

Northern Neck Planning District Commission





NORTHERN NECK REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Northern Neck 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 Northern Neck 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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PLANNING DISTRICT

Formed in 1969, the Northern Neck Planning District Commission (NNPDC) 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 NNPDC serves more than 49,000 citizens in the following counties: Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, and Westmoreland. The region has 1,100 miles of shoreline and services a number of industries, including farming, fishing, winemaking, and tourism.

The Northern Neck's transportation infrastructure consists of one U.S. Highway (Route 360), and three state routes (3, 200, and 202).

As a regional planning agency, the NNPDC supports regional and local community initiatives. Economic development activities include: providing assistance with the development and marketing of industrial park sites; continuing the Northern Neck Rideshare Program, a clearinghouse for transportation-related information in the region; and supporting a proposed Oyster Hatchery in the Northern Neck. Environmental programs include supporting regional litter control initiatives and educating county planning commissions and staff on conservation corridors. Finally, transportation initiatives include providing input on regional transportation planning matters, working with VDOT to further develop a comprehensive Geographic Information System, and assisting with scenic byway designation and highway beautification projects.

Mission

The Northern Neck Planning District Commission, a voluntary association of local governing bodies, endeavors to address local issues and to solve problems with regional significance and impact through mutual cooperation.

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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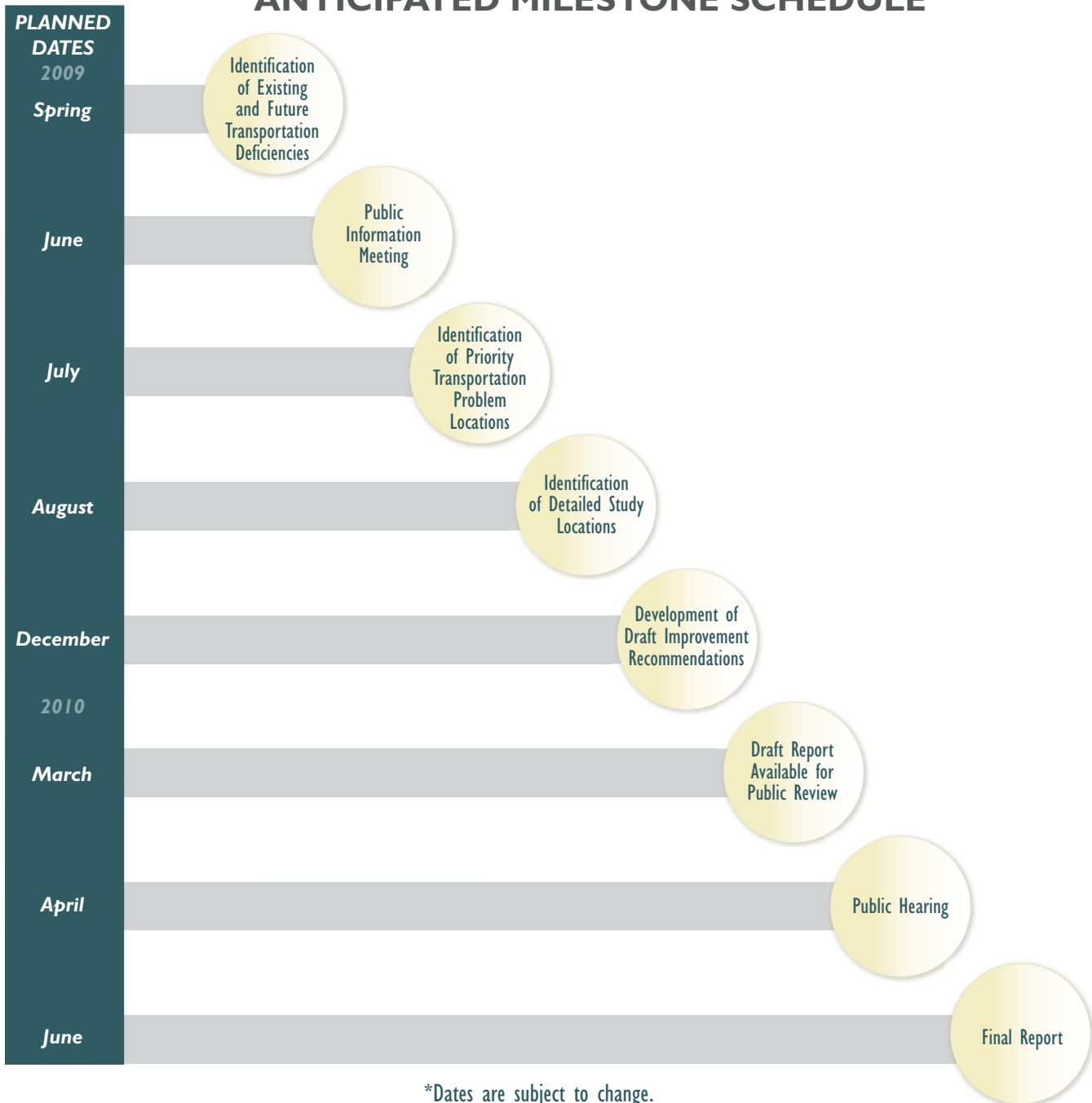
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ANTICIPATED MILESTONE SCHEDULE



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