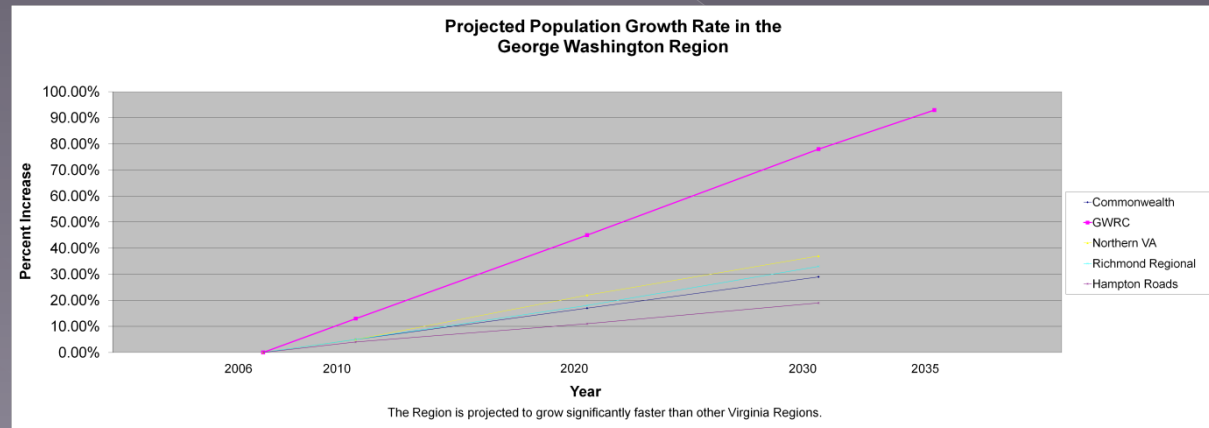
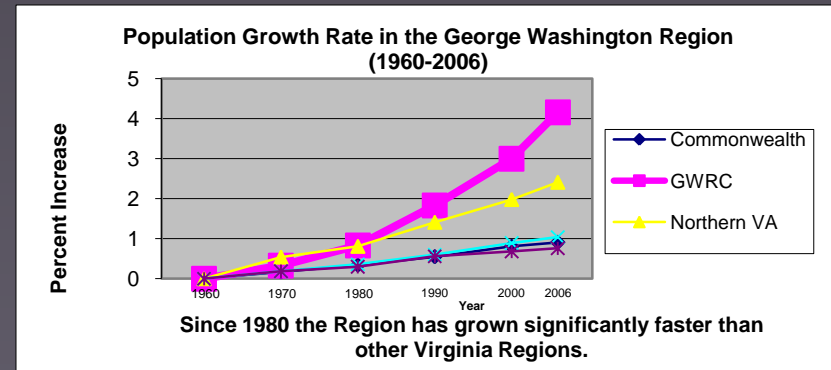


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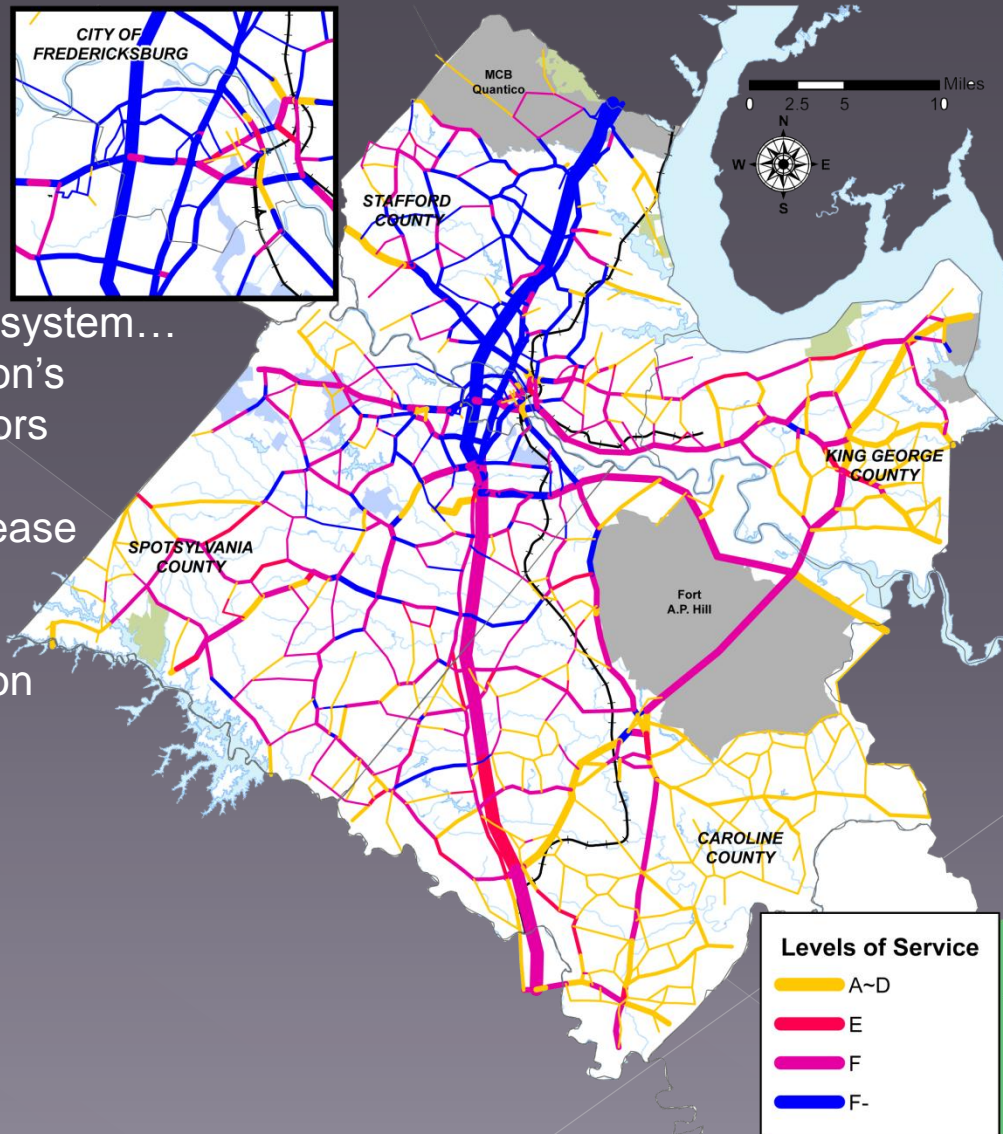
# Rapid Growth:

- Current population of more than 320,000 people
- Fastest-growing Region in Virginia
- 400% increase in region's population since 1960
- Region is forecasted to grow to about 600,000 persons by 2035
- Region will remain the fastest growing in Virginia
- Future growth is likely to be low density and largely suburban



# Transportation Issues:

- Region faces significant increases in travel demand over the next 28 years
- Without improvements to the transportation system...
  - Congestion will increase on the region's most important transportation corridors
  - People's mobility will be reduced
  - Region's competitiveness may decrease
- Current revenues are not forecasted to be sufficient to cover all future transportation needs



2035 Unimproved Highway Network

# Transportation Funding Through 2035:

- Over \$10 Billion in Transportation Needs Identified through 2035
- Only \$2.5 Billion in Revenues Identified through 2035
- \$7.5 Billion Revenue Shortfall =
  - Many of the Region's Highways Remain Congested
  - Fewer Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities
  - Less Transit Service and fewer TDM Programs



# Future Policy Choices for Development and Investment:

- Region is at a crossroads
- Insufficient funds to meet future transportation system needs
- Current development policies – creating sprawl – will exacerbate issues
- Three distinct policy directions are available as the region moves forward...
  - Option 1: Stay the Course
  - Option 2: Identify and Secure Additional Transportation Funding
  - Option 3: Identify and Secure Additional Transportation Funding AND Adapt Regional Growth Policies

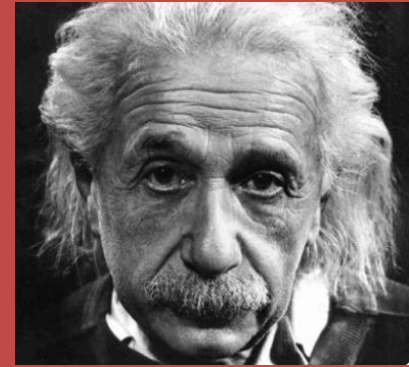


# Regional Funding Initiatives:

- George Washington Toll Road Authority
- All Three MPO Localities are VRE Members
- Local Bond Programs (Spotsylvania and Stafford Counties)
- VDOT Revenue Sharing Program

# Regional Land Use Scenario Planning:

- Process is not intended to supersede local land use controls or policies
- Lets participants explore the “what if’s” of the region’s future
- Allows people to understand and consider the trade-offs between different growth scenarios and policy decisions
- Provides a forum to reframe ideas and questions on growth
- Provides the information to help answer the what, where, when and how growth should occur to meet a shared vision
- Allows localities to see their land use decision impacts on neighboring localities.

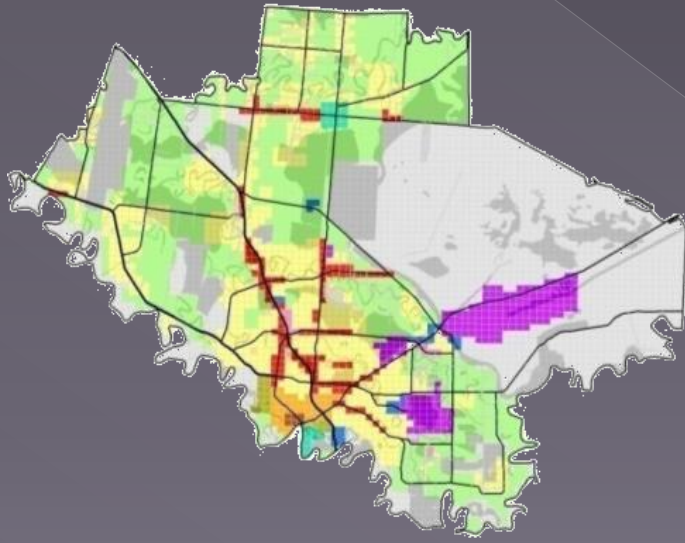


“We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used to create them.”

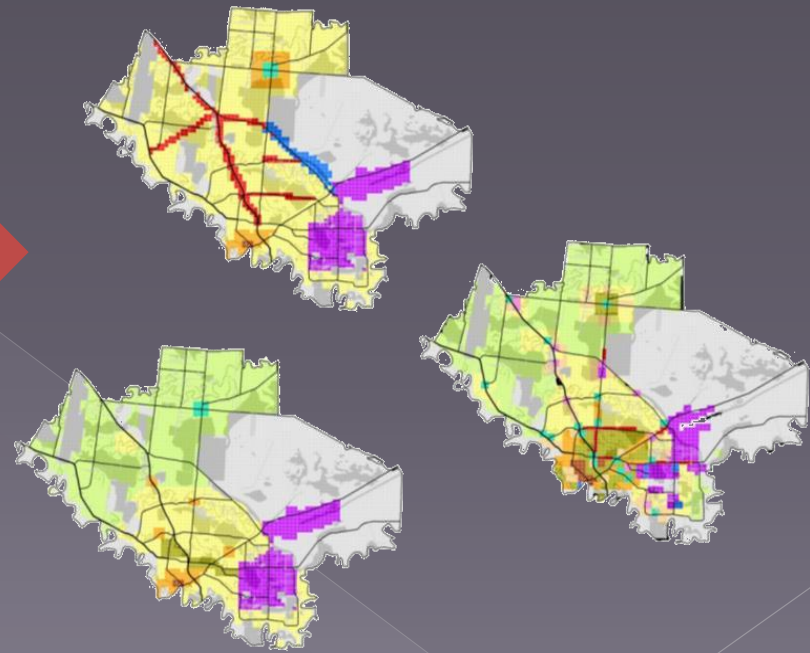
-- Albert Einstein

# Regional Land Use Scenario Planning:

“Base Year”



“Future Year Alternatives”





# Regional Cooperation:

- Multimodal Project Prioritization Methodology
- MPO Funds Design-Build Project Initiative
- Various Major Roadway Projects Funded
- Human Services Transit
- Partnerships with FRED, VRE, PRTC and NVTC
- Caroline County Train Station Design & NEPA Documentation
- Commuter Parking Lot Expansion
- Trails

Route 3 Widening Groundbreaking



# Regional Cooperation:



Route 630 Bridge Replacement



Garrisonville/Onville Rd.  
Intersection Improvements



Staffordboro Commuter Parking Lot  
Expansion



Virginia Central Railway Trail



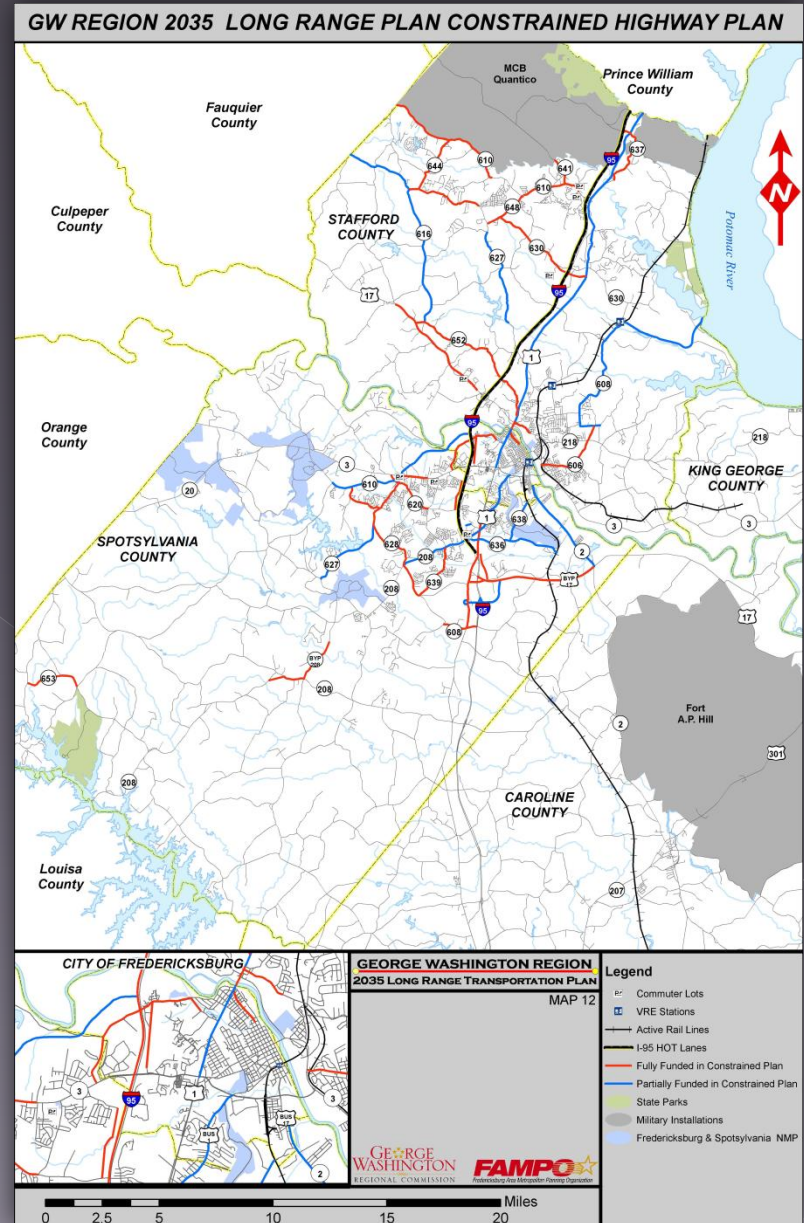
Spotsylvania Parkway Bridge over I-95



Spotsylvania Courthouse Bypass  
Phase II

# Missing Critical Links:

- Interstate Improvements
  - 3 Interchange Projects and Associated Mainline Improvements
- Primary System
  - Toll Roads
  - US-17 and US-1 Improvements
  - MCB Quantico BRAC Related Improvements



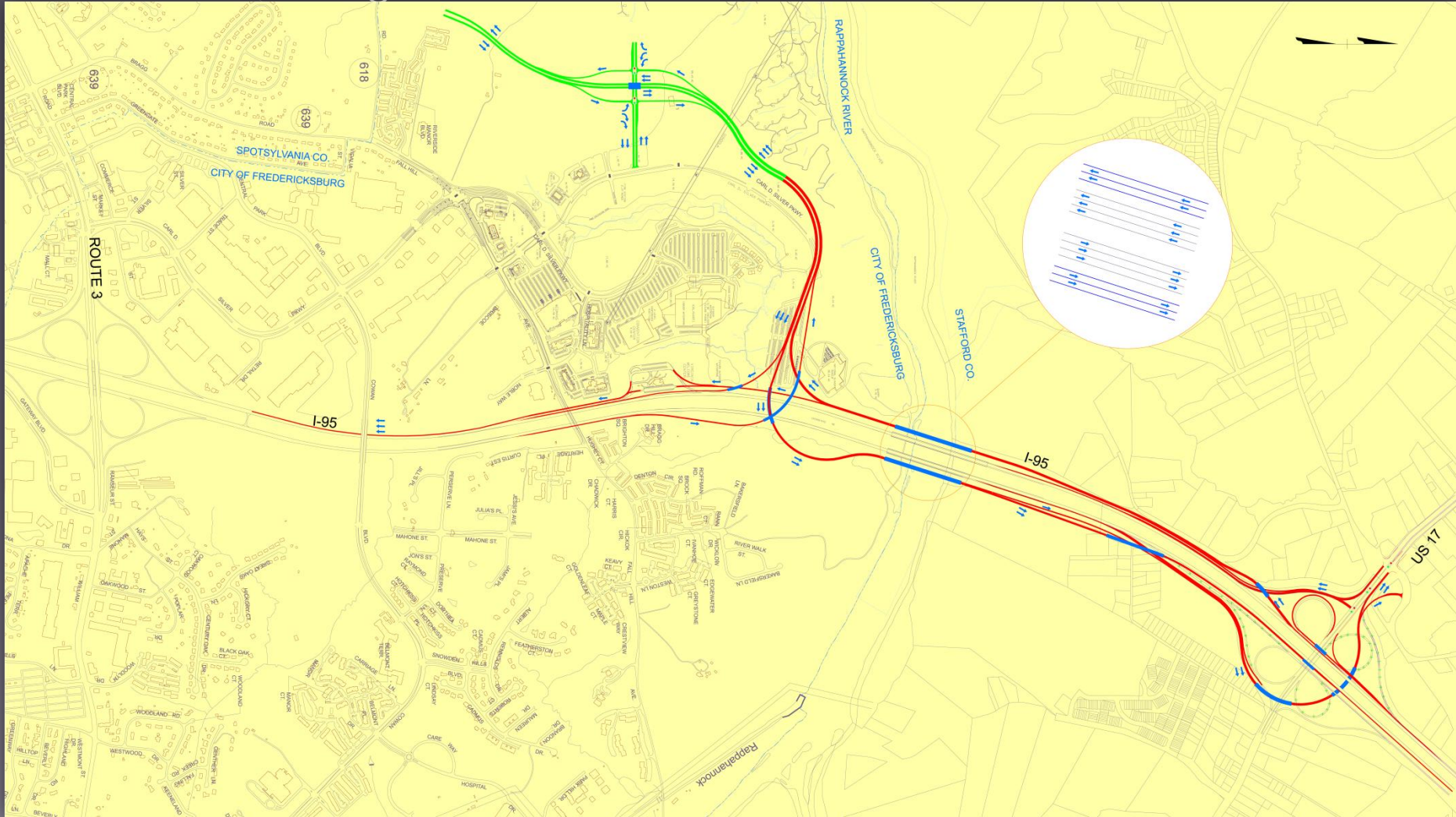
# Missing Critical Links:

## Rebuilt I-95/SC-630 Interchange



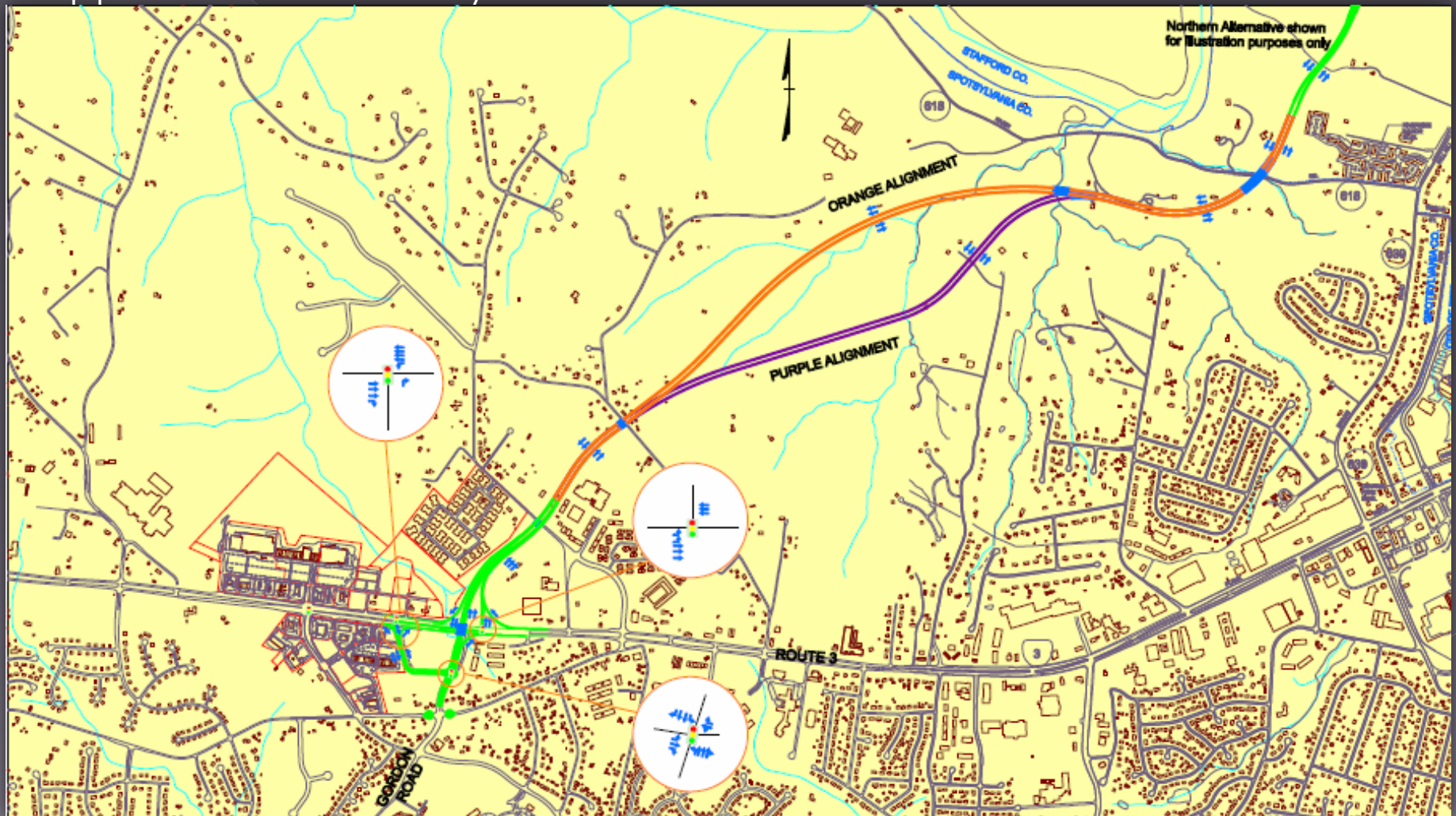
# Missing Critical Links:

## Rest Area Interchange



# Missing Critical Links:

## Rappahannock Parkway Toll Road





# Complicating Factors:

- BRAC Actions (MCB Quantico, NSWC Dahlgren & Fort A.P. Hill )
- State UDA Law Revisions
- Proposed EPA Air Quality Standard Revisions
- Lack of Adequate Federal and State Funding for Transportation Infrastructure



# Improving Institutional Climate:

- New Commonwealth Transportation Secretary
- New Leadership at FHWA
- New Leadership at VDOT and DRPT
- Creation of VAMPO
- Desire to Reform Project Development Process Statewide



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