

Commonwealth of Virginia Transit Development Plan (TDP) Requirements 2017 Update

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Original TDP Requirement

- DRPT adopted TDP requirement in 2008
- Any transit agency receiving state aid required to complete a six year TDP
 - Between FY09 and FY16, 40 TDPs were completed.
 - All urban and rural transit agencies have completed a TDP; the first round of full updates began in FY15.
 - Three transit agencies that did not exist in FY09 completed their first TDPs in FY14 and 15.
 - DRPT issued updated TDP requirements in 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2017.

Northern Virginia TDPs

- Arlington County (ART) – Original TDP FY11-16, update FY17-26 completed July 2016
- City of Alexandria (DASH, DOT, WMATA) – Original TDP FY15-22 completed November 2015
- City of Fairfax (CUE) – Original TDP FY11-16 completed October 2010, update underway and expected 2017
- Fairfax County (Connector) – Original ten year TDP completed December 2009, FY16-22 update completed March 2016

Northern Virginia TDPs continued

- Loudoun County – Original FY12-17 TDP completed June 2011, FY17-22 update completed June 2016
- PRTC – Original FY12-17 TDP completed June 2011, full update expected FY18
- VRE – Original FY13-18 TDP completed December 2011, full update due FY18

Current TDPs:

<http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/transit/major-transit-initiatives/major-transit-planning/transit-development-plans/>

TDP Purpose

1. To serve as a planning, management, and policy document for the transit operators
2. To inform DRPT of transit operators' capital, operating and maintenance needs
3. To provide the basis for inclusion of an operator's capital and operating programs in planning and programming documents
 - E.g. SYIP, STIP, TIP and CLRP
4. To provide a clear understanding of unmet or unfunded needs
5. To develop and track the progress of mid- and long-term visions for transit in the region
6. Plan to continually improve efficiency and effectiveness of public transportation services
7. To be better prepared to respond to internal and external factors

TDP Outline

Chapter 1: Overview of the Transit System

- History
- Governance
- Organizational structure
- Transit security program
- Data collection and ridership and revenue reporting methodology
- Coordination with other transportation service providers
- Public outreach
- Fare structure
- Existing fleet and facilities
- Transit services provided and areas served
- ITS programs

Chapter 2: Goals, Objectives and Service Design Standards

Chapter 3: Service and System Evaluation

Chapter 4: Service and Capital Improvement Plan

- Service improvements and needs identification
- Service and needs prioritization
- Service development

Chapter 5: Implementation Plan

- Rolling stock utilization
- Major system maintenance and operation facilities
- Passenger amenities

Chapter 6: Financial Plan

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1. Focus on minimum requirements applicable to small and large agencies
 - Can add scope items unique to individual agency needs
2. Update eliminates duplicate requests from DRPT and requirements that are now being served by Transit Asset Management (TAM) plans
 - E.g. provide information in OLGA for grant cycle or for (STIP) updates
3. Have a better understanding of unmet and/or unfunded needs
 - E.g. unconstrained element beyond six year
4. Ten year horizon allows transit agencies to use TDP to prepare for discretionary funding opportunities
 - E.g. SMART SCALE
5. Rolling horizon makes TDPs more useful for transit operators and planning agencies than document that sits until next update
6. Update establishes stronger linkages between TDPs and Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs), Constrained Long-Range Plans (CLRPs), etc.

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Key changes summarized

Item	Existing Requirement	Updated Requirement
Planning Horizon	6 years (fixed)	10 years (rolling basis)
Annual Update	A letter	Update to the original document (referred to as a minor update)
Approval of Annual Update/Document	No requirement	Approval by Accountable Executive
Fleet Inventory	Required	Not required, if Transit Asset Management Plan is in place
Consistency between TIP and TDP	No requirement	Desired

How the updated requirements affect transit agencies

- If in the middle of a TDP major update – contact DRPT or we'll contact you
 - DRPT goal is to have all TDPs meet the new requirements as soon as they can
- If not started a TDP major update - let DRPT know
 - We will try to work with you to ensure that we meet our shared goals
- If/when starting a TDP major update - use the new requirements
 - Attach TDP requirements to scope of work

Questions

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Updated TDP Requirements:

<http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/media/2011/drpt-tdp-requirements-feb2017.pdf>

