

DRPT Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP)

- The 2020 Virginia General Assembly reconvened on April 22 and approved Governor Northam's revised biennial budget with changes, including no increase in spending.
- The budget included an amendment extending the existing Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) through FY21 or until a new SYIP can be adopted with revised revenue forecasts.
- DRPT briefed the Commonwealth Transportation Board in May on recommended additions to the current SYIP. Recommendations include:
 - Provision of operating assistance for transit agencies through the first quarter of FY21. No transit capital assistance is being programmed at this time.
 - Provision of commuter assistance (TDM) operating assistance at reduced levels through the first quarter of FY21.
 - Provision of Section 5310 operating assistance for FY21. No 5310 capital is being programmed at this time.
 - Provision of Section 5303 transit planning assistance for FY21.
- DRPT will reevaluate allocations based upon revenue projections and agency needs in September.

Amtrak

- Amtrak Virginia is running limited service and state supported ridership is down over 95%.
- Since April 1st, Amtrak has been operating on the following schedule:
 - Roanoke: One daily roundtrip
 - Norfolk: One daily roundtrip
 - Newport News: One daily roundtrip
 - Richmond: No service; however, Staples Mill and Main Street are serviced by through train service from national routes and Hampton Roads trains.

Virginia Breeze – Intercity Bus

- All Virginia Breeze service was suspended effective April 10th.
- DRPT has contracted for two new routes, one of which will connect through Richmond.
- Service is anticipated to restart on the Blackburg to DC route (Valley Flyer) in late July, with the two new routes beginning in early August.
- This timing and operational requirements will be dependent upon COVID-19 conditions.