

George Washington Regional Commission





GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the George Washington Regional 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 George Washington 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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REGIONAL COMMISSION

The George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) 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 GWRC serves more than 300,000 citizens in the fastest-growing region in Virginia, which includes the following areas: the city of Fredericksburg, Caroline County, King George County, Spotsylvania County, and Stafford County.

Bisecting the region on a north-south axis, I-95 marks the area of most rapid development. Other major corridors include Routes 1, 17, 301, 3, and 208.

Primarily, the GWRC is charged with providing local government support on a number of transportation programs, regional planning initiatives, and economic development opportunities. The GWRideConnect program, a free ridesharing service, and three GoTelework.org telework centers are projects that fall under the GWRC's purview, highlighting the Commission's wide range of involvement in community issues.

Transportation-specific initiatives of the GWRC include the creation of The Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO), the federally-recognized transportation policy board responsible for developing a variety of short-term and long-term transportation projects that impact urban areas.

In addition, the GWRC also supports a number of affiliated organizations, including the Rappahannock Economic Development Corporation, the Rappahannock River Basin Commission and the Rappahannock Disabilities Services Board.

Mission

The mission of the GWRC is to coordinate planning to ensure economic competitiveness, reduce redundancy in government, improve efficiency, enhance services and improve implementation time of regional projects.



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

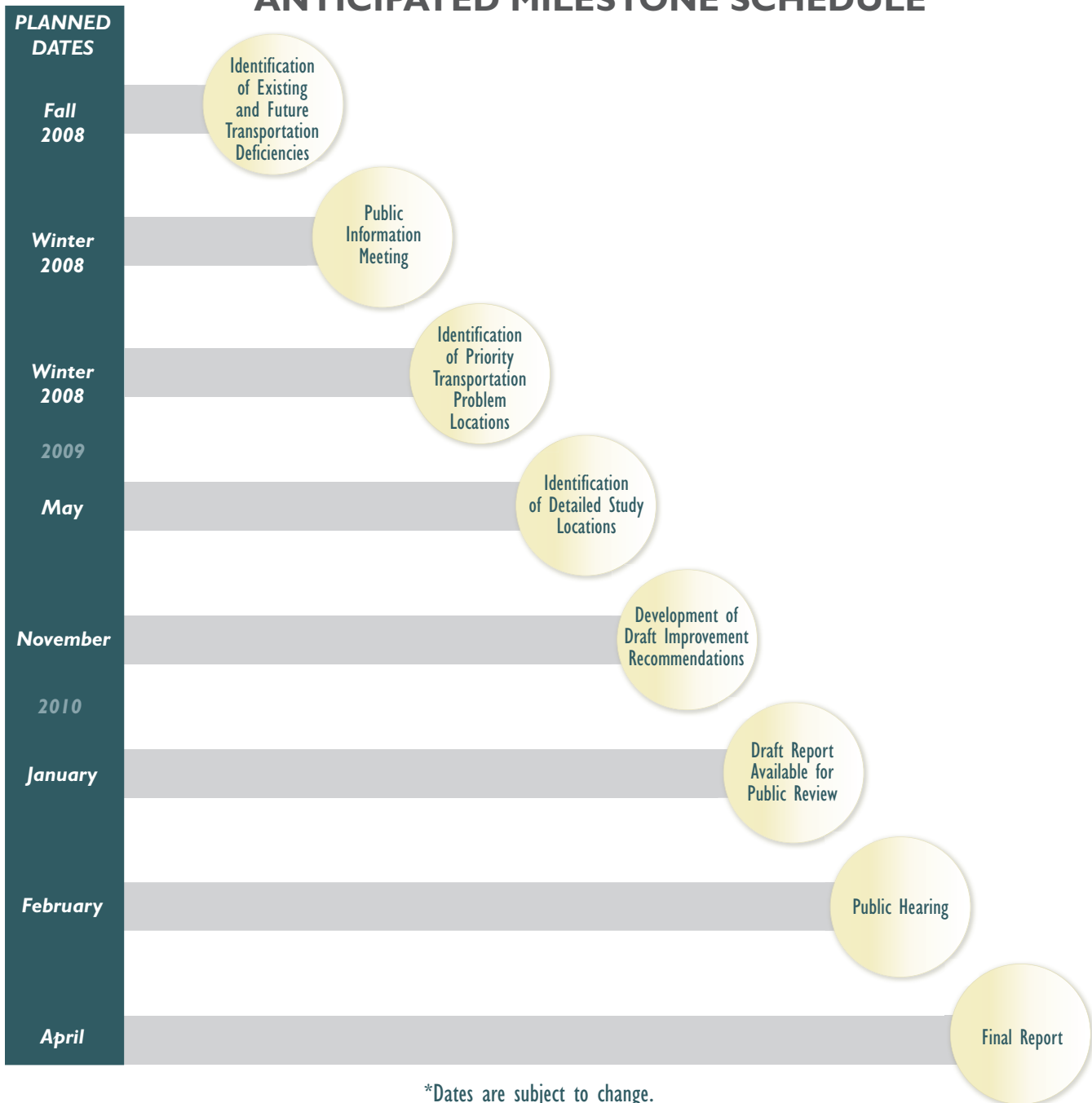
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