

Agency Update July 2020

DRPT Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP)

- The Commonwealth Transportation Board approved additions to the FY20 SYIP at their June meeting.
- Information on the modifications to the SYIP is available at:
 - Workshop presentation to the CTB http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2020/may/pres/4_public_transportation_updates_fy20_six_year_improvement_program.pdf
 - o Workshop video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oK4PkjSBdKs&feature=youtu.be&t=3881
 - o CTB Resolution http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2020/june/reso/11.pdf
- DRPT will reevaluate allocations based upon revenue projections and agency needs in September.

Federal Innovation Grant Awards

- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently announced that the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) was awarded two grants totaling \$239,000, a \$79,000 Mobility for All (M4A) grant and a \$160,000 Integrated Mobility Innovation (IMI) grant.
- The M4A grant will be used to develop a new statewide TransportationNavigator website. DRPT is collaborating with VirginiaNavigator, a Chesterfield County-based non-profit that provides free, statewide resource information associated with aging, disabilities, post-military life, and overall wellbeing.
- The IMI grant will fund the development of an Information Technology-based multi-passenger transportation service, known as microtransit, to enable passengers to use dynamically-generated routes to make their way to and from common pick-up or drop-off points. DRPT will be working in collaboration with its local partners at Bay Transit of Gloucester and Mountain Empire Older Citizens (MEOC) of Wise, and the plans will be coordinated through the Office of Innovation and the Virginia Transportation Research Council.

Section 5310 – Human Service Transportation

- DRPT will host a webinar on modifications to the application process prior to the FY22 application cycle. The webinar will be held on Monday, July 13th at 1:00.
- https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8930524119189170959

Virginia Breeze – Intercity Bus

- All Virginia Breeze service was suspended effective April 10th.
- Service will restart on the Blackburg to DC route (Valley Flyer) on July 24.
- Service to Richmond is anticipated to begin in early August.
- This timing and operational requirements will be dependent upon COVID-19 conditions.