

# Department of Rail and Public Transportation

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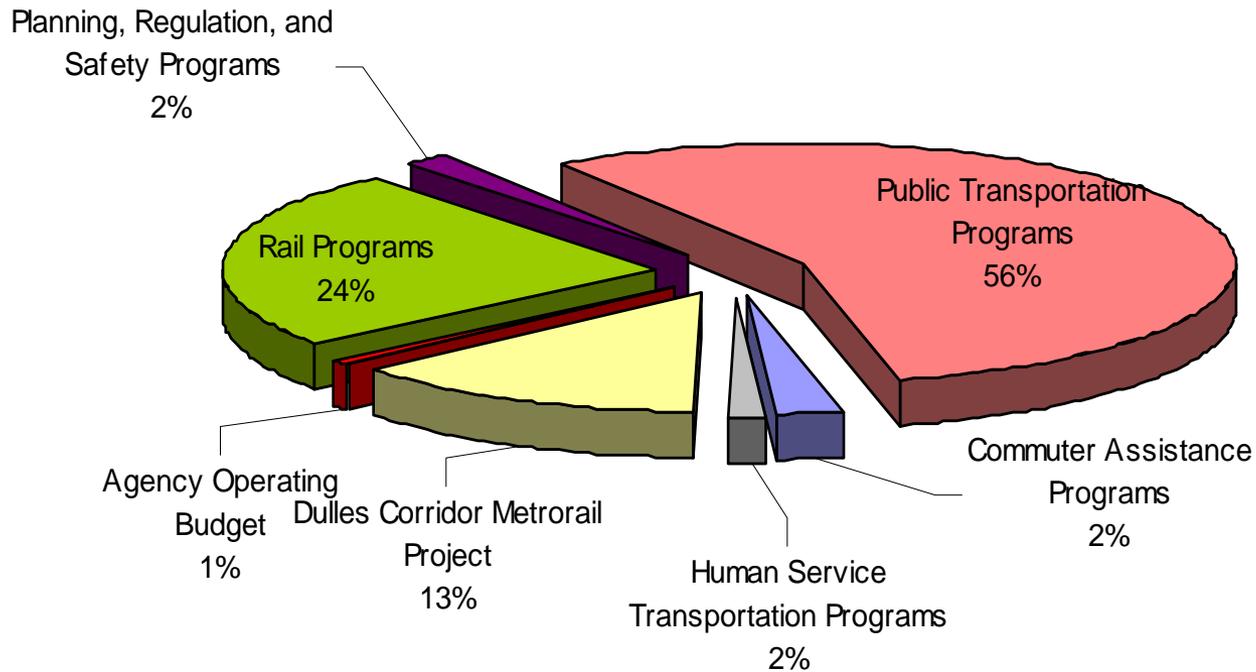
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# DRPT Budget

- ❑ Annual budget of approximately \$450 million that supports a FY 2010 program of more than \$1.1 billion. DRPT implements the program through 280 public and private partners that directly account for approximately 20,000 jobs in Virginia.
  
- ❑ Combined Project Management and Administrative Budget
  - 2.1% of total agency budget
  - 10% reduction for FY10
  
- ❑ HMO funded - \$4.3 million
  - Primary expenses are payroll, rent and IT costs
  
- ❑ Item 448 – 2010 Budget Bill - \$3.7 million
  - Project development, project administration and project compliance
  - 2.3% of Mass Transit Trust Fund, Rail Enhancement and Rail Preservation

# DRPT

## Budgeted Expenditures - \$444.6 Million Revised FY 2010



# Current Budget Bill

## ❑ Changes from FY10

- Adjustments for new revenue estimates
- Language clean-up

## ❑ Issues

- Item 447.E. – state match for transit capital could be significantly reduced
- Item 448.C - new passenger rail service will be very difficult to establish

# Current Budget Bill

- ❑ Item 447.E – directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), with assistance from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, to develop criteria for new or expanded transit service funded in whole or in part from transit capital bonds.
- ❑ CTB may award up to two grants annually. The amounts shall be up to one half of the amount of bond funds available.
- ❑ Premise of proposal was to initiate a transit enhancement fund similar to the existing rail enhancement fund.
- ❑ Using existing transit capital bonds would severely lower the statewide capital match for capital projects and is inconsistent with the CTB's policy to maintain existing assets as a top priority.

# Current Budget Bill

- ❑ Item 448.C – passenger rail service funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Fund shall not be provided to a local government unless the area immediately adjacent to the train station is designated by the local government as an urban development area (UDA).
- ❑ 2007 Chapter 896, among other provisions, required certain localities to designate urban development areas in their comprehensive plans by July 1, 2011.
- ❑ 2009 Chapter 469, UDA implementation deadline for cities and towns moved to July 1, 2012.
  - Impacted localities (59 counties, 12 cities)
    - Population of at least 20,000 and population growth of 5% or higher (between census years)
    - Population growth of 15% or higher (between census years)
    - Optional for other localities

# Urban Development Areas

## □ Requirements

- Proximity to:
  - Transportation facilities
  - Public water/sewer
  - City, town, or other development
- Development density
  - At least 4 residential units per gross acre
  - Minimum floor area ratio of 0.4 (building area per gross acre of land)
- Size
  - Must be sized to meet 10 to 20 years of locality's projected residential and commercial growth

# Urban Development Areas

## □ Areas of concentrated development provide several public policy benefits

- Reduced sprawl
  - Footprint per resident is lower
  - Preserves agricultural resources
- Increased density of populations and destinations
  - Generally reduces vehicle trip lengths
  - Encourages use of other transportation choices
    - Pedestrian
    - Carpool/Vanpool
    - Transit
  - Provides for more efficient provision of transit services
    - Stops closer to origins and destinations

# Urban Development Areas

- UDA Grant Program under Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment provides on-call consultant service to assist localities in designating Urban Development Areas
  - Funding
    - FY2010 - \$3,000,000 state funds from Secretary's Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment
  - Consultant selection
    - Four consultant firms selected Fall 2009
    - Consultant contract period is January 2010 to June 2011
  - Locality applications
    - Applications accepted from October 15, 2009 through November 16, 2009
    - 26 localities applied on time
    - \$2,325,000 approved for the applying localities

# Urban Development Areas

## □ SB30 includes:

- Item 451 (VDOT) – Provides funding from Secretary's Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment to provide assistance with:
  - Analysis of land development scenarios for long range transportation plans
  - Plans for transit oriented development and expansion of transit
  - Revision of comprehensive plans and ordinances for designating UDAs

# Current Budget Bill

- ❑ Item 448.C – applies to passenger rail service in any locality despite UDA requirements only impacting some localities.
- ❑ Would impact continuation of passenger rail trains in the Route 29 and Interstate 95 corridors if local governments do not designate areas around train stations as UDAs.
- ❑ Rural localities with Amtrak stations may not meet thresholds for UDA requirements. A more detailed consideration regarding the implementation of UDAs around Amtrak stations is needed.



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