Interstate 95 Corridor Improvement Plan

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Overview

- HJ581/SJ276
- Corridor characteristics
- Methodology
- Current Projects
- Public Outreach
General Assembly 2019: HJR 581/SJR 276

• HJR 581 and its companion bill, SJR 276, requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board to study I-95 between Exit 118 (Thornburg) and the Springfield Interchange (Exit 170) and financing options for improvements to the corridor- the Board shall:
  • Designate specific segments of the I-95 corridor between Exits 118 and 170 for improvement;
  • Identify a targeted set of improvements for each segment that may be financed or funded in such segment and evaluated using the statewide prioritization process pursuant to SMART SCALE;
  • Ensure that each segment’s total long-term benefit is proportional to the funds allocated to that segment in relation to the total corridor;
  • Minimize the impact of the Plan on local truck traffic;
  • Identify incident management strategies corridor-wide;
  • Ensure that any revenues collected be used only for the benefit of Interstate 95 corridor;
  • Identify potential solutions to address region-specific needs along this Interstate 95 corridor
  • Consider the effect of improvements to VRE, implementation of high speed rail and enhanced transit service on congestion along the corridor.

• The CTB will complete its meetings by November 30, 2019 and report findings and recommendations by the first day of the 2020 GA Session.
Study Area

- I-95 and Route 1 Corridors
Proposed Study Methodology

- Evaluate entire Interstate 95 corridor from NC border to DC/MD border
- Recognize unique nature of 95 corridor
- Similar in approach to the I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan
  - Analyze corridor to identify top problem areas
  - Determine contributing factors for each problem area and develop potential solution
  - Prioritize solutions
- Evaluate financing options
95 Corridor is Multimodal

- Virginia Railway Express (VRE)
- Bus rapid transit
- Express bus service
- Carpooling, vanpooling and other transportation demand management strategies
- Amtrak and intercity bus service
- CSX freight rail
Current Projects

Study will assume all funded I-95 corridor projects are built

- I-95 Auxiliary Lane at Route 123
- I-95 Express Lanes extension
- Rte 630/Courthouse Rd Interchange
- Rappahannock River Crossings
- ITTF recommended projects
- Park and Ride Lot expansions
Public Outreach

• Initial outreach at Spring SYIP meetings

• Public meetings will be planned along the Corridor
  • Problem identification
  • Potential solutions
  • Prioritized improvements

• Will engage MPOs, PDCs and NVTA throughout the process

• Public meetings will be completed by Nov 30 2019