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Historical Information

The Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) was initially a section of the Virginia Dept. of Transportation. In 1992, the DRPT was established as a separate agency responsible for rail and public transportation services. The Department reports to the Secretary of Transportation, but also continues to work closely with the Dept. of Transportation. The DRPT focuses on the movement of people and goods throughout the Commonwealth by concentrating on railroads, public transportation and commuter services. The mission of the DRPT is to improve the mobility of people and goods while expanding transportation choices in Virginia.

The Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation supports passenger and freight rail initiatives through advocacy, funding, providing advice, and conducting research. To safeguard Virginia's interests in the national rail network, the Department also represents the Commonwealth's interests regarding national rail issues. The Department also partners with, advises, supports and funds public transportation programs statewide, such as bus systems and commuter service organizations.

Scope and Content

Contains correspondence and subject files from the Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation that document the planning, direction, and implementation of agency programs and are evidence of actions and policy decisions.

Accession 44251 includes subject files that are mostly related to the Dulles Toll Road project, and the correspondence is almost entirely consituent. The correspondence comes from both the agency head, Matthew Tucker and the Secretary of Transportation, Pierce Homer. Earlier correspondence from agency head Karen Rae is also available.

Accession 51734 includes Director Thelma Drake's subject files and constituent correspondence, 2006-2013, as well as some files from previous Director Matthew Tucker.

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