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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Intercity Passenger Rail Service Stakeholders

FROM: Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation

DATE: December 1, 2015

SUBJECT: IPROC Funding: Notice of Funding Availability

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The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (“Department”) has released grant application guidelines and application materials for Fiscal Year 2017 (“FY17”). The guidelines can be found at: [www.drpt.virginia.gov](http://www.drpt.virginia.gov). Applications are due to the Department no later than 5:00 pm on February 1, 2016.

The Department will evaluate applications based on the criteria set out in the application guidelines, the relevance to established goals of the Statewide Rail Plan of 2013, and the relationship to the following priority initiatives identified by the Department for expanding intercity passenger rail service in Virginia:

- I-95 corridor projects related to the DC to Richmond (DC2RVA) Tier II Environmental Impact Statement
- Second train frequency between Lynchburg and Washington, D.C.
- Southeast High Speed Rail Initiatives (Richmond to North Carolina)
- Infrastructure improvements to enhance reliability and on-time performance of existing intercity passenger rail services.

The Department will accept applications for other projects that meet program guidelines.

Application materials are available on the DRPT website: [www.drpt.virginia.gov](http://www.drpt.virginia.gov).

FY17 Six Year Improvement Program applicants should clearly demonstrate public benefit to a specific region or the rail network. Pre-application discussions with Department staff are required. Contact Jeremy Latimer, Rail Transportation Programs Administrator, at 804-225-4016 or [Jeremy.Latimer@drpt.virginia.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Latimer@drpt.virginia.gov) for additional information.