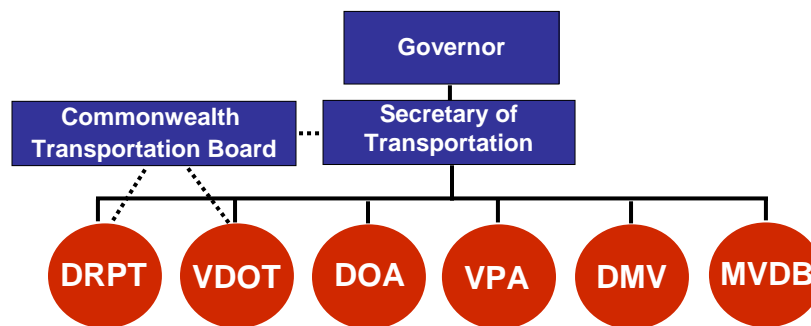


# Statewide Transit Plan Update

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## Who is DRPT?



- ❑ Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation - created in 1992 as a State Agency
- ❑ 40+ employees, four offices
- ❑ Work with over 100 public and private partners to provide project management services, planning support, technical expertise, financial support and program advocacy

## Three Main Areas of Activity

- Funding Support
- Advocacy
- Planning and technical support

### □ Rail

- Freight rail
- Passenger rail

### □ Public Transportation

- Public transit systems and services
- Special needs transportation

### □ Commuter Services

- Ridesharing: carpools, vanpools
- Incentive programs for employers
- Telework



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## Statewide Transit Plan

### □ Six Step Planning Process

- Purpose/Need
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Goals and Objectives
- Planning Guidelines
- Implementation
- Plan Evaluation

### □ Plan Horizon is 2035

### □ Rolls Into VTRANS 2035

### □ Complete by February 1, 2009



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## Statewide Transit Plan

### □ Data Collection and Analysis

- Task Order Issued And 50% Complete To Collect All Available Transit Related Documents
- Task Order Issued To Interview Select Transit Agencies and MPOs To Determine Plan Integration
- Forming two review teams, one for NOVA one for entire state
- Will Also Collect Economic Development Plans
- Census and Land Use Data



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## Statewide Transit Plan

### □ Data Collection and Analysis

- Analysis Shall Include:
  - Available and Projected Financial Resources
  - Required Land Use Changes
  - Alternatives Analysis
  - Identify Key Transit Corridors
  - Identify Service Gaps
  - Identify Factors Beyond DRPT Control That May Impact Statewide Programs



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# Statewide Transit Plan

## ❑ Planning Guidelines

- Detailed Description of Policies and Programs That Will Need To Be Developed To Address Stated Goals and Objectives
  - Ways to expand existing strengths
  - How to correct weaknesses
  - How to take advantage of opportunities
  - How to deal with threats
  - How to deal with Service Gaps
- Recommendations may include:
  - New policy directions
  - New funding streams
  - New or revised programs



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# Statewide Transit Plan

## ❑ Implementation

### ❑ Short-term

- Projects listed in the current Six-Year Improvement Plan or new DRPT initiatives to be initiated within the first six years of the Statewide Transit Plan

### ❑ Medium-term

- Projects to be added to future Six-Year Improvement Plans or policies/programs that DRPT should consider over the next seven to 10 years

### ❑ Long-term

- Future policy considerations and long-term vision to enhance transit service within the Commonwealth



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## Statewide Transit Plan

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