



**Multimodal Advisory Committee
January 14, 2009
9:30 AM – 1:00
Virginia Department of Transportation
Summary**

1. Welcome, Introductions and Updates

The group introduced themselves.
There were no updates.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. VTrans Update Work Plan

Deputy Secretary Ralph Davis reminded the group that the orientation should be “Moving the vision forward”. Ms. Linda Carpenter (Wilbur Smith) reviewed the work plan. The framework includes inputs such as changing demographics, modal and regional plans, and outcomes such as integrated modal needs and alternative investment scenarios. The technical components of the plan will include the trends report, issue papers, MPO visions and goals, and the analysis of the corridors of statewide significance. Ms. Carpenter also presented the tight timeline, which shows the plan’s completion date of December 2009. General comments from the group focused on the ‘10-12 initiatives’ required by Secretary Homer and where they will come from. Ms. Carpenter suggested that they would come from a number of different angles such as the CTB, public outreach, the Agency Head group and from the issue papers. Dozens of initiatives will arise which will then need to be boiled down to the 10-12. Mr. Davis reminded everyone that Secretary Homer also wants VTrans to build up from the MPO plans. Mr. Brad Shelton stated that MPO plans are the foundation for the State Highway Plan which is now being rolled into the Surface Transportation Plan.

Mr. Jeff Florin inquired whether the VTrans process will identify new performance measures, which are at this time very highway heavy. Mr. Davis stated that the measures can change as better ones are identified.

Dr. Mary Lynn Tischer assigned review responsibility for the issue papers. Outline reviews will be due one-week after outlines are received. Ms. Carpenter will set up conference calls with the authors of the papers and the Cambridge project manager. Assignments are as follows:

Land Use

Rusty Harrington - lead
Amy Inman
Tom Biesiadny

**Mobility, Connectivity
and Accessibility**

Amy Inman - lead
Ben Mannell
Tom Biesiadny

European Lessons

Jeff Florin - lead
Ralph Davis
Mary Lynn Tischer
Robin Grier

Asset Management

Ben Mannell -lead
Jeff Florin
Rusty Harrington
Amy Inman

**Economic
Development**

Jeff Florin - lead
Rusty Harrington
Mike Garrett

**Regional and Local
Decision-making**

Jeff Walker - lead
Andy Pickard
Tom Biesiadny
Dan Lysy

Freight

Jeff Walker - lead
Jeff Florin
Erik Johnson
Amy Inman

Congestion

Brad Shelton - lead
Valerie Pardo
Tom Biesiadny

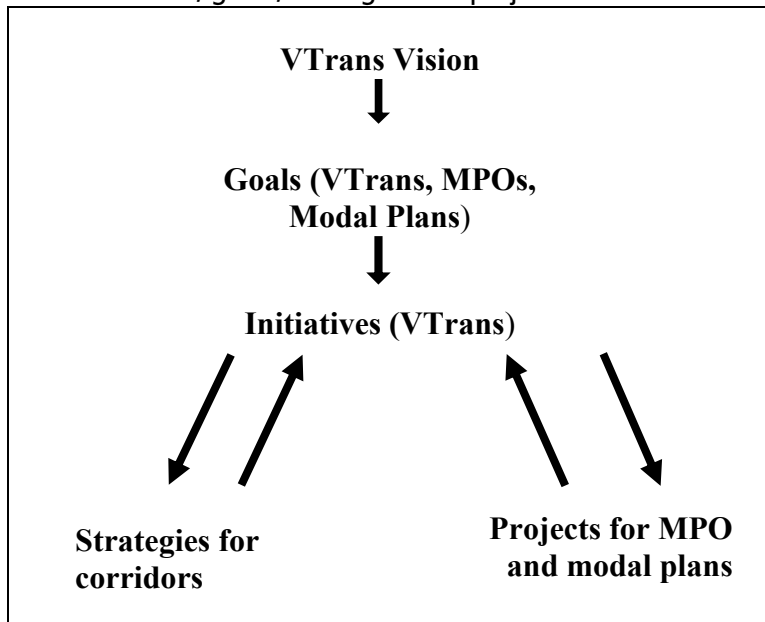
Safety

Mike Sawyer (VDOT)- lead
Robin Grier
Ken Jennings
Amy Inman

4. Corridors of Statewide Significance Analysis Approach

Mr. Chris Gay (VHB) presented the proposed approach to the analysis of the corridors of statewide significance. Mr. Gay will proceed with the assumption that his work will revolve around the corridors identified in VTrans2025, with an open mind to the possibility that his analysis may suggest to add and/ or drop corridors. Mr. Gay asked the committee what to do with the areas outside the corridors. He was told that the corridors were identified to focus on regional and statewide connections, not every transportation facility in the state. The group discussed the role of transit in the corridors and agreed that transit is an extension of intercity modes so the focus should be on transit connectivity.

There is still confusion of what is considered an initiative. Discussion suggested the following relationship between initiatives, goals, strategies and projects:



Mr. Davis stated that the Agency Head group has identified a number of initiatives including Craney Island expansion, Bridges, Rail Enhancement Funding, Climate Change and Land Use Planning. He also reminded the group that VTrans2025 included initiatives but were called Policy Recommendations. Those recommendations should be revisited.

Mr. Gay also requested guidance on the baseline for his analysis. Mr. Mannell stated that the Surface Transportation Plan will have a no-build baseline, or what is currently programmed in the CTB's Six-Year program. It was agreed that the multimodal long range plan would use the same baseline.

5. VTrans Update Outreach Plan

Ms. Carpenter and Mr. Chris Ryan (Howard/Stein-Hudson) presented the framework for the Outreach Plan. It was suggested that the goal of the outreach plan be "Build partnerships to help move the VTrans vision forward". Also, VML, VACO, AARP, AAA and other advocacy groups should be included in the list of stakeholders. Dr. Tischer stated that the idea of conducting a survey should not be taken off the table but that she did not want to any informal questionnaires being used.

It is imperative to get information out as soon as possible, given the condensed timeframe of the update. That can be achieved through e-mails and e-newsletters. The committee will help Ms. Carpenter build the mailing list by supplying contact lists for their regions or mode. Mr. Jeff Walker offered to facilitate information distribution through MPO newsletters.

The outreach plan includes attendance at various conferences, two stakeholder meetings, a summit and two rounds of public meetings across the state. The first round will coordinate with the five CTB Six-Year Program meetings.

There was considerable discussion on ways to involve colleges. Ms. Carpenter suggested a video contest, where the winner of the contest would have their video shown at the summit. It was agreed to look further into this idea.

6. Jobs/Housing Analysis

This analysis will be presented at the January 30 VAPDC meeting.

The next meeting will be February 11th at 9:30 in the VDOT auditorium.

Attendees

Amy Inman
Brad Shelton
Robin Grier
Jeff Florin
Jeff Walker
Rusty Harrington
Ralph Davis

Mary Lynn Tischer
Valerie Pardo
Katherine Graham
Tom Biesiadny
Kim Gray
Ben Mannell
Chris Gay
Chris Ryan
Linda Carpenter