

DRPT Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP)

- The following items were added to the FY20-25 SYIP by the Commonwealth Transportation Board at their September meeting.
 - Transit Operating Assistance – 2nd quarter (funded at same level as 1st quarter)
 - Commuter Assistance (TDM) Operating – 2nd quarter (funded at same level as 1st quarter)
 - Section 5310 – Human Service Agency Capital assistance
- The Commonwealth Transportation Board is scheduled to meet on October 20 and 21.
- DRPT anticipates the development of a draft FY21 SYIP based upon revenue projections and General Assembly action on a revised biennial budget.

Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

- DRPT is continuing to work on standing up the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, as authorized during the 2020 General Assembly.
- Members of the VPRA Board were appointed by Governor Northam on Friday, September 18. The Board includes two members from the Richmond region:
 - Hossein Sadid of Richmond, CFO, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
 - Mariia Zimmerman of Richmond, Principal, MZ Strategies, LLC
- DRPT is also on track to complete agreements to finalize the CSX deal by the end of this year. This will provide the framework that will allow service from Richmond to DC to double over the next decade.

AMTRAK

- Effective September 7th, AMTRAK increased state-supported rail service to 80% of pre-pandemic levels. This will include one additional Norfolk and one additional Newport News daily round trips – both connect through Richmond.
- Additional service through Richmond is not anticipated to return until early 2021.