

Highlights for Staunton District:

What's in store in the Six Year Improvement Program

General Funding Information

- The draft Revised Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for Fiscal Years 2015-2020 provides \$3.2 billion in funding for rail and transit programs over the six year period.
- A Revised SYIP for FY15-20 is being issued due to a \$13.7 million decrease in estimated revenues for FY15.
- While HB 2313 provided increased transportation funding, state transportation revenue estimates have declined 13% since its enactment.
- Through a number of mitigation procedures, DRPT was able to maintain previously issued funding levels for FY15; however, significant funding impacts are anticipated in subsequent years.
- For FY15, DRPT's draft SYIP includes \$529.2 million in state funding and \$77.7 million in state-controlled federal funding for mass transit, rail, public transportation, and related programs.
- Of the state total, \$2.4 million is going to Staunton district to support public transportation and commuter services, and \$18.2 million* is going to support freight and passenger rail in the district.

* This number includes funding for projects that span multiple districts

Public Transit and Human Services

In its prior years' Six Year Improvement Programs, DRPT allocated funding for the design and construction of a new administration building and a new bus maintenance facility for the Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation. \$5.6 million in state, local, and federal funding was granted for the project. The grand opening for these buildings was this past August.

DRPT is funding the ongoing operation of the RideShare commuter assistance programs for the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission, as well as the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC). The RideShare program promotes the following items: carpooling, vanpooling, biking, teleworking, park-and-ride lots and traffic reduction programs.

Additionally, DRPT is providing funding for the purchase of 21 vehicles to assist with commuter and human services for Alleghany, Central Shenandoah, City of Harrisonburg, City of Winchester, Grafton School, Pleasant View, Rockbridge Area, Shen-Paco, Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging and Valley Community Services Board.

Freight Rail

DRPT is funding the following rail improvements for the Staunton district:

- Winchester & Western Railroad tie, bridge, and rail improvements will maintain FRA class 2 track safety standards and to accommodate heavy railcar loads from quarry business.
- Shenandoah Valley Railroad capacity improvements and siding construction will accommodate increased freight rail traffic and anticipated growth in the next few years. Bridge repairs, surface improvements, and tie replacements will maintain FRA class 2 track safety standards. Road crossing improvements will upgrade busy road crossings in need of repairs to ensure safety of cars and railroad operations.
- Buckingham Branch Railroad has several tie replacement and rail replacement projects to upgrade track conditions. Construction of a siding and new signal system will alleviate rail traffic congestion and improve both freight and passenger rail operations.

