

DRPT Agency Update – September 2024

Railroad Crossing Elimination Program NOFO

The FRA has announced a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the next round of railroad crossing elimination program. Applications are due by **September 23rd** to FRA. DRPT is available for technical assistance for interested applicants and can contact their DRPT planner for more information. More details on the NOFO can be found [\[here\]](#).

Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program NOFO

USDOT announces a notice of funding opportunity on July 3rd for more than \$600 million available for capital construction and community planning grants. Applications are due by September 30th. Potential applicants who are interested but are not prepared to submit funding requests within 90 days can submit a technical assistance request through the [Reconnecting Communities Institute](#).

Interested applicants can register for an upcoming webinar [\[HERE\]](#).

As well as:

- **Grant Writing Clinics:** August 16 (12:00-5:00 p.m. ET; [register here](#)) and September 13 (12:00pm-5:00 p.m. ET; [register here](#))
- **Office Hours:** July 25 (12:00pm-6:00 p.m. ET; [register here](#)), August 22 (11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. ET. [register here](#)), and September 16 (11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. ET; [register here](#))

For more information, please view the [RCI Resource Library](#) or contact RCI at RCI@dot.gov.

DRPT Connects Communities Campaign

The “DRPT Connects Communities” initiative aims to enhance and promote the benefits of local transit agencies across VA. The campaign is focused on increasing awareness and usage of public transportation options, highlighting their role in creating connected and thriving communities!

Key messages

- Enhancing connectivity
- Economic benefits
- Accessibility
- Sustainability

Partner Toolkit: Customizable ads available for partners - password for marketing toolkit is CC24