

# **Economic Impacts of Transportation Infrastructure Improvements**

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#### **Objective**

#### To assess for all modes of transportation (highway, rail, transit, aviation):

- Jobs & income supported by capital spending (2009-2014)
- Jobs & income supported by operations & maintenance spending (2009-2014)
- Jobs & income generated by *transportation improvement projects* (2010-2035)
- **Overall Impacts** on income and the economy
- Jobs per dollar of investment
- **Benefit-Cost** Ratio

Credits: study by Economic Development Research Group (EDRG) with Cambridge Systematics and DelCan

# **Steps in the Analysis Process**

#### **Three Steps**

- 1) Assemble project lists and spending for 2009-2014 from VDOT, DOAV, VPA and DRPT.
- 2) Analyze impacts on facility capacity & use; user travel distance, speed & cost; service reliability & safety.
- 3) Apply TREDIS\* (Transportation Economic Development Impact System) to estimate overall impacts on the Virginia economy

<sup>\*</sup> TREDIS is the nation's leading system used to assess economic impact of transportation; it has been used by states and MPOs in 34 states and provinces, covering all modes



# **Spending/Investment Assumptions**

#### **Highways**

- Based on VDOT Six Year Improvement Plan (VDOT)
- Capital projects with capacity or performance enhancement
- Ongoing operations & maintenance, reconstruction and administration

#### **Aviation**

- Based on State Airport System Plan Investments from 2009 to 2014 (DOAV)
- Capital projects with operational benefits (capacity, delay) \$314m
- Projects required for safety & other regulation \$467m
- Ongoing study of current airport-related jobs and activity

#### **Ports**

- Based on Virginia Port Authority 2040 Master Plan (VPA)
- Capacity enhancement projects initiated only during 2009-2014
- Ongoing study of current port-related jobs and activity

#### Transit/Rail

- Commonwealth Transportation Board "Six Year Projection for Rail and Public Transportation Improvement Program" (\$2.345b) and DRPT Six Year Rail Plan
- Also VDOT's six-year improvement plan (\$64m transit + \$31m pass rail)
- Ongoing transit operations support flowing through the state



# **Project Spending Profile**

Spending Over Six Years (2009 – 2014)	Amount (millions)		
Highways: Capital (system, earmarks)	\$ 6,455 m (also incl. VDOT contributions to public-private projects)		
Aviation: Capital (functional improvement projects)	\$ 314 m (also incl. FAA funding)		
Aviation Capital (safety/conformity projects)	\$ 467 m (also incl. FAA funding)		
Port : Capital Construction Projects	\$ 745 m		
Public Trans & Rail : Capital	\$ 2,441 m		
TOTAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT \$	\$ 10,422 m		

Highways: Ongoing Operation & Maintenance	\$10,641 m
Aviation : Terminal Operation (excl IAD-DCA)	\$ 4,832 m
Port : Ship & Harbor Operation (payroll only)	\$ 1,997 m
Public Trans: Ongoing Operations Support	\$ 1,066 m (state & federal funds)
VDOT Administration	\$ 1,465 m
TOTAL OPERATIONS \$ (excl IAD and DCA)	\$20,001 m

# **Short Term Economic Impacts**

# Impact of Spending Money on Capital Investment and on Operations/Maintenance

- Spending going directly to Virginia workers and businesses
- Indirect/ effects: supplier industries
- Induced effects: spending of added worker wages
- Measured by increased employment, business output, value added and wages



# **Short-Term Spending Impact**

#### Total Effect on the Virginia Economy, 2009-2014

Category	Total Over Six Years	Average Year	Per \$mil Spent
Capital Investment Spending (\$ mil)*	\$ 10,422	\$ 1,737	
Employment (Jobs)	142,082 (job-yrs)	23,680	14
Business Output (\$ mil)*	\$ 18,780	\$ 3,130	1.8
Value Added (GRP)(\$ mil)*	\$ 9,740	\$ 1,623	0.9
Worker Income (\$ mil)*	\$ 7,518	\$ 1,253	0.7
Capital + Operations Spending (\$ mil)*	\$30,423	\$5,070	
Employment (Jobs)	468,850 (job-yrs)	78,142	15
Business Output (\$ mil)*	\$56,172	\$9,360	1.8
Value Added (GRP)(\$ mil)*	\$29,302	\$4884	1.0
Worker Income (\$ mil)*	\$20,340	\$3,890	0.7

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Dollar amounts can not be added together because impact categories are different measures of related economic impacts. Specifically, worker income is a subset of value added, and value added is the portion of business output that does not go for materials and supplies.



# **Tax Revenue Impact – Six Years**

# **Total Over Six Years (2009 - 2014) from Capital + Operations Spending**

Revenue Category	State /Local Revenue Impacts (\$ Millions)
Household + Business Income Tax	\$ 410
Sales Taxes	\$ 695
Property Tax	\$ 481
Social Insurance Payments	\$ 20
Other Taxes & Fees	\$ 696
TOTAL	\$2,302

# **Long-Term Impacts of Capital Investment**

#### Step 1: Incremental Effect of Capital Investments on Changes in Travel Conditions

- Direct cost savings due to reduced user time delay & expense
- Direct cost savings due to enhanced safety & reliability
- Direct cost savings due to enhanced intermodal capacity & connectivity
- Growth enabled by elimination of air/sea capacity constraints

#### Step 2: Effect of Travel Changes on Economic Growth

- Direct, indirect & induced effects on household costs, business operating costs, productivity & competitiveness
- Adjustment for "leakage" of income and savings going to businesses & households out of Virginia.
- Measured by increased VA employment, business output, value added, wages

# **Long-Term Capital Investment Impact**

**Effect on the Virginia Economy, 2010-2035**, reflecting the post construction impacts on transportation system efficiency (for travelers & shippers), and business attraction and expansion due to productivity, competitiveness and improved market access. Based on \$9.955 billion of productive investment over 26 years.

Impact Category	Avg. Year 2010-2035	Year 2035 Impact	Sum of 2010-2035	Per \$mil of Capital Investment
Employment (Jobs)	23,523	101,932	611,590	58.8
Business Output (\$ mil)*	\$ 3,137	\$13,594	\$ 81,566	\$ 7.8
Value Added (\$ mil)*	\$1,539	\$ 6,668	\$4 0,006	\$ 3.8
Worker Income (\$ mil)*	\$ 1,025	\$ 4,441	\$ 26,645	\$ 2.6

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# **Total Job Impact of Six Year Spending**

#### **Total Impact of all investments** (rounded numbers)

Capital Investment 142,100 Job-yrs over 6 yrs (23,700/yr)

Operations 326,700 Job-yrs over 6 yrs (54,400/yr)

Total Six-Year Program 468,800 Job-yrs over 6 yrs (78,100/yr)

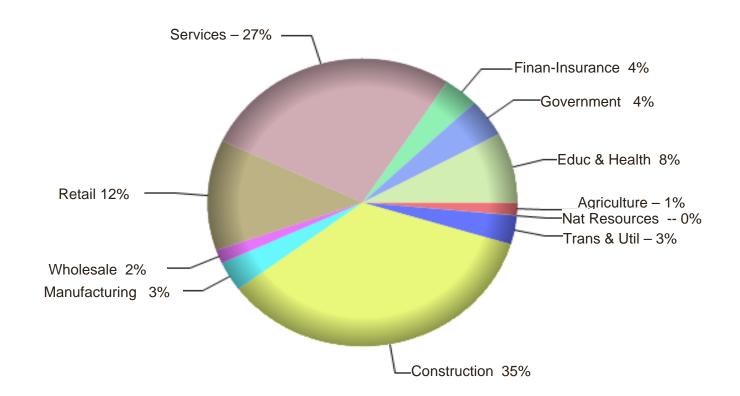
Long-Term Impact

of Capital Investment 611,600 Job-yrs over 26 yrs (23,500/yr)

Total 1,080,400 Job-yrs total

# Mix of Job Impacts from Capital Investment

#### 96% of jobs generated by capital investment are private sector



# **Benefit-Cost vs Economic Impact**

- Both account for all household & business cost savings, plus travel time savings & reliability for business travel.
- Economic Impact Analysis counts only impacts on income flow in the economy.
- Benefit-Cost Analysis also counts personal travel time savings as well as safety & environmental enhancement, but excludes business competitiveness and growth impacts.



# **Benefit-Cost Findings (4% discount rate)**

Benefit/Cost Findings	Value (\$ millions)
Present Value of Cost Stream (2009-2014)	\$ 9,167
Present Value of Benefit Stream (2010-2035)	\$ 36,645
Net Present Value (=Benefits - Costs)	\$ 7,478
B/C Ratio (=Benefits / Costs)	4.0

<b>Economic Impact Findings</b>	Value (\$ millions)
\$ Value Added per \$1 million of capital investment	3.8

<sup>\*</sup> Capital cost of \$9,955m = \$10,422m - \$467m of regulatory required airport improvements

# **Summary of Findings**

#### For every \$Million of Capital Investment & Operations Spending

- Short-term effect: 14-15 immediate jobs in VA during same year of spending
- Long-term effect of capital improvement: 59 job-years over 26-yrs (2.3/year)

#### Total Impact of \$30 billion spending on Six-Year Plan

- \$56 billion of business sales in Virginia generating \$29 billion of worker wages
- 468,800 Job-yrs over 6 yrs. (78,100/yr)
- At least \$2.3 billion of state and local tax revenues
- Plus long-term (26 yrs): \$82 billion of business sales; 611,590 Job-yrs (23,500/yr), of which 96% are private sector

#### Return on Capital Investment (net present value)

- Benefit-Cost Ratio of 4.0 to 1 (total benefit / investment)
- Economic Return Ratio of 3.8 to 1 (gross domestic product/ investment)