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**Multimodal Planning  
&  
Corridors of Statewide Significance**

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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## Discussion Topics:

- Multimodal Transportation Planning Committee
- Corridors of Statewide Significance
  - Current Corridors
  - Concept Development
  - Legislative Mandates
  - Identification Process and Selection Criteria
  - CoSS Study & Implementation
- Links to ITSVA

# Who is the Multimodal Planning Committee?



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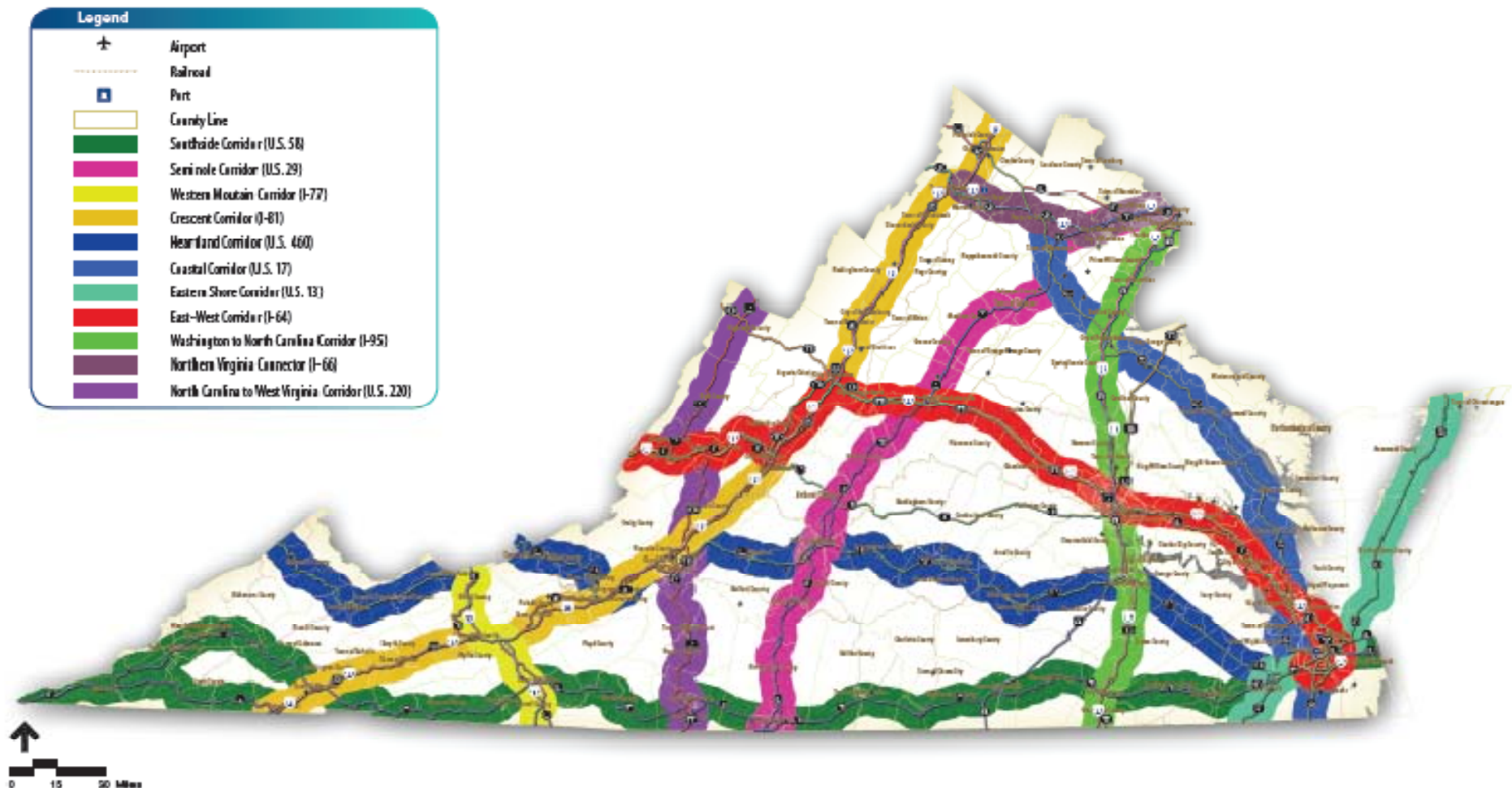
- **Accomplishments & Reports**
  - Virginia's Transportation Performance Report
  - VTrans2025 & 2035
  - VTrans Action Plan
  - Governor's Multimodal Strategic Plan
- **Coordination Efforts**
  - Freight Advisory Committee
  - Transportation Accountability Commission
  - Statewide Multimodal Freight Study

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# Corridors of Statewide Significance

(As Approved by the CTB, December 2009)





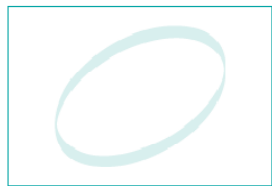
# CoSS Background

- **VTrans2025**

- **Multimodal Investment Network (MIN)**

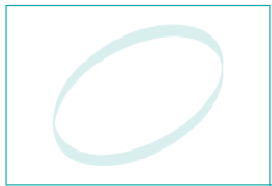
- Projects that depend on each -- *a bus needs a road*
- Projects that connect two or more modes – *a road connects to an airport*
- Projects that might be substitutable – *a rail line in lieu of a road*
- Projects that are multimodal by definition – *HOV lanes*

- **Provide a mechanism for multimodal solutions**



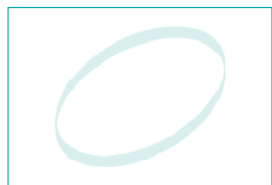
# CoSS Background

- **MINs Concept spurs Legislation**
  - **House Bill 2019 in 2009 General Assembly:**
    - VTrans to set forth an assessment of needs for all corridors of statewide significance
    - The assessment is to consider all modes of transportation
    - The CTB is to designate the corridors of statewide significance not constrained by local, district, regional, or modal plans



# VTrans2035

- What is a Corridor of Statewide Significance?
- What are the qualification criteria?
- What does it mean to be a CoSS?





## What is a CoSS?

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VTrans2035

*An integrated, multimodal system of transportation facilities that connect activity centers within and without the Commonwealth and promote the easy movement of people, services and goods vital to the economic prosperity of the state.*



Corridors are broadly drawn to include infrastructure for multiple modes and serves the mobility needs of multiple jurisdictions, and activity centers

# Selection Criteria

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- **Convened meeting with:**
  - Deputy Secretary
  - Multimodal Technical Committee
  - MPO Exec. Directors and planners
  - PDC Exec. Directors and planners
- **This working group:**
  - Developed CoSS criteria
  - Applied criteria and identified CoSS
  - Verified identified CoSS through a series of public meetings
  - CTB approved CoSS – December 2009



# Selection Criteria

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- Corridor must meet all 4 criteria

- 1) **The corridor must have multimodal modes or be an extended freight corridor**

- » Highway
- » Rail
- » Transit
- » Port
- » Airport

- 2) **The corridor connects regions, states, and/or major activity centers**

- 3) **The corridor provides for a high volume of travel**

- » Class I Rail
- » Inter-regional Public Transit & Stations
- » Interstate/NHS Facility
- » Major Port/Shipping Channel
- » Major Freight Corridor
- » Commercial/Reliever Airport
- » Gateway of National Significance
- » State Bicycle Route or Inter-regional Trail

- 4) **The corridor provides a unique state function and/or addresses statewide goals**

- » Evacuation Route
- » Security/Military Route
- » Tourism
- » Etc.

# What does it mean to be a CoSS?

- Provide a multimodal vision to guide localities in their land use and transportation plans.
- Identify strategies to ensure investment in these corridors and protect their functionality.

## Common Potential Corridor Strategies

Increase rail capacity (including passenger rail)

Increase transit options and transit capacity

Improve rural transit (human services-related)

Increase Transportation Demand Management

Multimodal coordination at the Port of Virginia

Improve safety at high crash rate areas

Implement and/or improve ITS

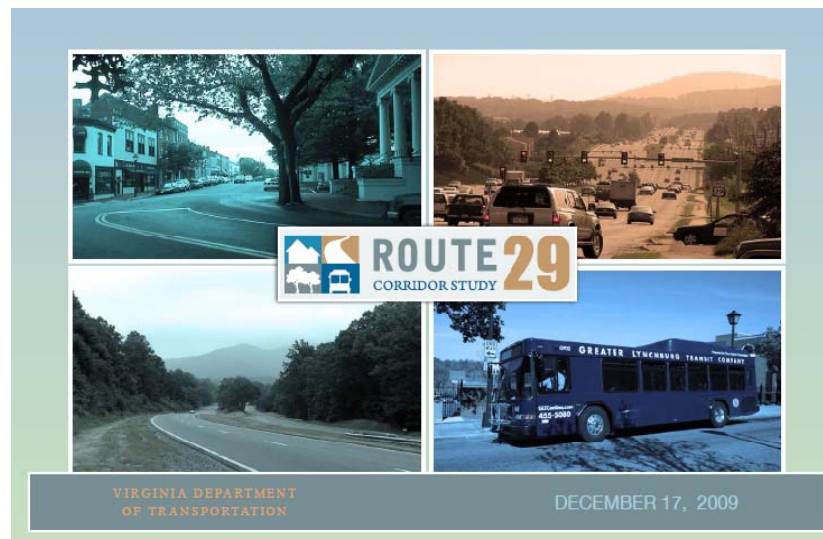
Improve access management

Encourage clustered development instead of strip development

Improve ground access to airports

# Next Steps

- **Develop Corridor Master Plans**
  - Coordinate with localities throughout entire study process
  - Corridor specific vision and goals
  - Corridor specific recommendations/actions -- **emphasis on creative solutions**
  - Incorporate in local comprehensive plans
- **Consider CoSS in funding decisions**
- **Review CoSS periodically and consider adding or deleting corridors**



# Questions?

