FAMPO ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

May 2026

FAMPO
Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

New Member

PRTC has nominated their CFO Mr. Phil Parella, as the alternate on the FAMPO Policy Committee

Welcome to Phil!

State Rail Plan

2026 Virginia Statewide Rail Plan (VSRP).

The June 1 at 6:30 p.m. virtual public meeting will provide an overview of the rail planning process, share initial findings from early data collection efforts, and offer participants an opportunity to provide feedback on rail preferences, strategies, and travel habits.

- Catalogs current rail service and infrastructure, including ridership and freight tonnage
- Quantifies the impacts of rail and state investments
- Outlines proposed projects for both short-term (6-year) and long-term (20-year) investment horizons

Register here to attend the meeting

More info on the website:
Virginia Statewide Rail Plan - DRPT

Train Automation

Will allow the DC Red line to handle up to 36 trains per hour.

May is Bike Month!

This year, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is launching its first Bike Month Challenge. The statewide competition invites communities across the Commonwealth to vie for the title of **Virginia's most bike-friendly community.** The challenge will run throughout May, with a winning city announced on June 1.

The Bike Month Challenge is driven by a friendly rivalry among mayors, encouraging residents to log their bike trips using the ConnectingVA app. Every logged ride contributes to a city's total, with standings updated each Friday throughout May.

OCTOBER Bike Tour

TOUR DE VRE

This year marks the 6th Annual Tour de VRE. This year's ride will cover VRE's Manassas Line with a ride from Backlick Road Station in Fairfax County to Broad Run Station in Prince William County. Along the way we will visit the communities VRE serves, including Springfield, Burke, Clifton, Manassas Park, and Manassas.
Even if you couldn't join the ride, you can still support our cause by donating! (Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Foundation).

We ride to…
Raise awareness and funding for the Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Foundation, build community and have fun!
We hope you will join us!

T.O.D.

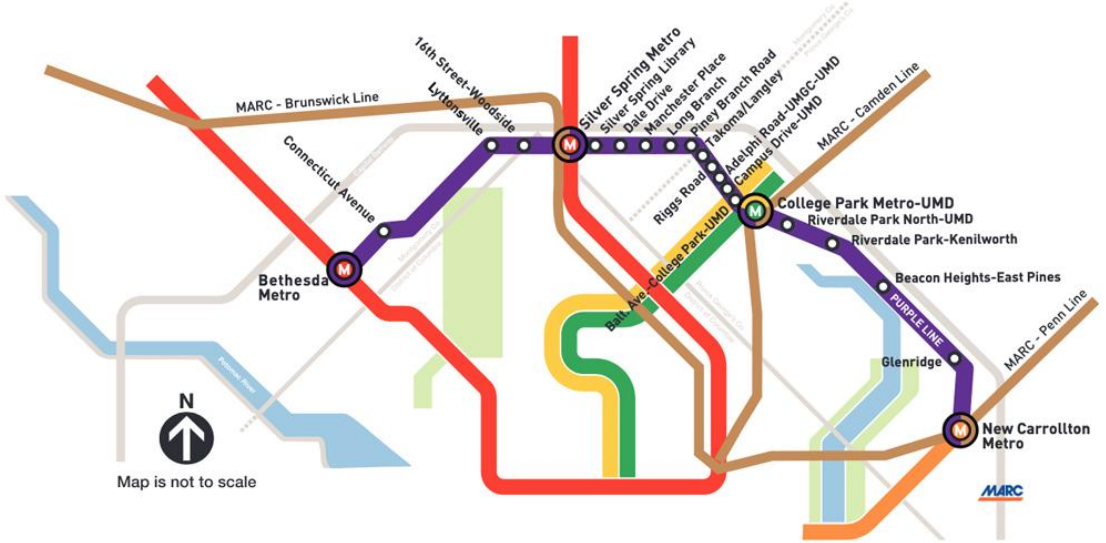
FY 2026 **Competitive Funding Opportunity** (Federal DOT): Pilot Program for **Transit-Oriented Development Planning**

The Pilot Program for TOD Planning helps support FTA's mission of improving America's communities through public transportation by providing funding to local communities to integrate land use and transportation planning with a new fixed guideway or core capacity transit capital investment. (Learn more about transit-oriented development (TOD).) Comprehensive planning funded through the program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, engage the private sector, identify infrastructure needs, and enable mixed-use development near transit stations.

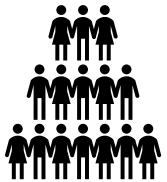
Applications are due by 07/10/2026.

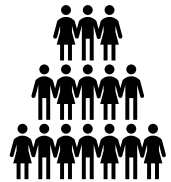
Regional Population

Last rail laid for Maryland DOT's upcoming Purple Line

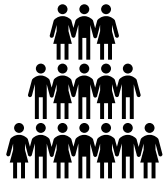


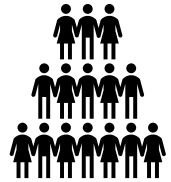
Travel Demand Model





- The Long Range Transportation Plan 2055 is a once in 5-year opportunity to plan which projects to include in our regional planning
- To do this, we update the Travel Demand Model for a new time period – 2055
- To do this we need to estimate population and jobs numbers out to 2055
- We then run the model to predict how our list of projects will impact congestion on our roads out to 2055
- Today John will run through the draft population and jobs numbers for you to adopt tonight.





Way Ahead

- Smart Scale Final Deadline for Submission – August 3rd.
- Build Grant Awards: Selections will be announced no later than June 28, 2026, per statute.
- Mark up of the new Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill is not yet available. Expected in late may/early June – targeting somewhere in the $600 Billion, which is approximately half of the IIJA at $1.2 Billion. Current Act expires September 30. (According to Politico)
- The LRTP progress update is on the agenda today – various deadlines