

**Procedures to Add, Edit and/or Delete Corridors of Statewide Significance**

<b>Purpose:</b>	To establish procedures to add, edit and/or delete Corridors of Statewide Significance (CoSS)
<b>Scope:</b>	Applies to all Commonwealth of Virginia Organizations, Boards or Departments attempting to Add, Edit and/or Delete CoSS
<b>Issued By:</b>	Office of the Secretary and the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI)
<b>Effective Date</b>	December 2012
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**Purpose Statement:**

CoSS are identified in the Code of Virginia and described in detail in VTrans 2035. In general, the CoSS applies to a network of facilities that are vital to transportation and commerce within the Commonwealth; specifically listed as, all of the Interstate Systems and Routes 13, 17, 29, 58, 220, and 460 within the Commonwealth. The following procedures were developed to assist the Office of Intermodal Planning and Development make more simplified and effective decision making choices when addressing the need to periodically review CoSS routes. Therefore, this document is to document procedures for adding, editing or deleting CoSS and the period in which a review can be made .

**Procedures:**

**A. Submitting a Request to Modify CoSS**

1. Requests to Add, Edit and/or Delete CoSS will only “be considered” by a Commonwealth Transportation Board Member.

**B. Requesting to Modify CoSS**

1. Any request to Add, Edit and/or Delete CoSS must be requested on the *I-2 Request to Modify Corridors of Statewide Significance Form* and Endorsed by a CTB member.
2. This form must be filled out completely and turned into the

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600 Main St.  
Richmond, VA  
Attention: D.M. Belton

3. A copy of the form with decision will be returned to requester no later than the open period of the VTrans Update.
4. All requests will be stored in the OIPI and be available to the public upon request.

**Request to Modify Corridors of Statewide Significance Form**

<b>Name:</b>	(Person wanting to Modify CoSS)
<b>Affiliation:</b>	(Commonwealth of Virginia Organization, Boards or Departments attempting to Add, Edit and/or Delete CoSS)
<b>Date:</b>	MM/DD/YYYY
<b>Modification Type:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Edit <input type="checkbox"/> Delete
<b>Route Description:</b>	(Route name, Number and Termini)
<b>Endorsement:</b>	CTB Member, MPO or Locality (Please include Letter of Endorsement)

**Instructions:** Please read the Add, Edit and/or Delete Procedure, dated December 2010, before completing this form. Be sure to observe the time limits specified in the procedure. For additional assistance please use the Request to Modify CoSS Appendix.

**Please answer the following questions:**

List the different modes in which the route involves:

List the different regions this route extends into and connects:

List any states that this route connects:

List the major activity centers this route connects:

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List the types of high level/volume transport of this route:

List the unique statewide function this route provides:

List the statewide goals that this route addresses:

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The following Route: \_\_\_\_\_ is

Approved to be  **Added**  **Edited**  **Deleted** Not Approved to be  **Added**  **Edited**  **Deleted**

**Deputy Transportation Secretary** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**VTrans2035 Update  
Corridors of Statewide Significance**

In the past the Corridors of Statewide Significance (CoSS) evolved from routes that involved multiple modes, connected regions, states and activity centers, provided a high volume of transportation and also provided a unique statewide function and/or addressed statewide goals. Since 2009, there has been additional considerations made to the CoSS, such as a new CoSS being added and the Corridor Master Plan (CMP) process beginning. The VTrans2035 Update establishes the following new guidelines for CoSS, as well as Procedures to Add, Edit and/or Delete CoSS to be implemented after this update.

**Corridor Significance**

The VTrans2035 Update establishes CoSS into three tiers of national and statewide significance. The first tier, National Corridors, includes routes that support mobility for nationwide travel and freight movement, connecting to states along Virginia's borders: Tennessee, North Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. The second tier, Commerce and Mobility Corridors, provide essential connections within the state between the economic drivers of Dulles International Airport and the coastal and inland ports. The third tier, Statewide Corridors, support mobility within the Commonwealth.

All Corridors must meet the following criteria for statewide significance:

1. **Provides a unique statewide function and/or addresses statewide goals:** The Route is an unique statewide function and/or address statewide goals if it is either:
  - an Evacuation route,
  - a Critical redundancy route,
  - a Military access route,
  - a STRAHNET route, a STRACNET route, a Toursim route and/or Truck Route.

2. **Involves Multiple Modes:** The different modes in which the route can involve are: Highway, rail, inter-regional transit, airport, port or freight.
3. **Level of transport:** The criteria to determine the level of transport is if two or more of the following exists:
  - Class I rail
  - Inter-regional public transportation and stations
  - Interstate/NHS facility
  - Major, Port
  - Major Freight Corridor
  - Commercial and/or reliever airports
  - Economic development
  - Major shipping channel
  - Gateway of national or international significance to include Greenways, State bicycle route or inter-regional trails.
4. **Connects regions or states:** CoSS routes of National significance are defined by the VTrans2035 Update as the Routes that serve both nationwide and statewide mobility needs. Other states affected by these routes include those adjacent to the Commonwealth: Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland and/or Washington D.C.
5. **Links two or more important intrastate or interstate economic clusters together.**

Initial Corridors of National Significance: I-81, I-95, US 460/Heartland Corridor.

Remaining CoSS routes are defined in the VTrans2035 Update as either Commerce and Mobility Corridors or Statewide Corridors.

Make sure to include components of data collection mobility, accessibility, safety and economic potential for CoSS system designation.