



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda Item # 15*

### **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**December 9, 2015**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Mr. Kasprowicz, Seconded By: Mr. Rosen**

**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

**Title: VTrans2040**

**Virginia's Statewide Multimodal Long-Range Transportation Plan  
Vision Plan and Needs Assessments**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 33.2-353 of the Code of Virginia, the General Assembly of Virginia has directed the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), with assistance from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, to conduct a comprehensive review of statewide transportation needs in a Statewide Transportation Plan setting forth assessment of capacity needs for all corridors of statewide significance, regional networks, and improvements to promote urban development areas established pursuant to § 15.2-2223.1 of the Code of Virginia; and,

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly has directed that the Statewide Transportation Plan shall be updated as needed, but no less than once every four years and promote economic development and all transportation modes, intermodal connectivity, environmental quality, accessibility for people and freight, and transportation safety; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Statewide Transportation Plan shall establish goals, objectives, and priorities that cover at least a 20-year planning horizon; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the designation of corridors of statewide significance, the CTB shall not be constrained by local, district, regional or modal plans and the designation of the transportation corridors shall be in sufficient detail so that local jurisdictions can place them on their comprehensive plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of Transportation created a Multimodal Working Group, consisting of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation and the lead planning divisions of the Department of Transportation, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Department of Aviation, the Virginia Commercial Spaceflight Authority, the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Virginia Port Authority to help guide the development of the Statewide Transportation Plan (known as VTrans2040); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of Transportation created a Multimodal Advisory Committee to provide technical support in developing the VTrans2040; and,

**WHEREAS** the Multimodal Advisory Committee consisted of (a) staff from the transportation agencies listed above, (b) deputy and/or assistant secretaries or other appropriate leadership from the Departments of Commerce, Health & Human Resources, Natural Resources, Veterans and Homeland Security, and Agriculture and Forestry; (c) representation from the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions, the Virginias Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations, the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Association of Counties, the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association, the Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission and Northern Virginia Transportation Authority; (d) federal partners from the Federal Highway Administration; and (e) private and public freight stakeholders from the Virginia Freight Transportation Technical Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the findings of draft economic, demographic/social, technological, and environmental trends assessments developed by the study team were shared with the Board in October and November of 2014 and these finding and stakeholder input culminated in the draft VTrans Vision Plan, which was presented to the CTB on February 17, 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, the draft methodology for the needs assessments being conducted for the Corridors of Statewide Significance, Regional Networks, and Urban Development Areas was presented to the Board on February 17, 2015,

**WHEREAS**, the draft Needs Assessments were posted publically on August 1, 2015 and were presented to Board members on an individual basis throughout the months of October and November of 2015; and,

**WHEREAS**, extensive stakeholder and public outreach has been conducted as part of the VTrans2040 development including two rounds of regional forums where the needs assessments for all geographies (CoSS, RN, UDA) where developed, as well as additional 2 to 3 meetings at the MPO regional level; and,

**WHEREAS**, there was a two week comment period from August 1<sup>st</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, as part of the VTrans2040 development,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the CTB that the VTrans2040 Vision and Needs Assessment is hereby accepted.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the VTrans2040 Update shall be forwarded to the Governor and the General Assembly as required by § 33.2- 353 of the Code of Virginia; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment shall, under the direction of the Secretary of Transportation, develop or identify a new methodology for examining reliability that considers both the frequency and severity of occurrences of unreliable transportation conditions; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment shall, under the direction of the Secretary of Transportation, identify areas where significant changes in the transportation system have taken place since the data used in the VTrans2040 Needs Assessment was captured and update the Needs Assessment for those areas using data that captures the impact of any such significant changes;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED**, that the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment shall, under the direction of the Secretary of Transportation, develop a VTrans action plan that prioritizes the needs identified in the VTrans Needs Assessment and develops recommendations for such prioritized needs based on the VTrans Vision and constrained resources;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment shall under the direction of the Secretary of Transportation develop an Analysis of 2040 Scenarios to assess the impacts of divergent futures trends on the transportation network, local communities and regions; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in development of such VTrans action plan and 2040 Scenario Assessment the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment shall coordinate with VDOT, DRPT and other stakeholders as noted above; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such action plan and scenario analysis shall be provided to the CTB by the end of 2016.

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