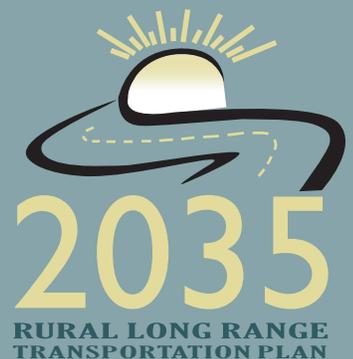


Crater Planning District Commission





CRATER REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Crater Planning District Commission are partnering to evaluate the rural transportation system in the region and to recommend a range of transportation improvements that best satisfy existing and future transportation needs. This partnership will result in a regional plan that identifies needs based upon goals and objectives established by the region. Improving the transportation system remains vital to improving the quality of life and continued economic growth and prosperity in Virginia. Providing for the effective, safe and efficient movement of people and goods is a basic goal of all transportation programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2035 STATE HIGHWAY PLAN

Once completed, the regional transportation plan will be incorporated into Virginia's 2035 State Highway Plan. The statewide highway plan is developed by (VDOT) to identify needs and recommend solutions for the Commonwealth's Interstate and primary highway systems. The regional transportation plans serve as the building blocks for the State Highway Plan and are being developed in cooperation with planning district commissions throughout the Commonwealth. The plans will complement the transportation plans that currently exist for metropolitan areas of Virginia.

MOVING FORWARD

The Crater Regional Transportation Plan and the 2035 State Highway Plan will be key tools for identifying and understanding the magnitude of Virginia's transportation needs and establish a foundation for making critical funding decisions for future highway projects.

These plans will provide real and tangible solutions to issues such as safety, capacity, and geometric deficiencies and will serve as key resources to determine future projects for implementation. The plans will address important regional issues such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, transit operations, intermodal connectors and park and ride lots, all significant or important premier elements in creating a comprehensive transportation network for the future.

Once completed, the 2035 State Highway Plan will serve as a key component to VTrans2035, Virginia's State-wide Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan. VTrans2035 will rely heavily on the findings of the State Highway Plan to ensure other modes of travel, including rail, transit, aviation and shipping seamlessly blend into the highway network to form one single, integrated network.





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PLANNING DISTRICT

The Crater Planning District Commission (CPDC) is one of 21 Planning District Commissions (PDCs) in the Commonwealth of Virginia, which bring together elected officials and citizens to identify needs and potential solutions for a variety of public policy and infrastructure projects in their communities, including transportation initiatives.

Specifically, the CPDC serves nearly 450,000 citizens in south-central Virginia in the following areas: the cities of Colonial Heights, Emporia, Hopewell and Petersburg, and the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Prince George, Surry and Sussex.

Interstate 95 is the principle highway in the Crater Planning District. It bisects the planning district, connecting it with Richmond to the north and with North Carolina to the south. I-295 provides an alternative to I-95. In addition, Interstate 85 originates in Petersburg and slants southwest through Dinwiddie County into North Carolina. Route 460 connects the Petersburg area with Norfolk and the ports of Hampton Roads, and Route 58 passes through Emporia along the state's southern border.

In keeping with the priorities of the region it serves, The CPDC is largely focused on economic, industrial and small business development. Additionally, the group also provides leadership on a number of environmental initiatives, including local ramifications of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, air quality standards and solid waste management. The CPDC also addresses regional transportation issues and assists localities in their transportation planning efforts, including Virginia's 2035 state highway plan.

The CPDC also works closely with Fort Lee in regard to the impacts of its BRAC-directed growth upon the Commission member's local jurisdictions. The Commission also assists regional tourism efforts through its partnership with the Petersburg Area Regional Tourism Corporation.

Mission

The mission of the CPDC is to promote the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social, and economic elements of the Planning District by planning, encouraging, and assisting governmental subdivisions to plan for the future.

Leadership

Dennis K. Morris, Executive Director
Dr. Marshall W. Smith, President
Mr. C. Frank Scott, III, Vice-President





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Providing the most current information to the media and the public is very important to VDOT. To get additional information and have your questions answered regarding this important planning process please address your questions or comments to the key team members listed below.

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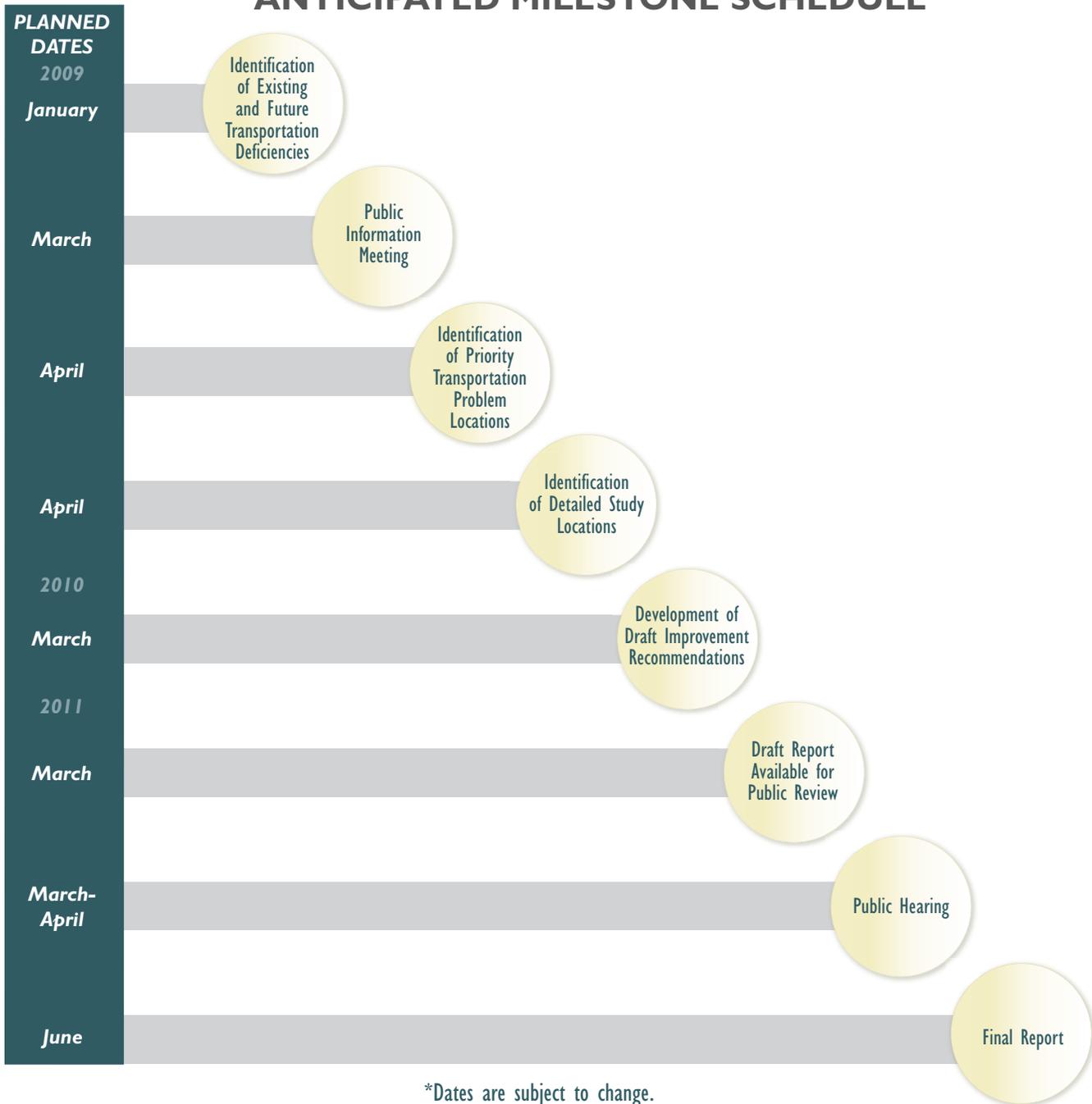
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ANTICIPATED MILESTONE SCHEDULE



*Dates are subject to change.

