

**AGENDA ITEM #5: 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:

DRPT is working to increase access to passenger rail transportation to Virginia's major population centers. Major passenger rail initiatives affecting Hampton Roads are currently underway at DRPT. Current initiatives include:

- Amtrak Virginia
- Newport News/Peninsula Service
- Norfolk Service Expansion
- Roanoke Service Expansion
- Southeast High Speed Rail: Tier II Richmond Area to Potomac River Segment and Raleigh Segment

Ms. Emily Stock, DRPT Manager of Rail Planning, will brief the Passenger Rail Task Force on the Commonwealth's efforts affecting Hampton Roads.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and informational purposes.