

Agency Update June 2021

Transit Ridership Incentive Program

- The Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) is a new statewide grant program dedicated to improving transit's regional connectivity in urban areas with a population in excess of 100,000 and reducing barriers to transit use by supporting low income and zero fare programming.
- The TRIP program was created by the passing of House Bill 1414 in the 2020 General Assembly session.
- DRPT is seeking public comment on the draft CTB Policy through June 18th, in advance of planned CTB action on June 23.
- DRPT is also seeking public comment on the draft program guidance through July 7th.
- DRPT anticipates issuing a call for applications in July.
- Additional information is available on DRPT's webpage at: http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/transit/trip-transit-ridership-incentive-program/

Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

- The next VPRA board meeting will be held on June 28.
- Additional information on VPRA can be found at: http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/vpra/board-meetings/

Virginia Statewide Rail Plan

- The 2022 Statewide Rail Plan is DRPT's update to Virginia's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)-compliant State Rail Plan, a process that must take place every four years to maintain Federal rail funding eligibility.
- Stakeholder outreach on Plan background and overall vision, goals and objectives was conducted on May 20th, 25th, and 27th
- The Plan's first public survey was released on May 26th and will run until June 13th. Results from this survey and the stakeholder outreach will inform draft projects and initiatives included in Plan.
- The survey is available at: https://live.metroquestsurvey.com/?u=jx3s3w#!/?p=web&pm=dynamic&s=1&popup=WTD

FY22 Six Year Improvement Program

- Draft SYIP was released on April 20th and a virtual public meeting was held on May 3rd in Richmond.
- Approval of the Final SYIP is anticipated at the June CTB meeting.