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Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation Releases Draft Capital Allocation Using a Tiered Approach Report

RICHMOND—Today the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) released the Draft Capital Allocation Using a Tiered Approach Report for public review and comment. The report is a result of a partnership between the Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee (TSDAC) and DRPT in the development of a legislative mandated capital assistance allocation methodology that will distribute state capital assistance to the public transportation operators in the Commonwealth based on a tiered approach.

"Allocating state capital assistance in a manner that aligns with the Commonwealth's number one goal of maintaining assets in a state of good repair as the highest priority is paramount to maintaining efficient and effective transit service operations," said Governor McDonnell. "Allocating state capital assistance using a tiered approach brings us one step closer to achieving this goal."

"Today is a milestone in establishing a new business model for allocating state capital assistance. This approach strives to allocate state resources to maintain transit assets in a state of good repair, and to provide a consistent state share of capital assistance to our transit operators," said DRPT Director Thelma Drake.

The Draft Capital Allocation Using a Tiered Approach Report is posted online for a 45-day public review and comment period and can be viewed here. The public may also provide written comments to the TSDAC and DRPT via the address below. Comments received before 45 days will be summarized in the Plan. Please direct comments to the Department's public information office at drptpr@drpt.virginia.gov or at the address below.

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Attention: Public Information Office - Draft Capital Allocation Using a Tiered Approach Report

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