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## Public Input Sought to Shape a Coordinated Future Vision for Expansion and Enhancements to Public Transit Throughout the Greater Richmond Region

**Richmond, VA** – The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), in cooperation with the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO), wishes to hear from residents on transit needs and opportunities throughout the region, including the level of interest in expanding public transit services. This outreach is part of a new study, the Richmond Regional Transit Vision Plan, established to identify key issues and challenges facing the long range vision for public transportation in the region. This Vision Study will illustrate public transportation contributions toward the vitality of the region's economy, particularly connecting people to jobs, and revitalizing neighborhoods.

A series of three upcoming public meetings has been scheduled to gather this valuable feedback and insight.

Progress toward implementation of The Pulse Bus Rapid Transit system, and transit planning by individual jurisdictions, as well as GRTC, has created region-wide transit enthusiasm and raised questions about what is next and what is the long-term vision for high-quality transit in the greater Richmond area. Interest in additional connections and expansions have been expressed at the community level, and it is essential to identify how future transit initiatives fit within regional and local plans.

The public is invited to attend any of three public meetings. The meetings will offer citizens an opportunity to learn details of the project, review information from previous studies, have discussions with the project team, and provide feedback.

<b>Main Street Station</b>	New Bridge Baptist Church	<b>CCWA-Chester Campus</b>
Wednesday, November 4,	Thursday, November 5, 2015	Monday, November 9, 2015
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6:00pm-8:00pm	6:00pm-8:00pm	6:00pm-8:00pm
1500 E. Main Street,	5807 9 Mile Road,	Nicholas Center, Room
Richmond, VA 23219	Richmond, VA 23223	N102B (John Tyler CC)
		13101 Jefferson Davis
		Highway,
		Chester, VA 23831

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