislative update, as well as funding availability, DRPT is seeking FY 24 Mid-Cycle Applications for all four TRIP project categories: Regional Connectivity, Zero and Reduced Fare, Public Safety, and Passenger Amenities.

The CTB will be finalizing an updated TRIP policy at their September 20th meeting. Interested stakeholders can view the livestream of the CTB workshop at https://www.ctb.virginia.gov/public meetings/live stream/default.asp. More guidance and application procedures will be distributed to transit agencies once the new TRIP policy is adopted by CTB.