

TRANSITION POLICY COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION

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FOUR GOALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT BY DECEMBER 2021

1. Make transportation decision-making an integral part of the Commonwealth's economic development strategy;
2. Make Virginia a leader in emerging transportation technology;
3. Increase the proportion of non-single occupant vehicle modes of travel in the Urban Crescent, as an element in advancing Virginia as a leader in modern, clean transportation.
4. Continue progress on project prioritization and on major regional projects statewide and tee up the next generation of projects;

TRANSPORTATION AS AN ECONOMIC DRIVER

- Make the Secretary or her designee a Member of the Economic Development Partnership and GO Virginia Boards
- Update the State Freight Plan and re-establish the Freight Advisory Board
- Ensure that those major transportation facilities that are principal statewide economic drivers receive needed capital funding
 - Three major transportation facilities stand out as principal economic drivers: The Port of Virginia; Washington Dulles International Airport; and Washington Metrorail
- Better connect those parts of Virginia outside the Urban Crescent to jobs and opportunities through linking broadband and transportation access
- Recognize that the link between transit, land use and access to jobs is a key factor in attracting 21st Century business to the Commonwealth

MAKING VIRGINIA A LEADER IN EMERGING TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES

- Establish an Office of Innovation within the Secretariat
- Develop a Virginia Transportation Innovation and Technology policy through convening a group of private, University and public officials
- Continue to support and emphasize alternative modes of transportation
- Assure the Commonwealth procurement policies address the rapid responses often needed for these disruptive technologies
- Develop and implement an electric vehicle strategy immediately
- Pursue a statewide strategy to expand access to broadband

OFFICE OF INNOVATION

The Secretariat's Office of Innovation should include:

- Adoption of a strategic framework to guide the development of regulations by the Departments.
- New and emerging vehicle and aerial technologies including electric and autonomous vehicles, higher speed rail, drones and emerging forms of ridesharing.
- Relocation of the Transportation Technology Innovation Fund.
- Direct links with the Commonwealth's Colleges and Universities, including programs for joint funding with industry for research.
- Advances in design and construction techniques for road, rail, water and active transportation.
- Exploration of long term alternatives to the per gallon gasoline tax.

TRANSIT AND RAIL – A CRITICAL PIECE OF VIRGINIA’S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- WMATA is a key economic driver that needs leadership, continued commitment from the Northern Virginia jurisdictions and financial support from the Commonwealth including the additional \$154 million annually to meet essential capital needs;
- VRE plays a key role in reducing congestion in the I-95 and I-66 corridors and should be supported with capital and operating funding at \$45 million/year;
- Progress should move ahead on the Atlantic Gateway Project working with CSX and the DC Department of Transportation;

PROGRESS ON MAJOR REGIONAL PROJECTS

- SMART SCALE has brought increased integrity to the project selection process with continuing review of how well it applies in different parts of the state and to mega-projects;
- Major regional projects using state and regional funds begun under the McAuliffe Administration should be continued

CONTINUING MAJOR INITIATIVES

- HRBT Expansion
- I-66 Outside the Beltway
- FredEx (I-95 Express Lane Extension)
- Deepening and Widening of the Hampton Roads Channel
- Long Bridge and Atlantic Gateway Projects
- WMATA Capital Needs
- Corridor Q
- Last Segment of Route 58 in SW
- Richmond BRT Network
- Additional Passenger Rail Service to Norfolk, Lynchburg and Charlottesville
- Enhances Rappahannock River Crossing northbound

NEW MAJOR INITIATIVES TO EXPLORE

- Interstate 81
- Complete I-64 widening east of Richmond
- Additional Potomac River Crossing
- Third Crossing of Hampton Roads
- Improved N/S connectivity in Northern Virginia
- VRE Extensions
- Finish 58 in Hampton Roads
- American Legion Bridge
- DC2RVA High Speed Rail

