

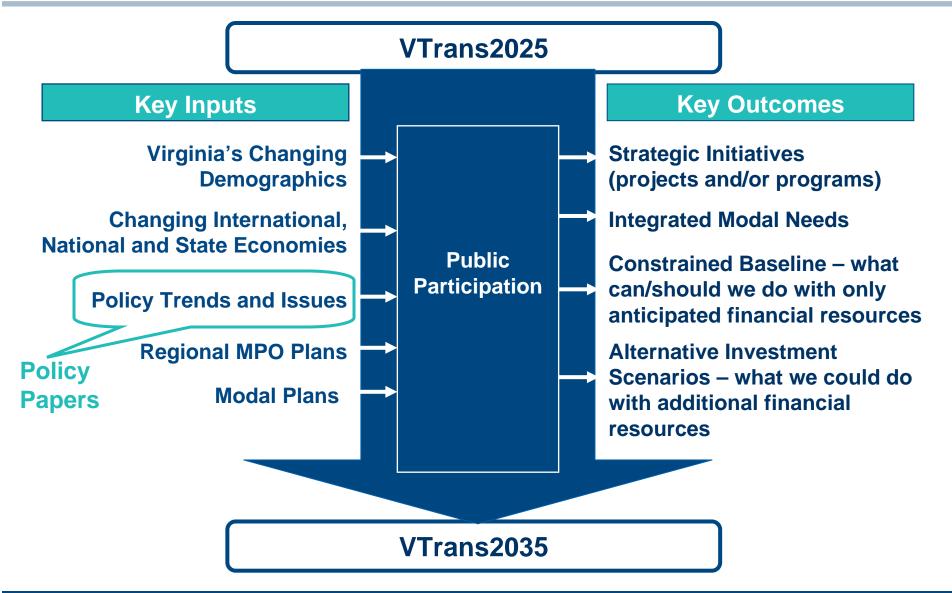
Overall VTrans2035 Status

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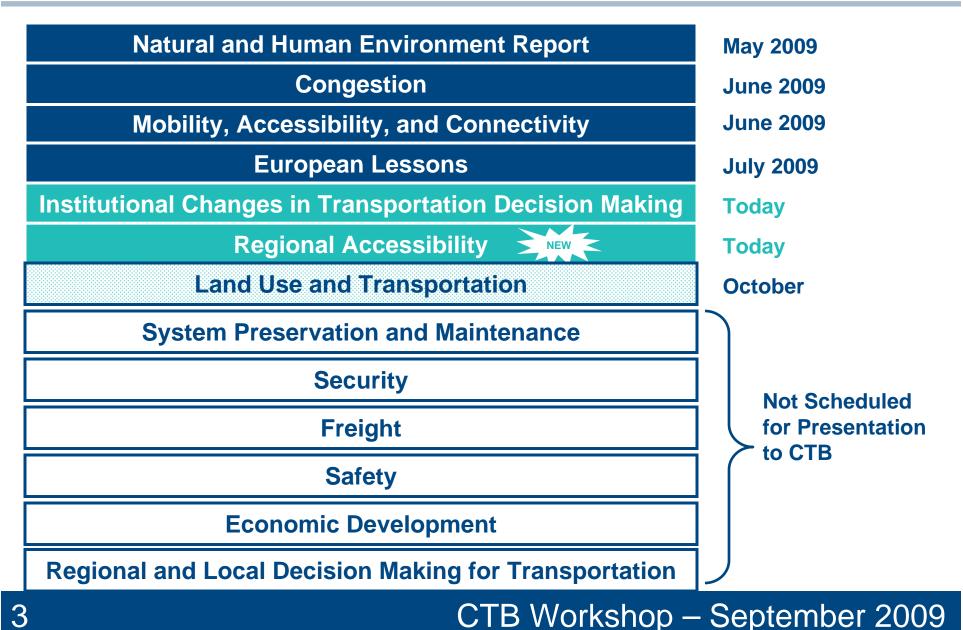
Overview of VTrans Approach



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Policy Papers





Natural and Human Environment Report

May 2009

Climate Change Strategies

- Advocate for federal actions that will reduce GHG emissions (eg. CAFE Standards)
- Increase efficiency of transportation fleet & use of alternative fuels
- Traffic signalization improvements statewide
- Explore low-carbon refueling and recharging stations on state land
- Consider allowing right-of-way use for renewable projects (e.g., wind, solar)
- Expand commuter choice; frequency and scope of transit and rail services
- Make coordination of transportation and land use key policy goal
- Promote compact, walkable, transit-oriented development areas
- Consider pricing transportation especially during peak congestion periods
- Make new or upgraded roads more pedestrian and bike friendly
- <u>Target available funds towards existing communities and designated urban</u> <u>development areas</u>
- Pricing



Congestion

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Congestion Strategies

- Pricing: Construct and operate HOT lanes
- Use Advanced Traveler Information Systems
- Extend "Smart Highways" Program (Technology)
- Address Jobs-Housing Balance
- Encourage Transit Oriented Development (TOD)
- Reduce need for travel or shift location or time of day
- Increase Travel Demand Management (TDM) Programs
- <u>Expand Travel Options/Alternate Modes & encourage use of transit,</u> <u>biking, walking, ridesharing</u>
- Increase capacity



Mobility, Accessibility, and Connectivity

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Mobility, Accessibility, and Connectivity Strategies

- Expand Reach of Transit Services
- Expand Paratransit Services
- Expand Volunteer Driver Program
- Implement Mobility Management Structures
- Ensure Safe Mobility for Older Drivers
- Implement or Expand Travel Training Programs
- Implement or Expand Taxi Voucher Program
- Lower Average Age of Transit Vehicles
- Address Land Use Issues
- Emphasize Transit Oriented Development
- Promote Aging in Place
- <u>Coordinated Human Service Mobility Planning</u>
- <u>Utilize Managed Lanes</u>
- Support Car Sharing



European Lessons

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Comparison of Motor Vehicle Usage and Fuel Taxes







European Lessons

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Other Significant Lessons

- European countries have been investing heavily in passenger rail
- Congestion still an issue for European cities:
 - Some cities are doing cordon pricing
 - Netherlands is investigating a vehicles miles of travel fee system
- European cities have generally higher densities
 - European cities have different abilities to deal with land uses, with generally much more public control



Stakeholder Listening Session	March 2009
Regional Planning Forum	April 2009
Public Open Houses	June/July 2009
VTrans2035 Forum	October 2009
Partnership with Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Planning District Commissions	November 2009



Summary of Major Recurring Themes

Recurring Topics	Stakeholder Listening Session	Regional Planning Forum	Public Open Houses
Transportation Choices	Provide More Choices	Expand Transit and Passenger Rail	High(er) Speed Rail Increased Mass Transit
Economy	Link Virginia with the Global Economy	Expand Freight Rail Support the Port	Improve Freight Mobility
Preservation	Maintain State of Good Repair on Existing Systems		Fixing Roadway Pavements and Maintaining All Modes in a State of good Repair
Land Use	Protect New Strategic Transportation Corridors	Coordination with Transportation Investments	
Safety and Security	Maintain Safe Facilities and Operations	Emergency Preparedness and Evacuation	
Congestion	Use Accessibility and Mobility to Address Congestion	Get Around Bottlenecks Improve Accessibility	Maximize Use of Existing Facilities and Technology to Reduce Congestion
Quality of Life	Accessible and affordable transportation for older Virginians	Address Aging Population Needs	System Quality for Elderly and Disabled

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Future Activities

VTrans2035 Forum

October 2009

- Invite participants from Stakeholder Listening Session and Regional Planning Forum
- Review Findings

Partnership with Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Planning District Commissions

November 2009

- Draft report on web site in November
- Provide MPO/PDCs with PowerPoint presentation about VTrans2035 to show boards
- Public and stakeholders able to comment on report via the Virtual Open House Site on the web





Comments

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