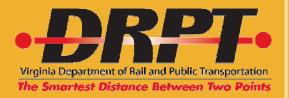
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DRPT Strategic Assessment Update



DRPT Strategic Assessment Update

- Organizational structure is confirmed and the implementation process has begun
- DRPT Business Plan under development
- Process improvements initiated:
 - Process flow charts under development
 - New processes to be initiated in June
- Program Management Consultant (PMC) support:
 - RFP has been issued
 - PMC to be onboard by August 2007
- □ DRPT Business Plan to be presented at Sept/Oct 2007 CTB meeting
- Full implementation still on target: August 2007
 - Long term improvements to be implemented gradually



Strategic Initiatives Update

- See DRPT memo on the status of individual initiatives
- Work has begun on all eight initiatives identified for funding at the April 2007 CTB meeting



DRPT Asset Management Program Update



Asset Management Program Update

- □ Program is now under development
- ☐ Survey issued to all DRPT transit and human service transportation grantees to gather an inventory of:
 - Fleet information and replacement cycles
 - Performance measures that are in place today
 - Information about which systems report to the National Transit Database today
 - Suggestions to improve DRPT's transit capital grants program
- Next steps:
 - Grantee surveys are due by May 18, 2007
 - Program development to be completed this summer
 - Program could be implemented in time for this year's transit capital grant cycle in November 2007



Roanoke Region Intermodal Facility Update



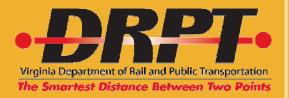
Roanoke Region Intermodal Facility Site Search Update

- All 10 sites still under consideration
- On April 25, 2007, the City of Salem notified DRPT of its interest in hosting the facility at the Colorado St. site
- □ DRPT has deferred its decision on the site location to consider the Colorado St. site in detail
- Additional engineering will be required
- □ DRPT is working with the City and NS to determine how long the engineering work will take
- Additional information should be available in the coming weeks



Outstanding Issues from the Strategic Assessment:

Passenger Rail in Virginia



DRPT Initial Actions/Approach

In consultation with the Rail Advisory Board and rail stakeholder groups:

- Strategic planning initiatives statewide:
 - DRPT strategic planning initiatives
 - Individual passenger rail initiatives such as:
 - Southeast High Speed Rail
 - TDX
 - Richmond/Hampton Roads Passenger Rail
- ☐ Investment strategies for key corridors:
 - I-95 rail corridor
 - I-81 rail corridor



Achieving a Strategic Rail Vision

- □ DRPT will proactively answer the "big picture" questions...
 - Where will strategic investments be made?
 - When will these investments be made and by whom?
 - What will be the outcomes and benefits?
 - How will these investments be implemented, used, and monitored?



DRPT's Approach to Rail Investments

- Develop a Passenger Rail Plan and Policy document
- Develop a Strategic Rail Investment Plan



Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document

- Policy guide for the planning and development of passenger rail service
- Lead the Commonwealth by establishing a framework for the development and advancement of commuter and intercity passenger rail operations
- Include baseline identification and prioritization of passenger rail corridors
- Establish a benchmark standard for the evaluation and methodology on how to estimate ridership, revenue, and expenditures for new or expanded passenger rail services



Strategic Rail Investment Plan

- ☐ The guide to lead the Commonwealth in passenger and freight rail development and strategy for the next 20 years
 - Build on the Statewide Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document
 - Incorporate all rail needs updated from the June 2004 Rail Plan, Comprehensive Multimodal Freight Study, VTRANS, and DRPT and local/regional transportation plans
 - Prioritize corridor and strategic rail investments based on long term investment principles and funding streams requiring shared risk and shared benefit



Summary of Rail Planning Schedule

- July-Aug. 2007: Develop Scope and conduct public outreach for Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document
- Oct.– Nov. 2007: Develop Scope and conduct public outreach for Strategic Rail Investment Plan
- Oct. 2007: Work begins on Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document
- Nov. 2007: Work begins on Strategic Rail Investment Plan
- Aug. 2008: Draft Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document for Public Comment
- □ Sept. 2008: Passenger Rail Plan and Policy Document (Final)
- Oct. 2008: Draft Strategic Rail Investment Plan for Public Comment
- Nov. 2008: Strategic Rail Investment Plan (Final)



I-95 Rail Corridor Strategic Approach

- □ Complete the VTA 2000 projects
- ☐ Conduct a comprehensive Alternatives Analysis and project development: begin summer 2007
 - Include:
 - Operational modeling
 - Review of alternative right-of-way
 - Determination of public and private benefits
- □ Conduct environmental review and preliminary engineering to 30%



I-81 Rail Corridor Strategic Approach

- Work underway:
 - Execute REF agreement for Phase 1 improvements
 Manassas to Front Royal: late summer
- Complete the I-81 Freight Rail Study: summer 2007
- ☐ Implement additional rail improvements identified through the study
- DRPT will maintain independent cost estimates for NS work
- □ DRPT will ensure that CTB resolution requirements of Oct. 06 are met between VDOT/DRPT I-81 corridor initiatives
- □ DRPT will ensure that the potential for passenger rail service expansion is included for Manassas to Front Royal and other corridor improvements





