

Richmond Regional Commission





RICHMOND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Richmond 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 Richmond 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.



PLANNING DISTRICT

Formed in 1969, the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (RRPDC) 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 RRPDC serves nearly 950,000 citizens over 2,165 square miles in the following areas: the town of Ashland, Charles City County, Chesterfield County, Goochland County, Hanover County, Henrico County, New Kent County, Powhatan County, and the city of Richmond.

I-95 passes through the Richmond region and is the major north-south connector on the east coast. I-64 is an important east-west connector that provides access to Hampton Roads as well as to points across the country. Other important highways within the region include I-295, which forms a semi-circle bypass for the northern and eastern portions of the region; Route 288, which forms a bypass for the southern and western portions of the region; I-195, which connects I-64 and I-95 to the Powhite Parkway and the Downtown Expressway; I-895, which provides an east-west link between I-95 and I-295 in Henrico County, and the Powhite Parkway and Chippenham Parkway, which serve as major linkage highways connecting Chesterfield County to the City of Richmond, Henrico County, and to I-95. Primary routes, including Routes 1, 33, 60, 250, 301, and 360 are also an integral part of the region's roadway network.

As a regional planning agency, the group's focus is in the areas of transportation, water resources and solid waste planning; local technical assistance; and information services, including demographic, economic, and geographic information systems. The RRPDC's major objectives are to:

- Identify issues and opportunities of an inter-jurisdictional nature;
- Establish plans and policies for addressing those regional issues;
- Identify ways and means for state and local governments and the private sector to implement programs;
- Help promote cooperation among state and local governments in issue resolution; and
- Provide technical assistance and information services to its member jurisdictions.

Mission

The RRPDC's mission is to strengthen the quality of life throughout the Richmond region by serving as a regional forum of member local governments to address issues of regional significance, providing technical assistance to localities, and promoting and enhancing the collective consensus on the economic, transportation, social, environmental, and demographic interests of the region.

Leadership

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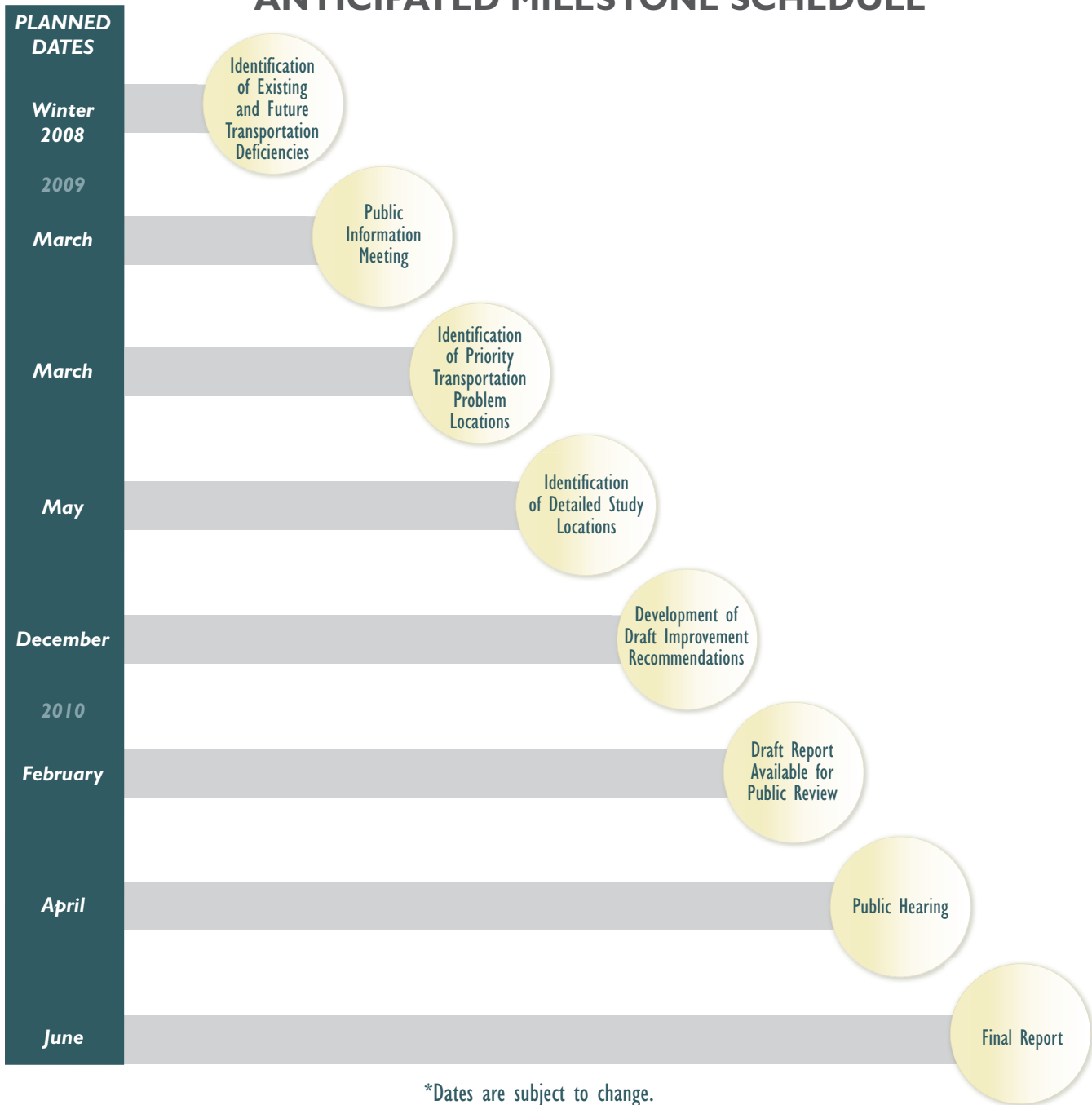
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ANTICIPATED MILESTONE SCHEDULE



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