

Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission





CUMBERLAND PLATEAU REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Cumberland Plateau 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 Cumberland Plateau 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 Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission (CPPDC) 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 CPPDC serves more than 118,000 citizens living the towns of Richlands, Tazewell, and Bluefield, and the counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell, and Tazewell. Other towns throughout the four-county area are also part of the planning district and receive free planning and technical assistance from the CPPDC staff.

The district is served by three major U.S. Highways, nine primary state highways, and numerous state secondary highways. No interstate highways pass through the district. Route 19 is a major north-south highway that runs from Erie, Pennsylvania to St. Petersburg, Florida; Route 460 is an east-west highway that runs from Norfolk, Virginia to St. Louis, Missouri; and Route 58 is an east-west highway that runs from Norfolk, Virginia to Middlesboro, Kentucky. State primary and secondary highways provide intra-district access, as well as access to points in neighboring counties and West Virginia and Kentucky.

The economy of the Cumberland Plateau Planning District is in transition from coal mining and timber operations to manufacturing, service, and telecommunications.

As a regional planning agency, the CSPDC is currently focused on a number of community projects. The majority of the commission's work is focused in the areas of grantsmanship, management services, industrial development, public works, geographic information services and regional waste management. Specific transportation-related projects include the preparation of a Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan for the District. It also assists localities, VDOT, and the general public with transportation data, maps, and other information.

Mission

The CPPDC seeks to improve the quality of life for Southwest Virginians by promoting regional cooperation, coordinating regional activities and policies of member local governments, and providing assistance to local governments in planning and development activities. Our goals are accomplished through economic development planning, community development planning, solid waste planning, transportation planning, grant writing, grant management services, and technical assistance.

Leadership

Danny Brown, Chairman
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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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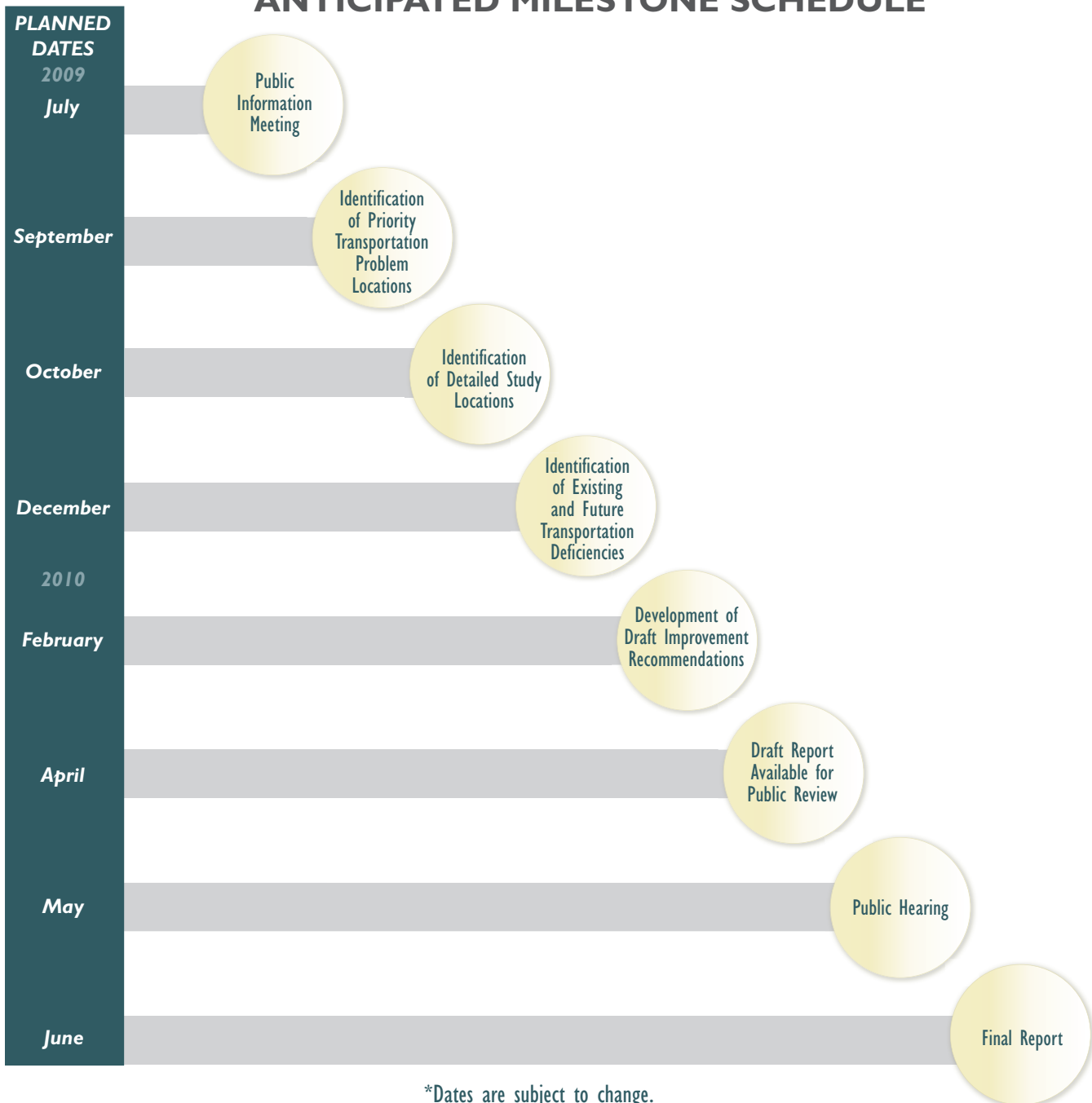
*Please visit the VDOT website to find additional information regarding this
and other important transportation initiatives in your area.*
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ANTICIPATED MILESTONE SCHEDULE



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