

**AGENDA ITEM #6: VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION: MAJOR PASSENGER RAIL INITIATIVES**

SUBJECT:

As the state agency responsible for supporting passenger rail activities in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is involved in several major passenger rail initiatives that impact the Hampton Roads region.

BACKGROUND:

In October 2010, the Commonwealth of Virginia received \$44.3 million in federal high-speed rail funds to complete the Tier II Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the portion of the Southeast High-Speed Rail Corridor between Richmond and Washington, D.C.

Ms. Amy Inman, DRPT Planning and Mobility Programs Administrator, will brief the Passenger Rail Task Force on the Virginia Rail Development Program, including a brief overview of the Richmond Area to Potomac Segment (RAPS) and how DRPT expects to advance higher speed rail in the Commonwealth.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and informational purposes.