

DRPT Annual Update

2010 VTA Conference

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Overall Status of Agency Programs

- ❑ Paradox of high demand versus reduced revenue for some programs and no revenue for others
- ❑ New rural systems and major rail projects coming on-line, while aggressive planning and project development continues statewide.
- ❑ The state match for operating is on a continuing downward trend (FY11 percentage is lowest ever) and the capital match remains unpredictable.
- ❑ Passenger Rail expansions in key statewide corridors. Capital funding is available through Rail Enhancement Fund but match requirement makes implementation difficult. There is no program for funding passenger rail operations.

Addressing Challenges Through Reform

- ❑ Governor's Goals: Reduce the overall scope of government through elimination of unnecessary state functions or privatization, cutting costs, increasing transparency and simplifying public access to government services
- ❑ First meeting on June 4, first report due August 28
- ❑ Organized into four committees:
 - Government Simplification and Operations
 - Consolidation of Shared Services and Enterprise Architecture
 - Customer Service, Performance, Accountability and Transparency
 - Intergovernmental Relations
- ❑ Follow the Commission's activities online at www.reform.virginia.gov

Transportation Recommendations

- ❑ Secretary Connaughton asked transportation agencies for recommendations on changes to improve the delivery of agency services to the public.

- ❑ Matrix of recommended state code changes was provided to the transportation boards last week, anticipate it will be provided to transit stakeholders next week

- ❑ DRPT proposals include:
 - Discretion to wave 30% match requirement for Passenger Rail
 - Improvements to multimodal planning so that all transportation options are considered before deciding on new projects.
 - Stronger leadership in human service transportation, DRPT is prepared to serve as the lead state agency
 - Establishing DRPT as the lead agency for telework in Virginia
 - Better coordination of land use planning and transportation to promote transit oriented development and smart transportation solutions.
 - Increased and more consistent state shares of funding for the transit capital and operating programs (funding proposals will be handled separately).

2010 General Assembly Session

- ❑ HB42 (Oder) and SB201 (Blevins)
 - Requires the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to administer an operational and programmatic performance audit focusing on the agencies within the Transportation Secretariat, with primary emphasis on the transportation planning and programming divisions within VDOT and DRPT. Findings must be submitted by December 31, 2010.

- ❑ Budget Bill
 - Item 447.A.1.c – Allows the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to flex up to 20 percent of Mass Transit Trust Fund capital funds to operating if operating funds are expected to be less than the previous year
 - Identical language passed in HB421 (Hope).

- ❑ SB553 (Barker)
 - Requires the Secretary, in cooperation with VDOT and DRPT, to provide a report by November 1, 2010, on actions taken by state, regional and local transportation agencies to increase transit use and reduce highway congestion and single occupants vehicle use through TDM, transit, telework, carpooling, etc.

2010 General Assembly Session

- ❑ HB222 (Watts)
 - Provides that for urban and urban development areas in jurisdictions using the urban county executive form of government, VDOT shall work in conjunction with the jurisdiction and DRPT to review new design standards for state secondary highway system components that the jurisdiction proposes.

- ❑ SJ63 (Miller)
 - Requires DRPT to evaluate potential sources of dedicated state funding for intercity passenger rail operations and provide a report to the General Assembly prior to the first day of the 2011 session

- ❑ HB514 (Rust) and SB410 (Vogel)
 - Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop a blueprint for livable communities and long-term services for older Virginians and people with disabilities. DRPT will be consulted in the plan's development.

2010 General Assembly Session

- ❑ HB688 (Miller) and SB25 (Puller)
 - Rewrites the code section that punishes unlawfully riding on a transportation district train. The bill punishes failure or refusal to pay the posted fare, or failure to properly validate a train ticket, as a \$100 civil penalty. The bill punishes use of a validated ticket outside of the zone of the ticketed ride as a \$100 civil penalty. The bill punishes use of a fraudulent or counterfeit ticket as a Class 2 misdemeanor. The bill limits the amount of recoverable costs to the same amount as the maximum fine.

- ❑ HB690 (Miller) and SB28 (Puller)
 - Authorizes certain transportation district commissions and their contractors and public service corporations or contractors that provide public transit services to a locality to require fingerprint checks of applicants and employees so that an FBI criminal background check can be conducted.

- ❑ HJ134 (Jones)
 - Extends the Joint Subcommittee to Study the Transportation Network of Hampton Roads for a third year.

Four Year Comparison of Six-Year Improvement Program

\$ in millions

	FY 08 - 13	Revised FY 09 - 14	Revised FY 10 - 15	FY 11 - 16
Public Transit	\$1,780	\$1,833	\$1,790	\$1,889
Rail	287	260	243	226
Dulles Metrorail	799	822	46	28
Total	\$2,866	\$2,915	\$2,079	\$2,143

Variance Explanation

- Six full years of WMATA 'State of Good Repair' funding (\$50M per year)
- \$28 M more of transit bond allocations due to full use in FY 11 vs. FY 10
- Dulles Metrorail allocations down by \$18M
- Otherwise flat with last year with slight TTF increases in out years

SYIP Planning/Programming Strategy

Planning Strategy Focused On Addressing Priorities:

- 1. Planning To Maintain** - Asset Management System forecasts replacement of existing transit system assets
- 2. Planning For The Future** –Transit Development Plans required for all transit systems. Statewide rail, transit, TDM, technology and human service plans.
- 3. Planning To Implement** – Policies and program criteria to ensure projects are ready to go. Planning and programming are tied together and coordinate federal, state, MPO and PDC processes.
- 4. Planning For Stakeholders/Public** – Serve on national, state, regional and local Boards and Committees. Transit Service Design Guidelines to educate and inform communities about how to implement transit/TDM.

Transit/TDM Programming Goals

- ❑ Focus investments on key priorities documented through comprehensive planning efforts:
 - State of Good Repair
 - Capacity Expansion
 - New Capacity
 - Security Enhancements
 - Technology Improvements
 - Coordinating Services

- ❑ Fund projects that are ready to incur expenses in the year for which funds are programmed

- ❑ Maximize federal funds

Transit/TDM Programming Highlights

- ❑ State of Good Repair
 - 94 Replacement Buses and Locomotives
- ❑ Capacity Expansion (areas with transit)
 - 50 Service Expansion Buses
 - Dulles Corridor Metrorail Extension
 - Norfolk Light Rail Transit Project (The Tide)
 - Crystal City – Potomac Yard Transitway
- ❑ New Capacity (areas without transit)
 - New service implementation in Radford, Fort Pickett, Altavista, Rockbridge
 - Feasibility studies for Craig County, Southampton County
- ❑ Security Enhancements
 - Cameras on buses, facility cameras and restricted access, risk assessments
- ❑ Technology Improvements
 - Real-time bus arrival information projects from statewide technology plan
- ❑ Coordinated Services
 - TDM market research to evaluate transit, carpool, vanpool programs
 - Human service operators request funds for projects in coordination plans

SYIP Process/Next Steps

- ❑ Public hearings held May 19, May 26, June 2 and June 3 around the Commonwealth.
- ❑ Commonwealth Transportation Board action on the draft SYIP at the June 16 meeting.

Human Service Transportation

- ❑ State Coordination Model for Human Service Transportation
- ❑ Coordinated Human Service Mobility Plans
- ❑ Partnership with Health and Human Services to develop the Blueprint for Livable Communities

Planning Initiatives

- ❑ VTRANS 2035
- ❑ Surface Transportation Plan
 - Issued for public comment soon
- ❑ Technology Plan Update
- ❑ Multi-modal Space Design Guidelines
- ❑ Regional/Local Planning
 - Transit Development Plans
 - Long-Range TDM Plans
 - MPO Participation / Coordination



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