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### **VIRGINIA'S REGION 2000 PARTNERSHIP, LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership, Local Government Council 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 Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership, Local Government Council 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.



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Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership, Local Government Council is an area of 2,000 square miles in the center of Virginia that encompasses the cities of Bedford and Lynchburg; the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell; and the towns of Altavista, Amherst, Appomattox and Brookneal.

The mission of a planning district commission is to promote the efficient development of the physical, social, and economic policies of all districts within the Commonwealth by assisting local governments to plan for the future. The Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council is a planning district commission dedicated to implementing and coordinating regional services to improve the quality of life and building opportunities for individual, business and jurisdictional success. The Region 2000 serves as a voice of the region and as a focal point for regional policy development and is a valued resource to local governments, businesses, educational institutions, and the non-profit community, who are recognized as partners in achieving regional goals.

Region 2000 is led by local elected officials and city, town, and county managers, as well as representatives from the Virginia State Senate and House of Delegates.



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### CONTACT LIST

Providing the most current up to date 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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## ANTICIPATED MILESTONE SCHEDULE

