



**Multimodal Advisory Committee**  
**March 11, 2009**  
**9:30 AM – 1:00**  
**Virginia Department of Transportation**  
**Summary**

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Updates**

Dr. Mary Lynn Tischer welcomed the group and provided an update of activities since the last committee meeting.

- The Asset Maintenance, Mobility and Economic Development issue papers have been distributed
- John Miller gave a presentation to the CTB at their February meeting regarding the *FORECASTS OF SOCIOECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND TRAVEL DEMAND* report
- Dr. Tischer gave a presentation at the January VAPDC meeting regarding the VTrans update and the jobs/housing ratio measure to be used in the 2007 Transportation Performance Report.
- Dr. Amy O'Leary (VTRC) will give a presentation to the CTB at the March meeting regarding the *EXAMINING THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE MOTOR FUELS TAX AND POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES* report. (This report is on [www.vtrans.org](http://www.vtrans.org)) Deputy Secretary Ralph Davis will give a follow-up presentation on a short-term option to the VMT tax. (This presentation can be found at [Commonwealth Transportation Board \(CTB\)](#))
- Dr. Tischer will give a presentation introducing the CTB to the Corridors of Statewide Significance identified in VTrans2025. New legislation requires VTrans to identify corridors of statewide significance and regional networks and develop solutions to improve mobility within those corridors and networks. A major component of VTrans2035 will be analysis of the corridors identified in VTrans2025. (This presentation was postponed.)

Dr. Tischer distributed the outline for the Investment Adequacy report and asked for comments. Mr. Chris Gay (VHB) will relay comments to the author and another draft will be submitted to the committee. Comments included:

- Need more information on methodology for non-highway modes
- Include discussion of local and regional revenues, bonds, general funds and property taxes
- Need more discussion of non-highway modes

- Compare Virginia to Texas and North Carolina that also have responsibility for a large system

## **2. Public Comment**

There was not public comment

## **3. Planning Networks**

Mr. Brad Shelton presented several planning networks for the committee's consideration. The networks include the Statewide Mobility System (SMS - approximately 5,700 miles and used to identify projects for the highway portion of the Surface Transportation Plan), the Corridors of Statewide Significance (CSS - being analyzed as part of VTrans2035) and the VDOT Commissioner's network under development. The purpose of this presentation was to ensure that there aren't conflicts between the networks. In addition, legislation that becomes effective in July requires VTrans to consider regional networks.

Mr. Shelton introduced the idea that the Surface Transportation Plan could be phased to meet the VTrans deadline. Phase I would identify projects on the multimodal CSS. Phase II would identify projects on the SMS (highways) and in the regional networks (transit).

## **4. Corridors of Statewide Significance Workshop: I-66 Corridor Pilot**

Mr. Gay (VHB) presented his approach to the corridors by way of an example on I-66. The pilot was developed so that consensus could be reached on his methodology for the analysis. It was agreed that descriptions of how the corridor or parts of the corridor functions should be the first step. Then evaluating the types of projects that have already been identified on each corridor could determine what initiatives best apply to each corridor. It would be expected that no more than 2-3 initiatives would be developed per corridor. It was agreed that Mr. Gay should provide analysis of another corridor.

## **5. VTrans Progress Report**

Ms. Linda Carpenter distributed a progress report of all VTrans activities. In addition to the progress discussed by Dr. Tischer, Ms. Carpenter told the committee the following:

- The Stakeholder Listening Session will take place March 23 at the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission
- VTrans information will be available at the VAPA conference. Amy Inman, Lorna Parkins (Michael Baker, Jr.) and Hannah Twaddell (Renaissance Planning Group) are session panel members and will distribute materials and mention VTrans if appropriate to their sessions
- E-notes will be distributed to VAPDC, VML and VACO for mass distribution
- Planning is in progress for the April Regional Planning Forum. (April 27<sup>th</sup>).
- Universities have been contacted regarding the video competition. It is envisioned that the winning video will be shown at the summit
- The May/June public meetings will not be coordinated with the CTB meetings. There will be four meetings around the state and one virtual meeting. Planning for these meetings is in progress.

## **6. April Stakeholder meeting**

Ms. Carpenter distributed the draft agenda for the April Regional Planning Forum. There was a suggestion to have several meetings located around the state to focus on a particular corridor but it was noted that time is very limited. The attendees will be broken out into regional groups so that people are familiar with the corridors included in those regions.

The committee reviewed the invitation list and offered additions.

~~**Next Meeting — April 8<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM at VDOT, Old Building, Conference room 3.**~~

**April meeting has been cancelled.**

### **Attendees**

Amy Inman  
Brad Shelton  
Robin Grier  
Rusty Harrington  
Ralph Davis  
Mary Lynn Tischer  
Valerie Pardo  
Katherine Graham  
Tom Biesiadny  
Ben Mannell  
Chris Gay (VHB)  
Linda Carpenter (Wilbur Smith)  
Ken Jennings  
Nick Alexander (VHB)  
Andy Pickard  
Marsha Fiol  
John Miller  
Heather Mantz