

# DRPT Director's Report

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# DRPT Organizational Assessment

- ❑ AECOM, an affiliate of DMJM Harris, chosen as primary consultant working with specialized sub-consultants for specific areas of DRPT's business
  
- ❑ Three-part process:
  - **Part 1: Feb/Mar:** Assess DRPT's performance to-date against the agency's mandate
    - Finalizing CTB member interviews
  - **Part 2: Mar/Apr:** Develop suggestions for improvement
    - Four stakeholder workshops: NOVA, Richmond, Roanoke and Hampton Roads
    - Detailed briefings to CTB at March and April meetings
  - **Part 3: Apr/Jun:** Develop an agency Business Plan
    - Organizational assessment
    - Process and program management improvements
    - Reporting and communication improvements
  
- ❑ **Implementation begins: July 2007 (tentative)**
  - Presentation of final results and next steps to CTB at July meeting

# Asset Management Program Update

## □ Program Objectives:

- Help provide better financial planning, forecasting and budget information for the SYIP
- Assist in establishing capital policy goals and procedures
- Assist grantees in understanding capital replacement cycle and needs

# Asset Management Program Update

## □ Proposed key elements:

- Capture data on capital assets by grantee including age, condition, remaining useful life and technology utilized
- Evaluate data collection methods, suggest improvements
- Assist DRPT in developing asset management policies
- Develop draft asset class performance goals
- Develop analytical tools to project future replacement needs, compare resource allocation scenarios and monitor the impact of investment decisions

## □ Next steps:

- Procurement process underway
- Program to be developed by the end of 2007



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# Roanoke Region Intermodal Facility Site Search Update

- All 10 sites still under consideration
- The facility review team is still evaluating sites: DRPT, VDOT, VPA, VEDP and Norfolk Southern
- Public comment report published on February 2<sup>nd</sup> with comments received between Nov. 30 and Jan. 16
- DRPT is inviting localities to engage in more detailed discussion of these sites
- DRPT plans to visit each locality at its board meeting in either February or March
- A decision is anticipated in April 2007



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# S. 294 - Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act

- ❑ Introduced Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> by Sen. Lautenberg (D- NJ), Sen. Lott (R-MS) and 18 co-sponsors
- ❑ Same as S. 1516 (2006) with rail security section added
- ❑ Authorization Bill– no source of funding identified
- ❑ Senate expects action in February 2007
- ❑ Funding Levels (6 year authorization):
  - Amtrak: \$1.6 B/year appropriations and \$1.3 B/year bonding authority
  - States: \$300 M capital grants/year
  - Amtrak reforms: cuts operating costs by 40% over life of bill
  - Debt refinancing for Amtrak's \$3 B debt
  - New financial accounting systems and service quality standards
  - Restructure Board of Directors
- ❑ Reduce delays– STB to issue fines to freight railroads
- ❑ Improve governance and operations of Northeast Corridor
- ❑ Rail security

# Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

- Status of negotiations
- Key FTA reviews and submissions:
  - Review of independent cost estimate
  - Submission of financial plan
- Final design approval
- Implement transfer of toll road and project management
- Execute FFGA





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