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MIDDLE PENINSULA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Virginia Department of Transportation(VDOT) and the Middle Peninsula 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 Middle Peninsula 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 Statewide 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.

PLANNING DISTRICT

Area

The Middle Peninsula region is located in eastern Virginia and is bordered by the Rappahannock River to the north and the Pamunkey and York rivers to the south. The Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission (MPPDC) serves Essex, Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Mathews, and Middlesex counties, and the towns of Tappahannock, Urbanna, and West Point. The eastern edge of the district is along the Chesapeake Bay, while the Fredericksburg and Richmond regions lie to the west and southwest of the district. The region is characterized by its rural nature, numerous waterways, the Chesapeake Bay, and small historic towns surrounded by farms.

The Middle Peninsula region has experienced steady population growth, which is expected to continue. Total population is currently estimated at 91,447. Beginning in the 1970s, Gloucester County population began to grow more rapidly than the other counties, rising from 30% to more than 40% (2007) of the region's population. I-95 passes just west of the region and I-64 runs just south of the region. The roadways of the region tend to run in a northwest to southeast direction. Primary corridors running generally east to west include US 360, VA 14, VA 30, and VA 33. The main north-south corridors are US 17 and VA 14.

The three largest employment sectors within the region are government, retail trade, and health care and social assistance. The unemployment rate in region's jurisdictions ranges from 2.5% to 3.6%. Median household income in the counties had a range of $35,941-$49,876, which was in general below the Commonwealth in 2000.

Mission

The mission of the MPPDC is to improve public health, safety, convenience and welfare, and to provide for the social, economic and physical development of communities and metropolitan areas of the Commonwealth on a sound and orderly basis, within a governmental framework and economic environment which fosters constructive growth and efficient administration. The MPPDC also promotes the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social, and economic elements of the Middle Peninsula of Virginia.

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Leadership

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CONTACT LIST

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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ANTICIPATED MILESTONE SCHEDULE

PLANNED DATES	
Late October	Identification of Existing and Future Transportation Deficiencies
Mid-November	Public Information Meeting
December	Identification of Priority Transportation Problem Locations
2009 May	Identification of Detailed Study Locations
2010 June	Development of Draft Improvement Recommendations
2011 March	Draft Report Available for Public Review
March-April	Public Hearing
June	Final Report

Adjustments to the schedule have occurred due to changes in the methods and processes used for identifying transportation deficiencies.

*Dates are subject to change.

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