

# **Uniformed Regulatory Plan for the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation**

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## **State Fiscal Year 2023**

October 3, 2022

## Agency Summary

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation is subject to the policy oversight of the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The department is empowered to do all the acts necessary or convenient for establishing, maintaining, improving, and promoting public transportation, transportation demand management, ridesharing, and passenger and freight rail transportation in the Commonwealth and to procure architectural and engineering services for rail and public transportation projects. Code of Virginia, Title [33.2-283](#).

In addition to its general powers and enumerated statutory responsibilities, the department administers a number of state and federal funding programs to assist public transportation agencies and railroads in the operation, improvement or expansion of their services.

The department operates under the supervision of the Secretary of Transportation.

## Regulatory Actions

DRPT will not propose any changes to its lone regulation; however, it will make changes to its guidance documents.

## Guidance Documents

<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Transit and Commuter Assistance Grant Application Manual	
<b>Brief Overview</b> This document outlines the process and guidelines that transit and commuter assistance agencies must follow to receive funding that is allocated pursuant to Virginia Code Section 33.2-1526.1. Changes to this document reflect action taken this year by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). The CTB is required to conduct a review of the funding allocation process every third year.	
<b>Regulatory Stage (check one box)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Final Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track Rule
<b>Additional Description</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Rule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
<b>Legal Authority</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	N/A
<b>Expected Date</b>	10/24/2022

<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Transit Development Plan Guidelines	
<b>Brief Overview</b> Transit agencies receiving state funding that do not serve an urbanized area with a population greater than 50,000 and that do not have a bus fleet of at least 20 buses are required to complete a transit development plan every six years. This guidance document outlines what each agency should have in their development plan, and DRPT made changes to the guidance document this year.	
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<b>Deregulatory Component</b>	
<b>Expected Date</b>	8/29/2022-9/28/2022 (No public comment received)

<b>Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document</b> Strategic Plan Guidelines	
<b>Brief Overview</b> Virginia Code Section 33.2-286 requires all transit agencies serving an urbanized area with a population greater than 50,000 and a bus fleet greater than 20 must complete a strategic plan to be eligible for state funds. This document outlines what is required for these plans, and the Commonwealth Transportation Board has made changes to those requirements.	
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**Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document**

Grant Application Guidance and Grant Management Procedures for Federal Transit Administration  
Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Programs

**Brief Overview**

DRPT awards Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funding for the enhanced mobility of seniors (ages 65 and older) and individuals with disabilities. These awards fund capital projects to replace or expand vehicle fleets, mobility management projects to coordinate transportation, operating projects to provide transportation, and other capital projects to support programs serving the eligible populations. This guidance document outlines the process that agencies must follow to receive funding, and DRPT is making an annual adjustments to the process based on feedback received from the agencies.

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