

#### COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA Office of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ SECRETARY of TRANSPORTATION

# **Overview of the Policy to Identify VTrans Mid-term Needs**

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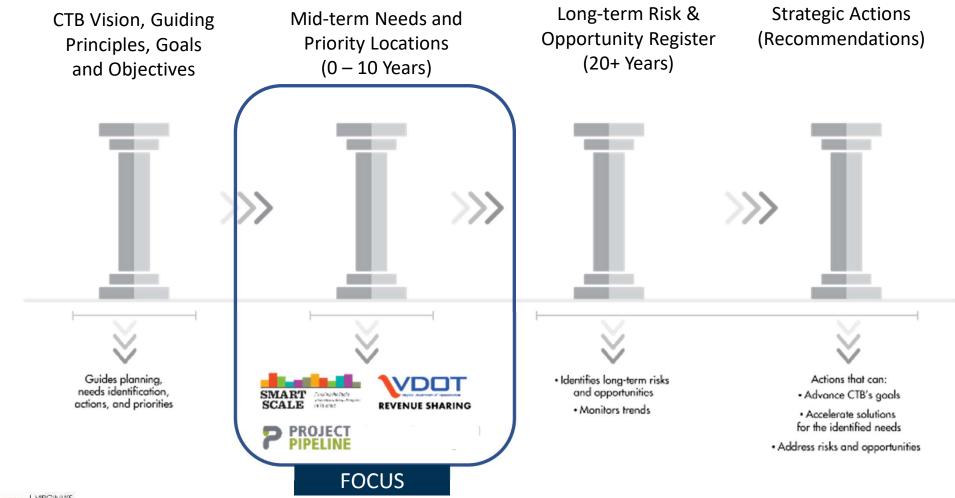








# VTRANS FOCUS AREAS: MID-TERM NEEDS + PRIORITIES (NEXT 10 YEARS)



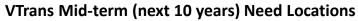
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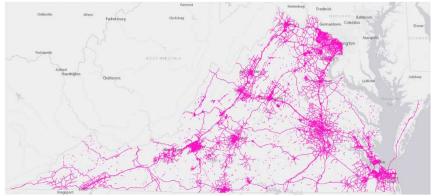
#### **CODE REQUIREMENT**

- Code § 33.2-353 requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to comprehensively review statewide transportation multimodal needs for all Corridors of Statewide Significance (CoSS), Regional Networks (RN), and Urban Development Areas (UDA).
  - The review shall assess transportation needs and assign priorities to projects statewide.
  - The review shall not be an aggregation of local, district, regional, or modal plans.
  - The Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) assists the CTB.

## **VTRANS POLICIES**

- CTB is meeting the Code requirements by identifying and prioritizing transportation needs.
  - "Transportation needs" in this context, are referred to as Mid-term Needs (Needs to be addressed over the next 10 years)
  - These CTB policies establish the need categories and criteria.
- The VTrans Policy Guide documents the associated VTrans policies.





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### **TRAVEL MARKETS TO IDENTIFY MID-TERM NEEDS**

- VTrans Mid-term Needs are multimodal (highway, transit, rail, transportation demand management, etc.) and focus on capacity and safety issues by the following travel markets:
  - Corridors of Statewide Significance (CoSS)
  - Regional Networks (RN)
  - Urban Development Areas (UDA)
  - Safety
- Solutions to the identified VTrans needs:
  - May include projects, policies, or programs
  - Are not restricted to specific travel modes or locations of the need

- Supports inter-regional trips
- Supports intra-regional trips
- Supports local trips

# CORRIDORS OF STATEWIDE SIGNIFICANCE (COSS) TRAVEL MARKET NEED CATEGORIES

- Definition: An integrated set of multimodal transportation facilities to support inter-regional travel of people and goods within and outside the state.
  - This supports inter-regional travel (e.g., Williamsburg to Richmond).
- CTB policy identifies the corridors and includes the following need categories:
  - Congestion Mitigation
  - Travel Time Reliability
  - Rail On-time Performance
  - Capacity Preservation
  - Travel Demand Management
  - Safety Improvement

- Thin lines of same color represent Corridor Component Facilities
- Coastal Corridor (US-17)
- ---- Crescent Corridor (I-81)
- East-West Corridor (I-64)
- ----- Eastern Shore Corridor (US-13)
- Heartland Corridor (US-460)
- North Carolina to West Virginia Corridor (US-220)
- ---- North-South Corridor (Rte 234)

- ---- Northern Virginia Corridor (I-66)
- ---- Seminole Corridor (US-29)
- ---- Southside Corridor (US-58)
- ----- Western Mountain Corridor (I-77)

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### **REGIONAL NETWORKS (RN) TRAVEL MARKET NEED CATEGORIES**

- Definition: Based on designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) within the Commonwealth. If an MPO boundary includes only a portion of a county, the entire county is included in the needs analysis area.
  - This supports intra-regional travel (e.g., Chesterfield to Richmond).
- CTB policy establishes the Regional Networks and includes the following need categories:
  - Congestion Mitigation
  - Travel Time Reliability
  - Capacity Preservation
  - Travel Demand Management
  - Bike Access
  - Walk Access
  - Transit Access

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# **URBAN DEVELOPMENT AREAS (UDA) TRAVEL MARKET NEED CATEGORIES**

# **Definition:**

- UDAs are locally designated growth areas based on local initiatives pursuant to § 15.2-2223.1.
- Per CTB policy, Industrial and Economic Development Areas (IEDAs), which are locally identified economic development sites submitted to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP)'s Business-Ready Site Program pursuant to § 2.2-2238, are included in the UDA Travel Market.
- This supports travel within or to a localized area (e.g., travel within downtown).

Localities identify UDAs and IEDAs and include the following need categories:

- Access to Industrial Sites
- Roadway Capacity
- Roadway Operations
- Intersection Design
- Street Grid
- Safety Features
- Traffic Calming
- Signing/Wayfinding
- Environment

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- Transit Frequency
- Transit Operations
- Transit Capacity
- Transit Facilities
- Bicycle Infrastructure
- Pedestrian Infrastructure
- Complete Streets
- Sidewalks
- On-street Parking
- Off-street Parking

### SAFETY TRAVEL MARKET NEED CATEGORIES

Definition: The safety travel market focuses on statewide transportation safety, regardless of trip purpose.

Factors include crash frequency and severity, among others.

# CTB policy includes the following need categories:

- Roadway Safety (Roadway segments and intersections)
- Pedestrian Safety

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#### **NEXT STEPS**

- The underlying datasets (e.g., travel times, crashes, ridership) are being updated.
- The updated VTrans Mid-term Needs will be publicly available on InteractVTrans by the end of January.
- The identified needs will be used to screen projects in the upcoming round of SMART SCALE.

Screenshot of InteractVTrans (https://vtrans.org/interactvtrans/map-explorer)

