

Goals

VTrans2035 set forth seven goals for transportation in the Commonwealth. These goals include the following:

Safety & Security

To provide a safe and secure transportation system.

To preserve and maintain the condition of the existing transportation system.

Maintenance & Preservation

Mobility, Connectivity & Accessibility

To facilitate the easy movement of people and goods, improve interconnectivity of regions, and provide access to different modes transportation.

To protect the environment and improve the quality of life for Virginians.

Environmental Stewardship

Economic Vitality

To provide a transportation system that supports economic prosperity.

To promote livable communities and reduce transportation costs by facilitating the coordination of transportation and land use.

Coordination of Transportation & Land Use

Program Delivery

To achieve excellence in the execution of programs and delivery of service.

Priority Investments

VTrans2035 established 19 investment priorities that include projects, policies and initiatives to help meet the goals outlined above. The VTrans2035 Update will analyze these investment priorities to determine their influence on each of the VTrans goals and performance measures.

- ④ Smart System Technology Leadership
- ④ Use Sustainable and Environmentally Sensitive Methods
- ④ Provide Safe Operations and Services
- ④ Improve Freight Mobility
- ④ Improve Rural Connectivity
- ④ Implement Pricing, Advanced Technology and Demand Management
- ④ Invest in High Speed, Intercity and Commuter Rail; including Supporting Land Uses
- ④ Increase Transit Usage and Support Land Uses
- ④ Repair Deficient Pavements
- ④ Rehabilitate Structurally Deficient Bridges
- ④ Integrate Regional Land Uses and Highway Capacity
- ④ Ensure State of Good Repair in Transit
- ④ Connect High Speed and Intercity Rail with Regional Transit Systems
- ④ Expand the Port and Related Intermodal Facilities and Services
- ④ Complete Unfinished PPTAs and Review/Refine PPTA Process to Effectively Leverage Private Dollars for Publicly Beneficial Projects
- ④ Develop Master Plans for Needs of Corridor of Statewide Significance
- ④ Support Dulles International Airport and Growth of Dulles Corridor
- ④ Freight Rail along I-81
- ④ Invest in Tunnels and Bridges in Hampton Roads



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What is VTrans?

Virginia law requires the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to develop a multimodal long-range transportation plan that assesses transportation needs and assigns priorities on a statewide basis. VTrans, Virginia's long-range transportation plan, provides a vision and strategic policies and investments to achieve transportation-related goals in the future. The Secretary of Transportation's Office, through the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI), leads the development of VTrans, involving Virginia's statewide transportation agencies – Department of Aviation, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Virginia Port Authority, Motor Vehicle Dealer Board, Department of Transportation, and Virginia Commercial Space Flight Authority.



Planning efforts throughout the Commonwealth are developed based on the framework established by VTrans and work towards achieving the statewide goals and priorities.

Plan Development

The VTrans2035 Update will involve validation and update of the major components of the plan, including the goals and the priority initiatives. Another major component of the plan is the Corridors of Statewide Significance, which will be addressed through specific goals for developing corridor management plans. A major focus of the update will be to transition the VTrans planning process towards a performance-based process, as described in the following section.

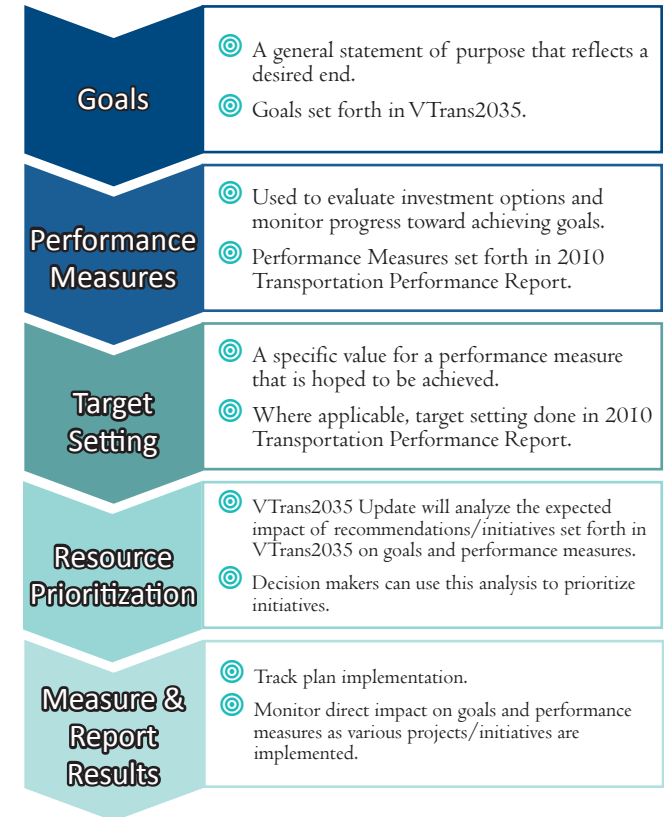
Input on the VTrans update is desired throughout the process, beginning with comments on the continuation of the established VTrans goals. Additional opportunities for input from stakeholders, transportation planners and officials, and the general public are anticipated to include:

- ⊙ Comment form on www.vtrans.org website
- ⊙ Regional forums in fall of 2011 and spring of 2012 to address the integration of VTrans and its performance measures with regional and statewide planning efforts
- ⊙ Public input meetings in fall of 2011, spring/summer of 2012



Performance Based Planning

The purpose of the interim update is to make a connection between the goals and recommendations set forth in VTrans2035 and the annual transportation performance measures that are used to assess the condition of transportation in Virginia. Creating this connection will shift the VTrans planning process to a performance based planning process, as summarized in the figure below:



Legislative Timeline

In 2011 the General Assembly updated the *Code of Virginia* § 33.1-23.03 applying a new timeline for the development of VTrans. This legislative change seeks better coordination between the development of VTrans and the gubernatorial administration timeline. The General Assembly changed the VTrans timeline to every four years and required the submission of a statewide plan by January 1, 2013 and another, updated statewide plan by December 1, 2015. In this way, each administration will have time not only to develop a VTrans update, but also to implement the recommendations therein, during their term in office. Due to this legislative change, the current VTrans effort, known as *VTrans2035 Update*, is considered an interim update, which keeps the same horizon year as the previous VTrans2035. This update will serve as a bridge between VTrans2035, completed in 2009, and VTrans2040, due in 2015, as the Commonwealth shifts to a performance based planning standard.

