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DRPT announces new hires, organizational changes at agency

RICHMOND— Cheryl Openshaw has joined the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) as the new Deputy Director. She will be based in the Richmond office of DRPT. Ms. Openshaw comes with over 30 years of experience within the transportation industry, including 17 years with private highway construction contractors, nine years with Hampton Roads Transit and three years with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in Washington, D.C. She has planned, developed and implemented a wide variety of projects including several technology projects and a new LEED-certified bus maintenance and administration facility in Norfolk, Virginia. During her tenure at FTA, she served as Acting Director for the Office of Oversight and Program Guidance and spearheaded a strategic, top-to-bottom review of how FTA conducts oversight.

Kevin Page has been named the Chief of Infrastructure Initiatives and Strategic Partnerships for DRPT. In this capacity, he serves as DRPT's chief advisor on major DRPT infrastructure initiatives and strategic initiatives and partnerships. Mr. Page has over 28 years of experience within the transportation industry, including 21 years with DRPT, seven years as the Transit Manager of Petersburg, Virginia's transit and school bus operations, and two years with the Greater Richmond Transit Company. He has managed numerous projects including large scale public-private and multistate partnerships such as the Dulles Rail Project, Maersk APM Terminal rail access, and the Norfolk Southern Crescent Corridor initiative. In addition, Mr. Page was instrumental in the planning and development of regional Amtrak passenger train service and the expansion of the Virginia Railway Express to serve new markets.

Todd Horsley has joined DRPT in the new role of Director of Northern Virginia Transit Programs. Based in DRPT's Northern Virginia office, he is the lead DRPT staff representative to transit grantees in Northern Virginia, including WMATA, Arlington County, Fairfax County, City of Alexandria, Loudoun County, NVTC and PRTC. Mr. Horsley also provides leadership on issues related to WMATA and coordinates with NVTC and local jurisdictions on the development of the next capital funding agreement. He is also DRPT's main point of contact on

major projects in Northern Virginia, including the I-66 Multimodal project. Mr. Horsley comes to DRPT with over 20 years of experience in transit and planning. Most recently he served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Roaring Fork Transit Agency in Aspen, Colorado, which is the second largest public transportation system in the state; he also assisted with the successful implementation of the first rural Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system in the nation.

About DRPT

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's mission is to improve the mobility of people and goods while expanding transportation choices in the Commonwealth through rail, public transportation and commuter services.

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