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## VTrans Update

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# AGENDA

- What is VTrans?
- What is the VTrans planning process?
- How will transportation needs be identified?
- How can our region participate?

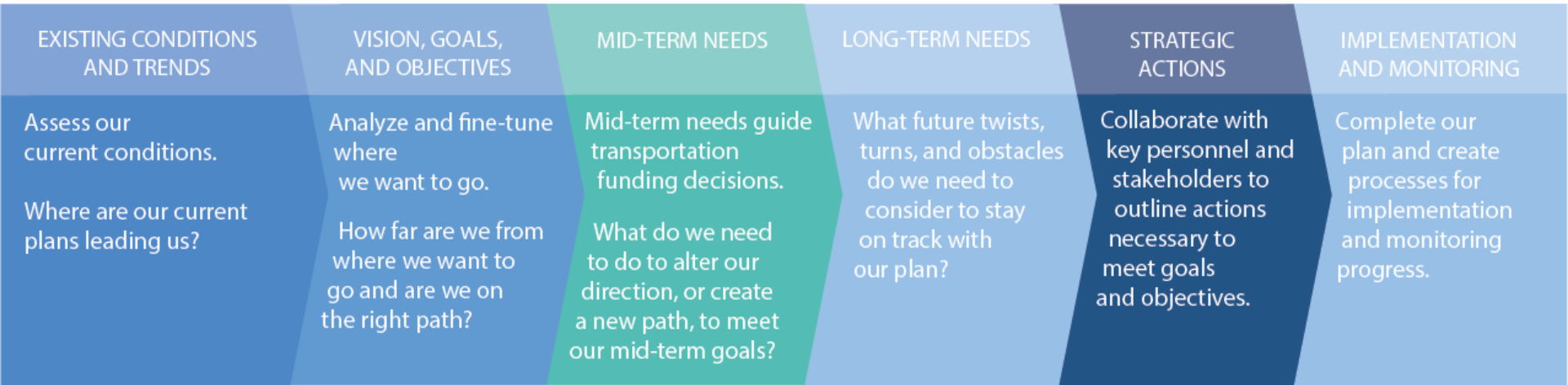
# WHAT IS VTRANS?

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- Virginia's long-range, statewide, multimodal transportation plan
- Led by Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
- Updated every 4 years
- Provides **Vision** and **Goals** for transportation
- Provides direction on transportation investment priorities, implementation strategies, and programs to the CTB, VDOT, DRPT, and MPOs



# WHAT IS THE VTRANS PLANNING PROCESS?



# WHAT ARE THE VTRANS VISION AND GOALS?

VTrans2040  
Goals



# HOW ARE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IDENTIFIED?

Validate and build upon needs identified in VTrans2040 (previous plan) organized by travel markets:

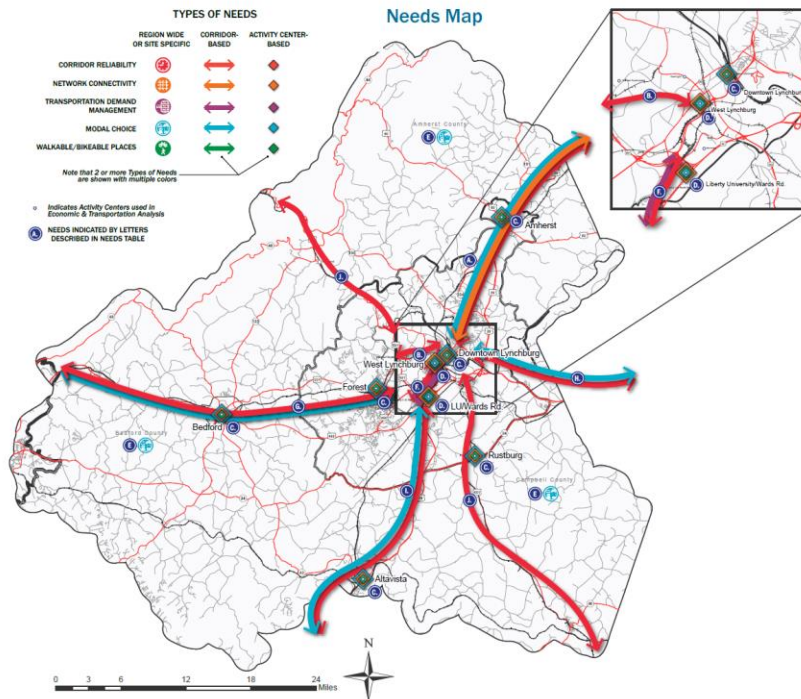
- (1) Corridors of Statewide Significance (CoSS),
- (2) Regional Networks,
- (3) Urban Development Areas,
- (4) Entire state for safety needs.





# REVIEW OF VTRANS2040 NEEDS

- Regional Network Needs



## A. Route 29 Modal Choice and Reliability

- NEED:** Route 29 serves key inter- and intra-regional travel markets for freight and passengers. Ensuring long term transportation reliability is paramount to regional economic success.
- ECONOMIC:** Route 29 serves major Knowledge- and Freight-based industries such as nuclear industries in the Lynchburg area and Local and education sectors, providing access to numerous activity centers, Madison Heights, the Lynchburg airport and Liberty University and other major employers.
- TRANSPORTATION:** Route 29 has intermittent delay issues along portions that are not bypasses. Additional passenger train and reliable freight rail service to inter-regional markets is vital to supporting the regional economy.

## B. Lakeside Drive / Lynchburg Expressway Area

- NEED:** Lakeside Drive and Lynchburg Expressway are key connectors to support Knowledge based activity centers in Lynchburg such as colleges/university. They have reliability and bottleneck issues that should be addressed to aid in economic success.
- ECONOMIC:** Supports major local and knowledge based sector as an arterial serving the City Lynchburg while allowing for greater regional connection. Connects Lynchburg College, Liberty University and downtown Lynchburg which are crucial to the education sector.
- TRANSPORTATION:** Major connector between several activity centers. They have reliability and delay issues due to road geometry and volumes, particularly at interchanges/intersections.

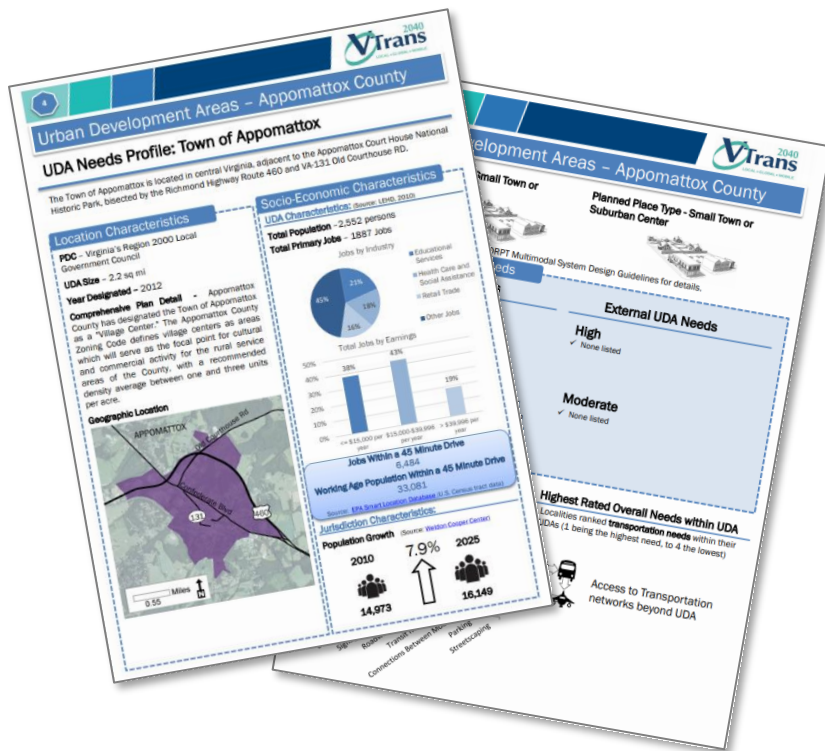
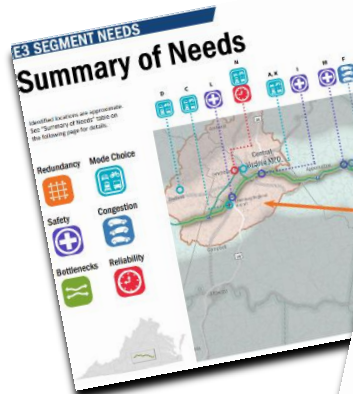
## C. Walkability in Activity Centers

- NEED:** Improved walkable connections serve as placemaking infrastructure that attract the 21st century workforce. Enhance regional walk-ability and bikeability by making last mile connections to regional trails and key activity centers.
- ECONOMIC:** Enhancing walkable streetscapes has been shown to correlate to attracting workforce and building the economy, especially in the Knowledge sector. Downtown Lynchburg is seeing new workforce attracted to placemaking amenities such as walkable streets. Enhanced walkability is also needed in existing and emerging activity centers regionally.
- TRANSPORTATION:** The region has several historic villages/towns with good walkable networks - need to connect these to regional trails and need to enhance walkability and bikeability in the emerging employment centers in the region.



# REVIEW OF VTRANS2040 NEEDS

- CoSS and UDA Needs





## HOW ARE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS IDENTIFIED?

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- Introduce new/improved data sources and new measures in line with federal performance reporting requirements
- Tie measures to VTrans Goals and Objectives
- Coordinate with regional and local stakeholders to update needs

# PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR UPDATING MID-TERM NEEDS

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## Proposed Schedule

Develop new and updated measures:

Late Spring 2019

Present methodology:

Late Spring 2019

Finalize and approve needs measures:

Late Summer 2019

Engage with stakeholders to update

needs: Fall 2019

# WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

VTrans guides decisions about publicly funded transportation investments



*All Virginians have a stake in creating the funds that support our transportation system, so you also have a stake in planning the ways in which those funds will be used.*

## HOW CAN YOU STAY UP-TO-DATE?

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