



MEMORANDUM

TO: Intercity Passenger Rail Service Stakeholders

FROM: Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation

DATE: December 18, 2014

SUBJECT: IPROC Funding: Notice of Funding Availability

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (“Department”) has released grant application guidelines and application materials for Fiscal Year 2016 (“FY16”). The guidelines can be found at: www.drpt.virginia.gov. Applications are due to the Department no later than 5:00 pm on February 1, 2015.

Feedback on the application procedures from stakeholders is welcome as the Department intends to adjust application procedures in the future based on input received during this grant cycle.

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)
- Second and third passenger train frequencies between Norfolk and Richmond
- Maintenance and storage facilities for Newport News passenger service

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

Application materials are available on the DRPT website: www.drpt.virginia.gov.

FY16 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 Tom Freeman, Rail Administrator, at 804-786-1065 or Thomas.Freeman@drpt.virginia.gov for additional information.