

DRPT Agency Update – June 2026

27-32 SYIP Approval

Approval for the FY27-32 SYIP is scheduled to be voted on at the June 17th CTB meeting.

State Rail Plan Survey Results

DRPT's ongoing update to the State Rail Plan has held the following public engagement activities to date:

- Public and Stakeholder Surveys throughout the month of March
- First round of stakeholder workgroups convened in May
- First public meeting held virtually on June 1st

Upcoming engagement will include:

- Second round stakeholder workgroup meetings throughout June
- Second public meeting in July

The public survey distributed in March had the following takeaways:

- Strong preference for expanding rail access, with the vast majority supporting service to more destinations
- Most respondents favor expanding travel within Virginia and Washington, D.C. rather than focusing on out-of-state connections.
- Nearly 60% support a balanced approach that includes both new routes and enhances service on existing corridors
- Overall input reflects strong demand for increased connectivity, accessibility, and system growth.
- **Passenger Rail:** focus on improving reliability, increasing frequency, expanding service, and making travel times competitive with driving.
- **Freight Rail:** emphasis on shifting truck traffic to rail, improving safety at crossings, and supporting rail-served economic development.
- **Stations:** strong interest in better multimodal connections, transit-oriented development (TOD), and improved pedestrian and bicycle access.
- **Usage patterns:** most respondents travel by rail occasionally rather than frequently, indicating significant opportunity for continued growth.

May Directors Report to CTB

The DRPT Director's Report to CTB can be found here: [May 2026 Director's Report by Miriam Foster - Flipsnack](#)

The update includes ridership data, recent events and promotions, and studies and reports the agency is working on.

MPO 5303 Approval

DRPT reminds all our MPO partners to submit their final approved UPWP director to FTA in their general inbox: FTARegion3@dot.gov

Bike Month Update

DRPT completed its inaugural Bike-Friendly City Challenge. Held during May with mayors from 6 cities and one town (City of Charlottesville, City of Richmond, City of Roanoke, City of Virginia Beach, City of Newport News, City of Williamsburg, Town of Culpeper) participating. The City of Charlottesville had the most bike trips recorded in the [ConnectingVA](#) app followed by City of Richmond, City of Roanoke, City of Virginia Beach, and City of Newport News. We hope to have more mayors participate next year.

DRPT completed its May is Bike Month promotion with 4,809 bike trips recorded in the ConnectingVA app, which equates to more than 1 million calories burned, more than 1,000 gallons of gas saved, more than 25,000 miles not driven, and participants saved at total of \$18,629 by biking and not driving.