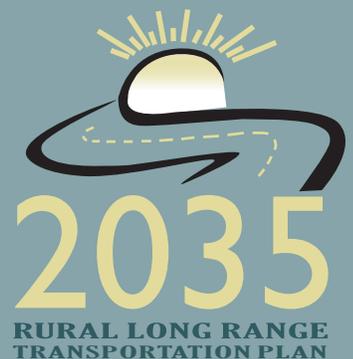




Lenowisco Planning District Commission





LENOWISCO REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Lenowisco 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. Local benefits include: identification of transportation deficiencies and recommendations of remedies, assist with comprehensive plan updates, traffic impact studies-Ch.527, programming of transportation improvements, effects of land use and development. 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 districts commissions throughout the Commonwealth. The plans will complement the transportation plans that currently exist for metropolitan areas of Virginia.

MOVING FORWARD

The Lenowisco 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 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.



PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Formed in 1968, the Lenowisco Planning District Commission 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 Commission serves citizens living in the following areas: the city of Norton and the counties of Wise, Lee, and Scott. The region is comprised of mountains, rolling hills, and valleys and is rich in coal, gas, and timber. Traditionally, the primary industry has been manufacturing, but economic development initiatives are currently focused on expanding the information technology sector.

The main transportation corridors in the region are Routes 23, 58, and 421. Additionally, the area is accessible to Interstates 77, 81, 75, 64, and 26.

As a regional planning agency, the Lenowisco Planning District Commission is focused on facilitating a number of community projects. Economic development initiatives include the expansion of high-speed fiber optic broadband lines in the Coalfield region.

Mission

The Lenowisco Planning District Commission encourages and facilitates local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing significant regional issues, including planning and implementing public policies and services. Specifically, the Commission provides a variety of technical and program services to member local governments, including grant application assistance, management services for program implementation, land use planning services and mapping, and transportation planning.

Leadership

Wise County

Ronnie Shortt, Chairman
Ben Allen
Bobby Dorton
Bob Adkins
Robert Robbins
Kyle Fletcher

Lee County

Mark Carter
Homer "Pete" Sumpter
Carl Bailey
Larry Mosley

Scott County

Joe Herron
Danny Parks
Joe Horton
Larry Wayne Vicars

City of Norton

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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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Please visit the VDOT website to find additional information regarding this and other important transportation initiatives in your area.
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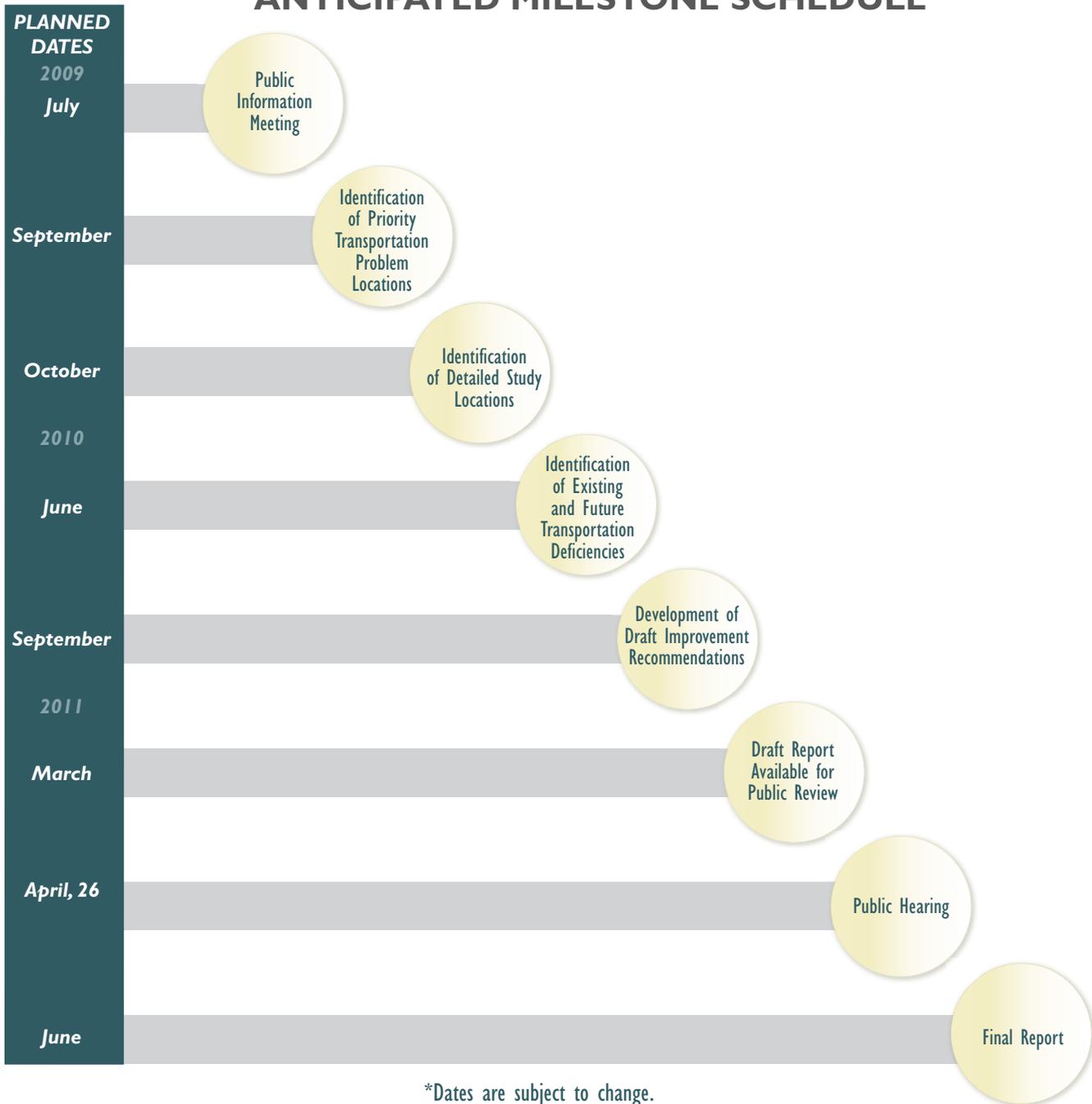
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