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# Fiscal Year 2025 Report

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## Transit Ridership Incentive Program

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## About this report

The 2020 General Assembly established the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) in Virginia Code [§ 33.2-1526.3](#) to improve transit use and reduce barriers to transit. This section of code also requires an annual report on the projects and services TRIP funds. This report fulfills that requirement.

## The Transit Ridership Incentive Program

The Transit Ridership Incentive Program is a statewide grants program funding transit agencies and governing bodies to create more accessible, safe, and regionally significant transit networks.

TRIP funds projects in four categories: Zero and Reduced Fare, Regional Connectivity, Public Safety, and Passenger Amenities.

Project Category	Eligible Projects
<b>Regional Connectivity</b>	Expanding routes of regional significance, implementation of integrated fare collection, development of regional subsidy allocation models, establishment of bus-only lanes on routes of regional significance.
<b>Passenger Amenities</b>	Improvements or additions of new bus stops, shelters, or other passenger facilities, transit facility planning.
<b>Public Safety</b>	Public safety equipment, planning, programming, training.
<b>Zero and Reduced Fare</b>	The provision of subsidized or fully free passes to low-income populations, elimination of fares on certain corridors, establishment of zero-fare zones, deployment of an entirely zero-fare system, and fare policy planning.

TRIP receives funding through the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund (CMTF), which also distributes funds other DRPT transit funding programs. The program is allocated six percent of the CMTF, with each project category within TRIP receiving a portion of the program total. In FY 2025, the TRIP share of the CMTF totaled \$27.8 million.

In the FY 2025 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP), DRPT allocated approximately \$28 million in State funds towards projects funded by TRIP. The reason TRIP allocated more funding in the FY 2025 SYIP than it received through CMTF distributions is because of prior TRIP balances. Due to unobligated funds, prior TRIP projects coming in under budget, and deobligated projects, TRIP had a surplus balance available for project allocation.

## New TRIP Grants

DRPT awarded 37 new TRIP grants in the FY 2025 Six-Year Improvement Program. Out of the nine Virginia Department of Transportation construction districts, eight received at least one TRIP grant. TRIP grants were awarded to 19 unique grant recipients. in FY 2025. No new TRIP grants were awarded for zero and reduced fare projects. The table below breaks down TRIP funding for FY 2025 new TRIP projects by category:

TRIP Category	Number of New Projects	State funds awarded
<b>Regional Connectivity</b>	4	\$4,461,758.90
<b>Passenger Amenities</b>	25	\$15,453,674.90
<b>Public Safety</b>	8	\$1,304,307.40

For a complete list of all new FY 2025 TRIP grants, see [Appendix 1](#).

## Performance of FY 2025 TRIP-Funded Projects

This section includes the analysis of the performance of the funded projects. Depending on the specific project funded by TRIP, this analysis can include ridership, performance of certain routes, and project status. The performance analysis includes all projects receiving funds through TRIP during FY 2025, including projects awarded funds in prior cycles, as well as multi-year projects, and projects intended to only last a year but delayed into FY 2025. Project performance is based off required reporting to DRPT by the grant recipient.

*Notes: TRIP Projects that were cancelled or moved to another grant program have been removed. The listed transit agency refers to the transit agency that will benefit from the TRIP grant. In some instances, a parent organization, regional organization, or local government is responsible for administering a grant on behalf of the transit provider.*

### Regional Connectivity

Regional Connectivity projects come in all shapes and sizes, including new routes, expanded routes, new microtransit zones, intercity services, and integrated fare programs. DRPT tracks ridership as part of its performance metrics for Regional Connectivity projects involving new or expanded transit service while tracking project status for all other projects. The table below lists all the active TRIP Regional Connectivity Projects and the project's status at the time of writing:

Transit Agency	Project Name	Project Performance (as Q1 FY 2026)
<b>BRITE (CSPDC)</b>	Afton Express Commuter Bus Service	Afton Express provided 19,000 trips in CY 2024, a 16% increase over CY 2023.
<b>Greater Richmond Transit Company</b>	Regional Microtransit Service	In FY 2025, GRTC microtransit provided nearly 90,000 trips.
<b>Hampton Roads Transit</b>	On-demand Microtransit service	

		HRT On-demand microtransit re-launched service in October 2024. Performance reports are forthcoming.
<b>OmniRide (PRTC)</b>	Manassas Metro Express Bus	The Manassas Metro Express Bus provided 48,000 trips in FY 2024. For the first quarter of FY 2025, it provided over 18,000 trips, ahead of FY 2024 levels.
<b>Hampton Roads Transit</b>	Naval Station Norfolk Internal Circulator/Base Express	The Norfolk Naval Circulator provided just under 60,000 trips in FY 2025, a 12% increase over FY 2024.
<b>DRPT</b>	Virginia Breeze	Tidewater Current (East-West Route) has not started. It is scheduled to start in the first half of 2026.
<b>Greater Lynchburg Transit Company</b>	Route 4	Project is underway. Reports are forthcoming.
<b>Loudoun County Transit</b>	Silver Line Service	In FY 2025, the Silver Line Service provided over 48,000 trips, 40% more than in FY 2024.
<b>Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission</b>	RideSmart Commuter Bus Service	In its first full fiscal year, the RideSmart Commuter Bus provided over 1,400 trips.
<b>Fairfax Connector</b>	SmartTrip Program Updates	Not started.
<b>OmniRide (PRTC)</b>	Mobile Ticketing Validators	Not started.

## Zero and Reduced Fare

DRPT did not award any new Zero and Reduced Fare grants in the FY 2025 SYIP. There were nine Zero and Reduced Fare projects active during FY 2025, all of which were allocated and awarded funds by prior Six-Year Improvement Programs. Most Zero and Reduced Fare projects in FY 2025 funded system-wide zero fare programs. DRPT uses ridership as the primary performance metric for system-wide zero fare programs. For all other programs, DRPT uses project status as the performance metric. The table below lists all the active TRIP Zero and Reduced Fare projects and the project's status at the time of writing:

Transit Agency	Project Name	Project Performance (FY 2025 Ridership)
<b>DASH (Alexandria)</b>	DASH Zero Fare	6.2% YoY increase
<b>Charlottesville Area Transit</b>	CAT Zero Fare	5.1% YoY increase
<b>CUE (Fairfax City)</b>	Cue Zero Fare	8.2% YoY decrease
	PAT Zero Fare	8.5% YoY increase

<b>Petersburg Area Transit</b>		
<b>Mountain Lynx</b>	District 3 Zero Fare	1.7% YoY increase
<b>FXBGo! (Fredericksburg)</b>	FXBGO! Zero Fare	2.4% YoY decrease
<b>Greater Richmond Transit Company</b>	Richmond Zero Fare	11.9% YoY increase
<b>Mountain Empire Transit (MET)</b>	MEOC Zero Fare	-0.2% YoY decrease
<b>Fairfax Connector</b>	FFXCO Subsidized Fare	Project underway and being developed.

## Public Safety

Public Safety projects are typically capital projects. The performance measure for Public Safety projects is project status. The table below lists the active TRIP Public Safety projects in FY 2025 and project's status at the time of writing:

Transit Agency	Project Name	Project Performance (as Q1 FY 2026)
<b>Harrisonburg Dept. of Public Transportation</b>	Security Camera Upgrade for Facility	Completed!
<b>Petersburg Area Transit</b>	PAT Multimodal Center security cameras	Under construction/nearing completion.
<b>City of Petersburg</b>	Metal Detection Units	Under procurement by transit agency.
<b>Greater Richmond Transit Company</b>	Access Security Gates	Under construction.
<b>Hampton Roads Transit</b>	SS15 Enterprise Video Surveillance System Upgrade	Not yet started.
<b>Hampton Roads Transit</b>	SS27 Intrusion Detection Systems	Not yet started.
<b>JAUNT</b>	Bus Fleet Interior/Exterior Camera Upgrade	In planning stages.
<b>Petersburg Area Transit</b>	PAT Multimodal Center security guards	Project underway.
<b>Blacksburg Transit</b>	Blacksburg Transit Facility: Bus Lot Security Fencing	Not yet started.
<b>Virginia Regional Transit</b>	Upgrade Camera System to Live View Access	Under construction.



## Passenger Amenities

Similar to Public Safety projects, Passenger Amenity projects are entirely capital projects. The performance measure for Passenger Amenity projects is project status. Many Passenger Amenities projects reported being in some stage of project procurement or construction. Many projects that have not begun are awaiting the completion of other related transit projects first before proceeding. The table below lists the TRIP Passenger Amenity projects that either were granted or received funds in FY 2025 and the project's status at the time of writing:

Transit Agency	Project Name	Project Performance (as Q1 FY 2026)
<b>Greater Lynchburg Transit Company</b>	Shelter Replacements (3)	Under procurement by transit agency.
<b>Arlington Transit</b>	ADA Bus Stop Improvements	Project completed.
<b>DASH (Alexandria)</b>	Alexandria Landmark transit center amenities	Under procurement by transit agency.
<b>Greater Richmond Transit Company</b>	Route 1A Extension Bus Stop Amenities - Phase 2	Not yet started.
<b>DASH (Alexandria)</b>	City of Alexandria Bus Stop Enhancements	Under procurement by transit agency.
<b>Danville Transit System</b>	Danville Transit - New Bus Shelters (4)	Under procurement by transit agency.
<b>FXBGo! (Fredericksburg)</b>	Transit Shelters and Benches	Pending permitting.
<b>Harrisonburg Dept. of Public Transportation</b>	Bus Shelters and Fixtures	Under procurement by transit agency.
<b>Arlington Transit</b>	Arlington Transit bus stop improvements	Under construction/nearing completion.
<b>Greater Richmond Transit Company</b>	BRT Bus Tracker Signs	Not yet started.
<b>Greater Richmond Transit Company</b>	Bus Stop Amenities - Replacement	In planning stages.
<b>Greater Richmond Transit Company</b>	Bus Stop Amenities	In planning stages.
<b>Greater Richmond Transit Company</b>	Bus Stop Solar Lights	In planning stages.
<b>Greater Richmond Transit Company</b>	GRTC Richmond bus stop improvements	In planning stages.
<b>Hampton Roads Transit</b>	EF05 Newport News Transit Center Interior Renovations	Not yet started.
<b>Hampton Roads Transit</b>	EF06 Hampton Transit Center Interior Renovations	Not yet started.

<b>Hampton Roads Transit</b>	EF36 Orcutt Transfer Center	Not yet started.
<b>Hampton Roads Transit</b>	LR04 Light Rail Station Upgrades	Not yet started.
<b>Hampton Roads Transit</b>	LR52 Passenger Facility and Grade Crossing Lighting	Not yet started.
<b>Hampton Roads Transit</b>	LR59 Military Park and Ride Pedestrian Access	Not yet started.
<b>Arlington Transit</b>	ART Bus Stop Improvements	In planning stages.
<b>Fairfax Connector</b>	Fairfax County Bus Shelter Program	Under construction.
<b>Fairfax Connector</b>	Replacement Bus Shelters	Under procurement by transit agency.
<b>OmniRide (PRTC)</b>	Falmouth Commuter Lot Shelter Improvements	Not yet started.
<b>OmniRide (PRTC)</b>	Bus Shelter Program	Under procurement by transit agency.
<b>Blacksburg Transit</b>	Engineering and Design - Transit Bus Stops in Christiansburg	Not yet started.
<b>Virginia Regional Transit</b>	VRT FY25 Capital - Bus Stop Shelters (10)	Under procurement by transit agency.
<b>Williamsburg Area Transit Authority</b>	WATA Transfer Facility - Old Mooretown Rd	Not yet started.

## Conclusion

TRIP creates a positive impact on the Commonwealth by improving geographic, demographic, and economic accessibility to transit and empowering localities and operators to develop programs that accommodate the nuances and niches specific to the communities they serve.



## Appendix 1: New FY 2025 TRIP Projects

Organization*	Project Name	TRIP Funding Awarded
<b>TRIP Regional Connectivity Projects</b>		
<b>Fairfax Connector</b>	SmartTrip Program Updates	\$1,710,932
<b>OmniRide</b>	Mobile Ticketing Validators	\$2,298,956
<b>BRITE</b>	Afton Express Commuter Bus Service	\$51,871
<b>DRPT</b>	Virginia Breeze	\$400,000
<b>TRIP Passenger Amenities Projects</b>		
<b>Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FXBGO!)</b>	Transit Shelters and Benches	\$28,800
<b>Hampton Roads Transit (HRT)</b>	EF05 Newport News Transit Center Interior Renovations	\$761,852
<b>Hampton Roads Transit (HRT)</b>	EF06 Hampton Transit Center Interior Renovations	\$603,466
<b>Hampton Roads Transit (HRT)</b>	EF36 Orcutt Transfer Center	\$350,200
<b>Hampton Roads Transit (HRT)</b>	LR04 Light Rail Station Upgrades	\$80,365
<b>Hampton Roads Transit (HRT)</b>	LR52 Passenger Facility and Grade Crossing Lighting Improvement	\$105,060
<b>Hampton Roads Transit (HRT)</b>	LR59 Military Park and Ride Pedestrian Access	\$105,060
<b>Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (WATA)</b>	WATA Transfer Facility - Old Mooretown Rd	\$5,771,641
<b>Danville Transit System</b>	Danville Transit - New Bus Shelters (4)	\$267,715
<b>Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC)</b>	Shelter Replacements (3)	\$42,840

<b>Virginia Regional Transit (VRT)</b>	VRT FY25 Capital - Bus Stop Shelters (10)	\$76,800
<b>DASH</b>	City of Alexandria Bus Stop Enhancements	\$340,000
<b>Arlington Transit (ART)</b>	ADA Bus Stop Improvements	\$629,680
<b>Arlington Transit (ART)</b>	ART Bus Stop Improvements	\$426,360
<b>Fairfax Connector</b>	Fairfax County Bus Shelter Program	\$1,543,600
<b>Fairfax Connector</b>	Replacement Bus Shelters	\$136,000
<b>OmniRide</b>	Bus Shelter Program	\$612,000
<b>OmniRide</b>	Falmouth Commuter Lot Shelter Improvements	\$48,432
<b>Chesterfield County</b>	Route 1A Extension Bus Stop Amenities - Phase 2	\$170,985
<b>Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC)</b>	BRT Bus Tracker Signs	\$1,060,800
<b>Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC)</b>	Bus Stop Amenities - Replacement	\$204,000
<b>Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC)</b>	Bus Stop Amenities - Shelters, Seating, Trash Cans, Landing Pads	\$1,963,859
<b>Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC)</b>	Bus Stop Solar Lights	\$35,360
<b>Blacksburg Transit (BT)</b>	Engineering and Design Planning - Transit Bus Stops in the Town of Christiansburg	\$72,000
<b>Harrisonburg Dept. of Public Transportation (HDPT)</b>	Bus Shelters and Fixtures	\$16,800

TRIP Public Safety Projects		
Hampton Roads Transit (HRT)	SS15 Enterprise Video Surveillance System Upgrade	\$303,974
Hampton Roads Transit (HRT)	SS27 Intrusion Detection Systems	\$70,040
JAUNT	Bus Fleet Interior/Exterior Camera Upgrade	\$224,354
Virginia Regional Transit (VRT)	Upgrade Camera System to Live View Access	\$76,800
Petersburg Area Transit (PAT)	Metal Detection Units	\$168,133
Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC)	Access Security Gates	\$170,000
Blacksburg Transit (BT)	Blacksburg Transit Facility Maintenance Program: Bus Lot Security Fencing	\$288,000
Harrisonburg Dept. of Public Transportation (HDPT)	Security Camera Upgrade for Facility	\$3,007

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