

Unified Regulatory Plan for the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for State Fiscal Year 2026

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.

Guidance Document Action

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available) 2741		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document Consolidating three guidance documents- FREIGHT (Commonwealth Rail Funds) Program Guidelines and Procedures (7065), Rail Preservation Program Guidance and Procedures (7087), and Rail Industrial Access Guidelines and Procedures (7088) into one guidance document.		
Brief Overview DRPT is proposing to take three guidance documents that are in total are 77 pages and reducing it to one document that totals 21 pages.		
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	☐ NOIRA ☐ Proposed ☐ Final	☐ Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA ☐ Revised Proposed ☐ Fast-Track
Additional Description	☐ Expedited Review Requested ☐ Exempt Action	☒ Guidance Document
Legal Authority	☐ Action required by federal statute ☐ Action required by state statute	☒ Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	N/A	
Expected Date	June-July 2025	

