

DRPT Agency Update – August 2020

DRPT Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP)

- The Commonwealth Transportation Board will not be meeting in August
- DRPT continues to reevaluate allocations based upon revenue projections and agency needs in anticipation of CTB action in October

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans (PTASP)

- Tier II PTASP was finalized and will be going online soon
- Once online, DRPT will be sharing a memo and template language for the Tier II Plan and measures with the MPOs

Section 5310 – Human Service Transportation

- DRPT conducted a webinar on July 13 to discuss changes to the FTA Section 5310 application process for FY22, changes to the state-funded Senior Transportation Grant, and the status of funding for the FY21 cycle
- A recording of the webinar and copy of the presentation are now available in OLGA on the [News & Information](#) page under “Workshops and Webinars”

Virginia Breeze – Intercity Bus

- Valley Flyer service (Blacksburg to D.C. route) started on July 24
- Piedmont Express (Danville to D.C. route) and Capital Connector (Martinsville to Richmond route) service started on August 7. Capital Connector also provides express service from Richmond to Union Station in Washington D.C.
- Despite only operating for nine months in FY20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, annual ridership continued to grow with 24,790 riders

Amtrak

- The Staples Mill Station study is moving into the engineering phase with a kickoff meeting this week
- Amtrak service is anticipated to return to pre-COVID levels for service by September