



**Multimodal Advisory Committee  
May 13, 2009  
Summary**

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Updates**

Dr. Mary Lynn Tischer welcomed the group and introductions were made. Deputy Secretary Ralph Davis thanked the committee for providing comments on the issue papers. He also mentioned that he will be briefing the VTrans Executive Team on May 28<sup>th</sup> regarding the Corridors of Statewide Significance, the Surface Transportation Plan and the summer public meetings.

**2. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**3. I-81 Corridor Report**

Mr. Chris Gay and Mr. Nick Alexandrow (VHB) reviewed the corridor analysis approach using I-81 as an example. Mr. Alexandrow reviewed the draft I-81 Report and committee provided the following comments:

- include section on why we are looking at the corridors, why it is important and how we are going to use the information
- there needs to be a clear relationship between the Corridors of Statewide Significance, the Statewide Mobility System and the Commissioner's Network
- identify problems the corridors can't solve
- look at networks and function – not modes
- be aware that additional corridors may arise from analysis
- consider different types of movement – local, long-distance, freight – and how to accommodate those movements
- need to turn data into information for policymakers, draw conclusions from data
- use tables to display data
- look at recent legislation to see how that will affect what we do in the future
- look at mode split in the corridors
- corridor strategies should include ITS
- look at regional networks and how we move around within a region
- provide link between strategies and VTrans goals

- strategies will come from a number of places, including the regional planning forum, the advisory committee, the corridor analysis, etc. Will need to reference where they came from
- strategies will have different levels of importance – some will be more effective than others
- need to have sufficient data to support strategy
- will need to prioritize strategies

The committee told Mr. Gay and Mr. Alexandrow that there should be more detail for the strategies provided in the examples presented.

Mr. Gay noted that he will need to feed materials to the committee as they become available and not wait until the monthly meeting.

There was discussion about the relationship between the Surface Transportation Plan and the MPO plans. It was explained that the Surface Transportation relies heavily on the MPO plans and then expands to include the remainder of the Statewide Mobility System.

There was also discussion of the initiatives. It was explained that the purpose for identifying initiatives is to guide the next administration as they develop transportation policies.

**4. Summer public meetings**

Ms. Linda Carpenter (Wilbur Smith) reviewed the format for the summer public meetings. There will be four open houses with a short presentation from either Deputy Secretary Davis or Dr. Tischer. There will be stations for an informative powerpoint discussing the corridors of statewide significance, the Surface Transportation Plan (to include the Bike Plan and Park and Ride lots), the Department of Aviation and the Port Authority. There will also be a virtual meeting (on the web) that will include all materials taken to the public meetings. The schedule is below.

<b>When</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Time</b>
June 22	Northern Virginia Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School 7130 Leesburg Pike Falls Church, VA	<b>6:00 – 9:00</b>
June 24	Richmond <b>Maggie L. Walker High School</b> <b>1000 W. Leigh Street</b> <b>Richmond, VA</b>	4:30 – 7:30
June 25	Hampton Roads Hampton Roads PDC 723 Woodlake Drive Chesapeake, VA	4:30 – 7:30

July 9	Roanoke Hidden Valley High School 5000 Titan Trail Roanoke, VA	4:30 – 7:30
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A suggestion was made to convert the powerpoint to posters as most people will not take time to watch the powerpoint. It was also suggested to expand the corridor and Surface Transportation Plan stations to accommodate larger crowds. Deputy Secretary Davis also stated that we will need a station on regional accessibility manned by MPO representatives.

A suggestion was made to appoint a 'greeter' to hand out materials and greet people at the door. Materials should include a map of the room to let people know what is available for review.

Special invitations will be sent out to state and local officials and the CTB member for the region will be asked to attend. Other groups that should be targeted include immigrant communities, VAPA, and the environment community.

#### **5. VTrans2035 Schedule**

Ms. Carpenter distributed a timeline and reviewed the schedule for the remainder of the time left to produce the plan, which is short. Everything needs to come together by August/early September to have time for review, comment and revision.

There has not been any interest to date for the video competition. Ms. Carpenter will target schools with summer classes to see if there is any interest.

Facebook is about to be launched. Ms. Carpenter will send out a link to access the page. Please promote the site if possible and become a member to help fuel the conversation.

#### **6. Recent Activities**

Ms. Carpenter reminded the group that the Stakeholder Listening Session and the Regional Planning Forum had taken place, were well attended and considered successful. The summary from the Listening Session is on the web. Renaissance is working on the summary for the Planning Forum, which will go on the web once completed.

#### **7. Roundtable**

Ms. Robin Grier told the committee that there will be a videoconference with the MPOs and the Surface Transportation Plan team the week of June 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss materials that will be taken out to the public.

**Next meeting June 10<sup>th</sup> at VDOT Auditorium.**

**Attendees**

Amy Inman  
Brad Shelton  
Robin Grier  
Susan Simmers  
Ralph Davis  
Mary Lynn Tischer  
Katherine Graham  
Tom Biesiadny  
Ben Mannell  
Chris Gay (VHB)  
Linda Carpenter (Wilbur Smith)  
Ken Jennings  
Nick Alexandrow (VHB)  
Andy Pickard  
Heather Mantz  
Jeff Walker  
Jim Lambert  
Dan Lysy  
Ryan Link (Baker)  
Mena Lockwood  
Chris Francis  
Jim Ponticello  
Hannah Twaddell (Renaissance)  
Kristen Nelson (Renaissance)