



Agenda
January 22, 2026
6:00 p.m.— Pulaski County Innovation Center, Fairlawn, VA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes for November
- B. [Approval of Treasurer's Report for November](#) and December

III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

- A. Projects Signed-off by the staff
 - 1. NRVCS Vehicle Purchase
- B. Regular Project Review
 - 1. [New River Valley Airport \(PSK\) Pulaski County, VA-Scoping Comments](#)

IV. PUBLIC ADDRESS

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

VI. [EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT](#)

VII. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

[A. AM2 Tech Hub Program Update](#)

Emma Carroll, Regional Innovation Officer
Sarah Lyon-Hill, Director for Research Development
Virginia Tech Center for Economic and Community Engagement
Commission Discussion

[B. Ride Solutions Program Overview and Operating Grant Resolution](#)

Christy Straight, Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Resources
Commission Action

C. Next Meeting: February 26th 6:00pm

All meeting materials posted on the Commission website www.nrvrc.org

The New River Valley Regional Commission provides area wide planning for the physical, social, and economic elements of the district; encourages and assists local governments in planning for their future; provides a means of coordinating federal, state, and local efforts to resolve area problems; provides a forum for review of mutual concerns; and implements services upon request of member local governments.



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N R V R C . O R G

MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Jessica Barrett, Finance Director
Date: December 17, 2025
Re: November 2025 Financial Statements

The November 2025 Agencywide Revenue and Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet are enclosed for your review. Financial reports are reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to inclusion in the meeting packet.

The Agencywide Revenue and Expense report compares actual year to date receipts and expenses to the FY25-26 budget adopted by the Commission at the June 26, 2025 meeting. The financial operations of the agency are somewhat fluid and projects, added and modified throughout the year, along with the high volume of Workforce program activities, impact the adopted budget. To provide clarity, Commission and Workforce Development Board activities are separated on the agencywide report.

As of month-end November 2025 (42% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 47% and expenses are 47% of adopted budget. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 41% and 46%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$583,063. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$197,224 (34%) and current. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$317,956) represent in process projects that have not been invoiced and posted to receivables.

Counties

Floyd | Giles
Montgomery | Pulaski

City

Radford

Towns

Blacksburg | Christiansburg | Dublin
Floyd | Narrows | Pearisburg
Pembroke | Pulaski | Rich Creek

Higher Education

Virginia Tech | Radford University
New River Community College

New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
11/30/2025

<u>Assets:</u>	Prior Month	Current Month
Operating Account	273,643	294,315
First Bank & Trust -Montgomery/Bland Broadband	1,462,136	1,465,333
First Bank & Trust - Pulaski County Broadband	1,684,914	1,688,597
First Bank & Trust - Office Building Financing	1,118,972	1,121,899
First Bank & Trust - Regional Housing Fund	463,819	517,499
First Bank & Trust - Money Market	317,230	318,060
US Bank - Bond Proceeds	13,948	13,948
Accounts Receivable	757,562	583,063
Utility Deposits	3,307	3,307
Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	28,256	27,669
Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	80,959	81,641
Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
Office Building	2,013,762	2,013,762
Total Assets:	8,250,873	8,161,457
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable	68,263	98,587
Accrued Annual Leave	127,961	127,961
Accrued Unemployment	36,920	36,984
Expense Reimbursement	4,601	1,535
Funds Held for Others	8,000	8,000
Funds on Hand - Montgomery County Broadband	876,627	876,627
Funds on Hand - Pulaski County Broadband	1,647,986	1,647,986
Funds on Hand - VMRI Craig-Botetourt	542,750	542,750
Funds on Hand - Regional Housing Fund	463,819	488,349
Loan Payable	1,885,000	1,885,000
Bond Premium	158,815	158,815
Total Liabilities:	5,820,741	5,872,593
<u>Projects:</u>		
(Equity Accounts) Net Projects	(168,689)	(317,956)
Current Year Unrestricted	223,304	239,037
Office Building Project	1,369,444	1,355,324
Unrestricted Net Assets	905,336	905,336
Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	108,839	108,839
Total Projects (Equity)	2,438,234	2,290,580
Total Liabilities and Projects	8,258,975	8,163,173
Net Difference to be Reconciled	(8,103)	(1,716)
Total Adjustments to Post*	8,103	1,716
Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment)	0	0

*YTD adjustment to Accrued Leave. Final adjustment posted to general ledger at fiscal year end closeout.

**New River Valley Regional Commission
Revenue and Expenditures - November 2025**

FY25-26 Budget		(42% of FY)			
		November 2025	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues					
	Budget				
ARC Annual Admin Grant	92,660	0	28,448	64,212	30.70%
ARC POWER Water Trail Implementation	35,000	0	0	35,000	0.00%
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	40,500	0	30,056	10,444	0.00%
ARC Broadband Bland	455,389	0	0	455,389	0.00%
ARC Helene Recovery	42,500	0	15,343	27,157	0.00%
ARC Inspire Ecosystem Recovery	50,000	0	0	50,000	0.00%
Local Assessment	244,023	0	244,023	0	100.00%
Office Project Member Contributions	153,159	0	133,706	19,454	0.00%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	114,971	57,485	57,485	57,486	50.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	11,354,803	0	5,528,313	5,826,490	48.69%
DHCD VATI 2022 VMRI Mont Co.	0	0	289,241	(289,241)	0.00%
DHCD Regional Digital Opportunity	52,500	0	15,882	36,618	0.00%
DHCD Giles Co Disaster Recovery	60,000	0	0	60,000	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	80,340	0	23,406	56,934	29.13%
EDA	70,000	0	17,500	52,500	25.00%
EDA Tech Hub	159,195	0	80,022	79,173	50.27%
EDA Helene NRV Recovery Team	5,000	0	0	5,000	0.00%
Go Virginia Scale Up	85,497	0	0	85,497	0.00%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	0	18,750	56,250	25.00%
Workforce WORC Fiscal agent	11,250	0	11,250	0	100.00%
Workforce Trades Gap Fiscal Agent	10,000	0	10,000	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Build Your Career Fiscal Agent	45,000	0	0	45,000	0.00%
VDOT	27,600	0	12,665	14,935	45.89%
Floyd County	51,541	0	7,597	43,944	14.74%
Floyd Town	80,000	0	708	79,292	0.88%
Giles County	19,250	0	1,711	17,539	8.89%
Giles County Broadband	35,000	4,188	7,626	27,374	21.79%
Narrows Town	15,000	0	3,775	11,225	25.17%
Pearisburg Town	12,550	0	0	12,550	0.00%
Rich Creek Town	4,500	0	2,012	2,488	44.71%
Montgomery County VATI 2022	663,225	0	967,325	(304,100)	145.85%
Montgomery County Opiod Abatement	720,000	52,887	266,579	453,421	37.02%
Blacksburg Town	18,000	1,500	7,500	10,500	41.67%
Christiansburg Town	18,597	0	3,640	14,957	19.57%
Pulaski County VATI	481,973	0	0	481,973	0.00%
Pulaski Town	32,500	0	0	32,500	0.00%
Dublin Town	40,000	0	12,359	27,641	30.90%
Wytheville Town	10,000	0	1,732	8,268	17.32%
MM Interest	5,000	830	4,805	195	96.09%
Interest Income	65,000	9,808	69,361	(4,361)	106.71%
Misc. Income Meeting Registration	0	0	6,102	(6,102)	0.00%
Virginia's First	16,080	1,300	6,500	9,580	40.42%
NRV MPO	154,819	0	33,559	121,260	21.68%
Dept of Environmental Quality	78,006	0	18,541	59,465	23.77%
VHDA	999,306	0	7,319	991,987	0.73%
Citizens ARC Fiber Deployment	22,500	0	4,511	17,989	0.00%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	7,000	0	1,800	5,200	25.71%
Virginia Recycling Association	15,000	0	5,200	9,800	34.67%
GigaBeam Networks, LLC	60,000	5,000	25,000	35,000	41.67%
APB Partners Pulaski, LLC	30,000	2,500	12,500	17,500	0.00%
VAPDC	5,000	0	5,000	0	0.00%
Pemtel	45,000	0	0	45,000	0.00%
Regional Housing Trust Fund	38,000	0	16,595	21,405	0.00%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	76,500	0	19,125	57,375	25.00%
New River Conservancy	30,000	0	2,141	27,859	7.14%
Revolving Loan - Interest	1,400	94	490	910	35.03%
Direct Charge Reimbursement	0	0	289.92	(289.92)	0.00%
	17,115,135	135,591	8,037,494	9,077,642	46.96%
Expenses					
Salaries	1,601,612	143,660	663,027	938,585	41.40%
Fringe Benefits	468,239	46,314	216,929	251,310	46.33%
Travel	63,505	1,506	7,642	55,863	12.03%
Office Space	109,000	5,875	28,784	80,216	26.41%
Utilities	0	1,361	8,012	(8,012)	0.00%
Communications	21,350	1,612	11,019	10,331	51.61%
Office Supplies	66,931	949	22,179	44,752	33.14%
Postage	1,300	666	803	497	61.81%
Printing	8,000	0	7,750	250	96.88%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,400	159	560	840	39.98%
Outreach/Media Adv	26,571	0	3,709	22,862	13.96%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	1,117	1,883	37.23%
Fleet Vehicles	1,600	49	781	819	48.84%
Dues/Publications	19,995	1,925	11,852	8,143	59.28%
Training/Staff Development	77,250	42,907	45,455	31,795	58.84%
Insurance	6,500	0	3,205	3,295	49.31%
Meeting Costs	24,120	1,451	8,277	15,843	34.32%
Capital Outlay	65,000	0	0	65,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	14,271,394	16,191	6,872,575	7,398,819	48.16%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	16,225	17,142	20,380	(4,155)	125.61%
Miscellaneous/Fees	108,999	1,256	2,583	106,416	2.37%
Bond Interest Expense	153,144	0	47,341	105,803	30.91%
	17,115,135	283,245	7,983,982	9,131,153	46.65%
	0	(147,654)	53,512		

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board
Revenue and Expenditures - November 2025

		(42% of FY)			
NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues		November 2025	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
Workforce Development Area	4,294,437	113,392	830,074	3,464,363	19.33%
		113,392	830,074	3,464,363	
Expenses					
Salaries	766,620	57,289	310,678	455,942	40.53%
Fringe Benefits	275,983	18,828	100,491	175,492	36.41%
Travel	45,000	1,478	13,997	31,003	31.10%
Office Space	26,000	0	0	26,000	0.00%
Communications	16,000	0	0	16,000	0.00%
Office Supplies	34,000	4,350.47	13,772.43	20,228	40.51%
Postage	250	0	0	250	0.00%
Printing	2,000	0	0	2,000	0.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	5,500	0	0	5,500	0.00%
Outreach/Media Adv	88,000	0	0	88,000	0.00%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	0	0	1,700	0.00%
Dues/Publications	8,000	0	0	8,000	0.00%
Training/Staff Development	12,000	0	0	12,000	0.00%
Insurance	5,000	0	3,986	1,014	79.72%
Meeting Costs	61,000	0	0	61,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	2,898,794	0	18,000	2,880,794	0.62%
Contractual: Training & SS	0	20,047	237,824	(237,824)	0.00%
Contractual: Literacy NRV	0	1,591	12,739	(12,739)	0.00%
Contractual: MRRAEP	0	398	398	(398)	0.00%
Contractual: NRCA	0	0	2,352	(2,352)	0.00%
Contractual: RACE1	0	0	9,476	(9,476)	0.00%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	12,200	0	0	12,200	0.00%
Business Services	0	0	19,942	(19,942)	0.00%
Sector Partnership Activities	0	1,340	4,938	(4,938)	0.00%
Professional Development	0	256	2,287	(2,287)	0.00%
Outreach	0	405	11,708	(11,708)	0.00%
Outreach Activities	0	0	9,356	(9,356)	0.00%
Miscellaneous/Fees	36,390	0	0	36,390	0.00%
Administrative Functions	0	0	5,125	(5,125)	0.00%
Occupancy	0	3,100	19,721	(19,721)	0.00%
Communications	0	3,918	11,252	(11,252)	0.00%
Copier Usage	0	342	1,221	(1,221)	0.00%
Meeting Expenses	0	50	1,796	(1,796)	0.00%
Dues/Publications: Other	0	0	125	(125)	0.00%
Platforms	0	0	18,891	(18,891)	0.00%
	4,294,437	113,392	830,074	3,464,363	19.33%
	0	0	(0)		

	November 2025	YTD	
21,409,572	248,983	8,867,568	41.42%
21,409,572	396,637	8,814,056	41.17%
	(147,654)	53,512	



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COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Commission Board Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: III. Intergovernmental Review Process, B. Regular Projects, Item #1

CIRP Review

January 16, 2026

PROJECT: New River Valley Airport (PSK) Pulaski County, VA

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting scoping comments.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Commission Board Members

Strengthening the Region through Collaboration

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January 15, 2026

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Ardurra Group, Inc.
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RE: Scoping Response – PSK Comprehensive Environmental Assessment- NEPA Scoping Request, New River Valley Airport (PSK), Pulaski County, VA

Dear Ms. Barrineau:

This letter is in response to the scoping request for the above-referenced project.

As you may know, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), through its Office of Environmental Impact Review (DEQ-OEIR), is responsible for coordinating Virginia's review of federal environmental documents prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and responding to appropriate federal officials on behalf of the Commonwealth.

DOCUMENT SUBMISSIONS

In order to ensure an effective coordinated review of the NEPA document, federal consistency, and EIR documentation, notification should be sent directly to OEIR. We request that you submit one electronic to eir@deq.virginia.gov (25 MB maximum) or make the documents available for download at a website, file transfer protocol (ftp) site or the VITA LFT file share system (Requires an "invitation" for access. An invitation request should be sent to eir@deq.virginia.gov).

The NEPA document should include U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps as part of their information. We strongly encourage you to issue shape files with the NEPA document. In addition, project details should be adequately described for the benefit of the reviewers.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT: PROJECT SCOPING AND AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

While this Office does not participate in scoping efforts beyond the advice given herein, other agencies are free to provide scoping comments concerning the preparation of the NEPA

document. Accordingly, we are providing notice of your scoping request to several state agencies and those localities and Planning District Commissions, including but not limited to:

Department of Environmental Quality:

- DEQ Regional Office
- Air Division
- Office of Wetlands and Stream Protection
- Office of Local Government Programs
- Division of Land Protection and Revitalization
- Office of Stormwater Management

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Department of Health

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Department of Wildlife Resources

Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Department of Historic Resources

Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy

Department of Forestry

Department of Transportation

DATA BASE ASSISTANCE

Below is a list of databases that may assist you in the preparation of a NEPA document:

- DEQ Online Database: Virginia Environmental Geographic Information Systems Information on Permitted Solid Waste Management Facilities, Impaired Waters, Petroleum Releases, Registered Petroleum Facilities, Permitted Discharge (Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permits) Facilities, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Sites, Water Monitoring Stations, National Wetlands Inventory:

- www.deq.virginia.gov/ConnectWithDEQ/VEGIS.aspx

- DEQ Virginia Coastal Geospatial and Educational Mapping System (GEMS) Virginia's coastal resource data and maps; coastal laws and policies; facts on coastal resource values; and direct links to collaborating agencies responsible for current data:

- https://www.deq.virginia.gov/?splash=https%3a%2f%2fgaia.vcu.edu%2fportal%2fapps%2fsites%2f%23%2fgemsmaps&__isexternal=true

- MARCO Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal

The Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal is a publicly available online toolkit and resource center that consolidates available data and enables users to visualize and analyze ocean resources and human use information such as fishing grounds, recreational areas, shipping lanes, habitat areas, and energy sites, among others.

- <http://portal.midatlanticocean.org/visualize/#x=-73.24&y=38.93&z=7&logo=true&controls=true&basemap=Ocean&tab=data&legends=false&layers=true>

- DHR VCRIS

The Virginia Cultural Resources Information System (VCRIS) is an online database that contains the inventory of buildings, districts, archaeological sites, and other types of properties:

- <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/programs/vcris/>

- DCR Natural Heritage Search

Produces lists of resources that occur in specific counties, watersheds or physiographic regions:

- www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/dbsearchtool.shtml

- Wetland Condition Assessment Tool (WetCAT)

- <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/our-programs/water/wetlands-streams/wetcat>

- DWR Fish and Wildlife Information Service

Information about Virginia's Wildlife resources:

- <http://vafwis.org/fwis/>

- Total Maximum Daily Loads Approved Reports

- <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/programs/water/waterqualityinformationtmdls/tmdl/tmdldevelopment/approvedtmdlreports.aspx>

- Virginia Outdoors Foundation: Identify VOF-protected land

- <http://vof.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html>

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) Database: Superfund Information Systems

Information on hazardous waste sites, potentially hazardous waste sites and remedial activities across the nation, including sites that are on the National Priorities List (NPL) or being considered for the NPL:

- www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/cursites/index.htm

- EPA RCRAInfo Search

Information on hazardous waste facilities:

- www.epa.gov/enviro/facts/rcrainfo/search.html

- Total Maximum Daily Loads Approved Reports

- <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/our-programs/water/water-quality/tmdl-development/approved-tmdls>

- EPA Envirofacts Database

EPA Environmental Information, including EPA-Regulated Facilities and Toxics Release Inventory Reports:

- www.epa.gov/enviro/index.html

- EPA NEPAassist Database

Facilitates the environmental review process and project planning:

<http://nepaassisttool.epa.gov/nepaassist/entry.aspx>

If you have questions about the environmental review process, please feel free to contact me. I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,



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January 13, 2026

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**RE: PSK Comprehensive Environmental Assessment- NEPA Scoping Request
New River Valley Airport (PSK)
Pulaski County, VA
20240815.00.WK**

To Whom It May Concern:

The New River Valley Airport Commission has initiated a Comprehensive Environmental Assessment (EA) for review of various projects at the New River Valley Airport (PSK), as detailed below and depicted in the attached Exhibit. In accordance with NEPA requirements outlined in FAA Order 1050.1f, we are requesting your input on the proposed project.

The proposed project includes the realignment of a portion of the parallel taxiway, apron expansions, relocation of windsock and segmented circle, and additional hangar construction. The project will also include the addition of security fencing in the terminal area and a potential stormwater management area (as deemed necessary during the engineering design phase). The primary intention is to meet current FAA standards for runway taxiway separation alignments and remove direct connections from apron to the runway. Additionally, the project provides infrastructure that addresses capacity and constraint issues on the airfield by expanding the apron and providing additional hangar storage space. Attached is an exhibit that outlines area of potential impact with the proposed development depicted.

Your interest in this project and your participation are appreciated. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please feel free to contact us at 281-253-1304 or bbarrineau@ardurra.com.

Sincerely,

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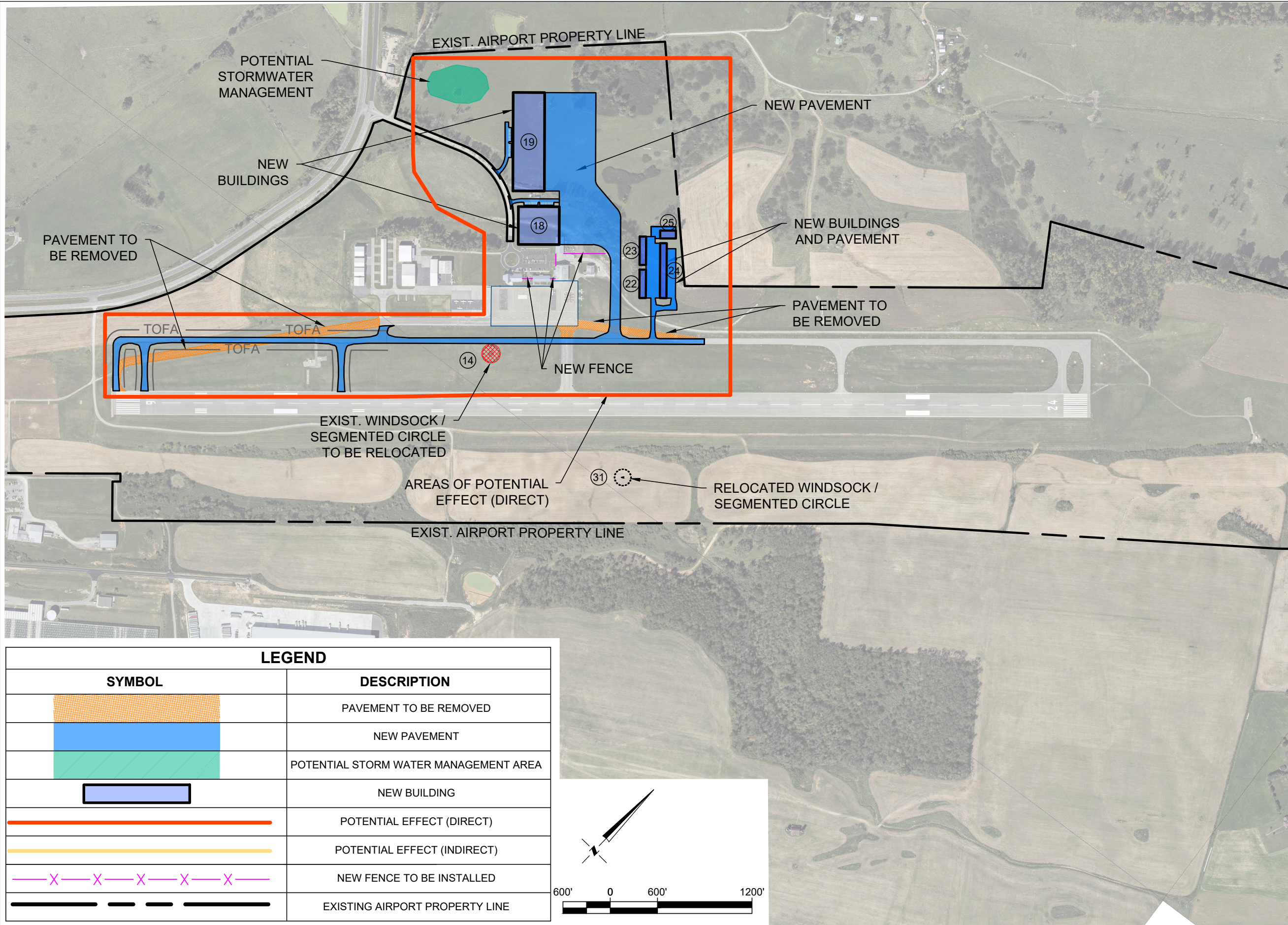
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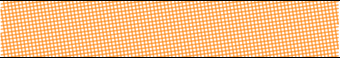


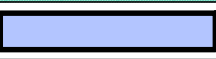




Enclosure: Exhibit

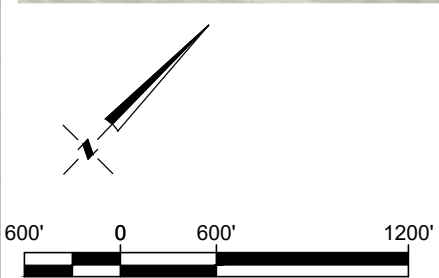
Cc: Aaron Brummit, Airport Director, New River Valley Airport
Kevin Harlow, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality


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LEGEND	
SYMBOL	DESCRIPTION
	PAVEMENT TO BE REMOVED
	NEW PAVEMENT
	POTENTIAL STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AREA
	NEW BUILDING
	POTENTIAL EFFECT (DIRECT)
	POTENTIAL EFFECT (INDIRECT)
	NEW FENCE TO BE INSTALLED
	EXISTING AIRPORT PROPERTY LINE





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PROJECT NAME:
NEW RIVER VALLEY AIRPORT (PSK)
DUBLIN, VIRGINIA

DRAWING TITLE:
**COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT EXHIBIT**

PLANNING DOCUMENT - DRAFT

PROJ. MGR.:	JJB
DESIGN BY:	FDL
DRAWN BY:	FDL
PROJ. DATE:	01-06-2026
DRAWING NUMBER: 1 OF 1	
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January 16, 2026

Executive Director's Report

Economic Development:

- The AM2 Tech Hub submitted a statewide competitive GO Virginia grant recently in partnership with neighboring GO Virginia regions. The state board for GO Virginia will hold a pitch call on February 24th as its review gets underway. The AM2 Tech Hub is working on a sizeable grant application to the US Economic Development Administration due in March in pursuit of Disaster Recovery funds for consortium-based projects. The 10-year roadmap that was prepared as a key deliverable for the Tech Hub Strategy Development Grant can be viewed [at this link](#). In November, the AM2 Tech Hub received the Chairman's Award for visionary leadership and commitment to Southern Virginia presented by the Southern Piedmont Technology Council.
- The Blue Ridge Innovation Corridor (BRIC), a coalition of business leaders supporting economic development in an emerging megaregion that extends from Danville to the New River Valley and includes Roanoke Valley, is kicking off a Vision 2050 planning process. The project is funded by GO Virginia. BRIC reached out this week inviting steering committee members to participate in the process. More about BRIC can be found [here](#).
- Governor-Elect Spanberger selected Carrie Chenery to serve as the Secretary of Commerce and Trade. The Department of Housing and Community Development falls within this secretariat position. Ms. Chenery served as a Deputy Secretary for Agriculture and Forestry in the Northam Administration and was the executive director of the Shenandoah Valley Partnership, the equivalent of Onward NRV. While she was finishing up her studies at Virginia Tech, Ms. Chenery was an intern at the Regional Commission! She helped develop the first Water Supply Plan for the region.

Broadband:

- The Pulaski County broadband project is making quick construction progress now that make-ready is nearly complete. Some limited areas are already able to subscribe and connect. The county will be working with All Points Broadband to market the service through a PSA mailer soon.
- The Montgomery/Bland County VATI 2022 is approximately 90% complete with fiber construction. The 10% remaining includes splicing of fiber to reach homes and businesses. Numerous connections are already established throughout the project area with more subscribers being added regularly.

Transportation:

- The NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority is meeting on January 22nd and will be receiving updated architectural plans from the consultant team. The Authority appointed an Architecture Committee at its meeting in November. The committee met twice over the past two months to offer guidance to the consultants on material selection (ie-flooring, windows, wall color) and their progress will be shared at the January meeting. The Authority will also review content for a historical marker to be placed at the building.

- Governor-Elect Spanberger selected Nick Donohue to serve as the Secretary of Transportation. Mr. Donohue has extensive experience with transportation in Virginia having served under three different governors playing key roles in developing SMART SCALE, the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program, and Transforming Rail in Virginia initiative which the NRV service extension was a key beneficiary.

Housing:

- The Regional Commission is supporting Floyd County on a planning grant for a potential housing development project. This week staff assisted with a neighborhood meeting and in two weeks they will support a community-wide meeting.
- The update to the Regional + Local Housing Study is still on target for a fourth quarter kick-off. A portion of match funds will come from the NRV Regional Commission's Recovery Ecosystem budget that will allow for information to be gathered on the unhoused population, which was not included in the previous regional housing study.

Natural Resources:

- The New River Watershed Roundtable will meet on January 27th at 9:30am. Beth Lohman with VA Dept of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Office of Pollution Response & Emergency Preparedness will speak to the group about DEQ's role in water quality, particularly around emergency situations. The Roundtable will be meeting quarterly on the 4th Tuesdays in 2026.
- The New River Water Supply Plan project was recently awarded grant funds from DEQ for the second phase of work which will focus on the Water Use Regulation. This will fund another six months of activity until DEQ opens grants for the next round. A budget amendment was submitted to the General Assembly to increase funding for Water Supply Planning activities since it is at a fraction of what it was the last time there was a substantial update required.

Regional:

- The Regional Commission continues to support communities impacted by Hurricane Helene. The Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund (VDAF) program is open for applications. Information about the program is on our website [here](#). The Regional Commission recently executed an agreement with the Dept of Conservation and Recreation Resilient Virginia funding program that will address impacted bridges, culverts, and retaining walls. Another program through the Dept of Environmental Quality is nearing an agreement which will provide \$4M for debris removal in the New River along with staffing funds to develop Debris Removal Plans for localities in the region.

Commission:

- As mentioned in November, there are staff transitions underway in the Community Health team. Holly Lesko retired this week and Anna Champion was promoted to Program Administrator. Mikhala Stafford served as an intern the past six months and recently increased duties into a part-time role while she finishes her graduate degree at Virginia Tech. There is also a position currently being advertised for Grant Management & Network Facilitator which is available on the Regional Commission [website](#).
- I'll be facilitating the Blacksburg Town Council 2026 retreat February 12th with a focus on goal setting with the new council.
- The NRVRC staff continues learning and practicing skills around the 6 Types of Working Genius, an assessment and tool created by Patrick Lincioni, that was the focal point of the staff retreat in the fall. Part of our agencywide staff meeting in January was spent revisiting the team map, reflecting on prompt questions, and group discussion on its applicability.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Emma Carroll, Regional Innovation Officer
Date: January 16, 2026
Re: Additive Manufacturing and Advanced Materials Hub

Virginia's Additive Manufacturing and Advanced Materials (AM2) Hub is a consortium of over 50 industry, higher education, local government, and organization partners, supporting advanced manufacturing through the growth and adoption of additive manufacturing and advanced materials (AM2) technologies in the Southwestern and Southern regions of Virginia.

Over the past two years, the AM2 Hub leadership team conducted a strategic development process. The process directly engaged business leaders and researchers to identify strategies and opportunities for establishing the region as a hub for additive manufacturing and advanced materials technologies. Based on these discussions and industry market research, the team developed a 10-year strategic roadmap. The primary strategies focus on business and technical assistance as well as workforce development.

Looking forward, the AM2 Hub has identified two funding opportunities to support the implementation of these strategies: (1) the Virginia Growth and Opportunity Fund (GO Virginia) Competitive Grant Program and (2) the Economic Development Administration (EDA) FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental Grant Program. The Hub has applied to the GO Virginia opportunity, with the project slated for final review by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development in late March. The EDA funding application is due March 3rd with review later in the year.

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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Christy Straight, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Resources

Date: January 12, 2026

Re: FY27 RIDE Solutions Grant Application Resolution

RIDE Solutions NRV serves our region with transportation demand management services for commuters and employers and is part of a larger brand serving central and southwest Virginia. Our partners in this brand include the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission and West Piedmont PDC. We offer services to anyone traveling in our region and NRV employers, including information and support for cycling and walking, carpoolridematching, vanpool startup, transit, Ride Home Rewards, and telework assistance.

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) provides operating funding to commuter assistance programs across Virginia. The agency provides funding at an 80% match of project costs, with local investment at 20% of costs, through the Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) Operating Assistance. The goal of the CAP Operating Assistance grant program is to mitigate traffic congestion through the elimination of single occupant vehicle (SOV) auto trips by shifting SOV trips to carpool, vanpool and transit.

The Commission is proposing an estimated \$125,000 budget for FY2026-27, of which \$25,000 is local funding provided by the Commission and a \$100,000 match by DRPT. Attached is a resolution of support for the board to consider; this support is required by DRPT. The budget primarily funds staff time and outreach efforts, advertising, and community partnering. The program works best when drivers AND riders participate. Matching commuters through their work site improves carpool match rates.

We currently have over 1,500 members registered in the NRV representing 162 employers – more than 67% live and work in the NRV. Our annual growth rate is better than 4% since 2022. We see the most growth during events encouraging commuters to try a commute alternative.

This fiscal year we have been working on outreach to commuters through social media, a newsletter, and community and workplace tabling such as the Active Commute at Virginia Tech, job fairs, and farmers' markets. DRPT also conducts marketing campaigns such as the upcoming DRPT Connects Commuters, and we support those efforts relevant to our region's transportation options.

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January 22, 2026

Resolution of support for FY 2027 RIDE Solutions NRV CAP Grant Application to DRPT

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Commission is eligible to receive Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) funds through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed FY 2027 RIDE Solutions NRV program represents the interests of commuters and employers in the New River Valley region; and

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Regional Commission has reviewed the RIDE Solutions Scope of Work and agrees with the projected work elements for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New River Valley Regional Commission that this Commission adopts and supports the FY 2027 RIDE Solutions NRV CAP grant application.

Adopted this 22nd day of January 2026

Hil Johnson, Chair