

DRPT Agency Update – January 2026

FY27 Grant Applications

DRPT will begin accepting grant applications for the FY27 grant cycle in WebGrants on December 1st. Key dates are as follows:

- **February 1, 2026:** Full Application Deadline for all Major Expansion (MAJ) projects and all other State Transit Programs

Reach out to your DRPT contact with any additional questions as early as possible to avoid delays.

Funding opportunities will close on **February 1 at 11:59 pm!**

MPO 5303 Application is open and closes on May 1. DRPT will provide FTA5303 apportionment information once it becomes available from FTA. MPOs are encouraged to use last year's dollar amounts when drafting UPWPs

2026 Coordinated Human Service Mobility Plan Release

The 2026 CHSM plan is due to be released on February 17th. This plan identifies needs, gaps, and opportunities for transportation services geared toward seniors and individuals with disabilities as funded by the FTA's 5310 program. The plan engaged over 300 service providers and 200 service users and includes distinct actions and takeaways for each CHSM region.

FFY27-30 S/TIP Development

MPOs are encouraged to reach out to DRPT with any questions about developing their draft TIPs. To facilitate a smooth S/TIP transition, DRPT is encouraging transit agencies to provide all FFY2026 TIP actions to MPOs by March. MPOs should have their new TIPs approved by April, ahead of the blackout period, while we submit the STIP to FTA for review.

Statewide Rail Plan Kickoff

DRPT has begun collecting data for the update to our statewide rail plan. Engagement across the commonwealth will begin in Spring 2026! Reach out to your assigned planner with any questions, comments, or concerns you have ahead of engagement.