



NORTHERN

BLUE RIDGE

PIEDMONT

VALLEY & RIDGE

EASTERN

Chapter 6: VSTP Recommendations

Earlier chapters described the changes in demographics that influence surface transportation demands, the need for additional investment, the benefits of investing in transportation, and the general types of improvements required. This chapter identifies specific recommendations for each of the VSTP modal elements organized among the five VSTP regions. Each of the regional sections includes the following information:

REGIONAL CONTEXT: The regional context discusses the regional, inter- and intrastate functions of the area as a whole. Each of the five regions has its own unique economic, geographic, and socioeconomic characteristics. These functions and characteristics play an important role in how the transportation infrastructure for each region has evolved and in decisions for improving and enhancing transportation in the future.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES: The Commonwealth of Virginia has an extensive network of transportation facilities. The summary of transportation facilities focuses on the key components of each of the VSTP elements (highway, public transportation, freight, rail, bicycle and pedestrian). Specifically, the summary focuses on those existing assets that characterize the region.

CHARACTERISTICS: Analysis of changes in population, employment and DVMT between 2010 and 2035 provide a picture of where the region is and where it is headed in terms of these key factors. Data, charts and a summary of the estimated changes for each of the five VSTP regions is included in each of the regional write-ups.

REGIONAL MAP: The regional map provides a spatial snapshot of regional recommendations and illustrates how each of the identified VSTP regions is impacted by surrounding jurisdictions.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Recommendations for each of the five VSTP elements are included in list form at the end of each of the regional subsections. Recommendations lists are organized by the five transportation elements (highway, public transportation, rail, freight, bicycle and pedestrian).