

# CRITICAL URBAN FREIGHT CORRIDORS

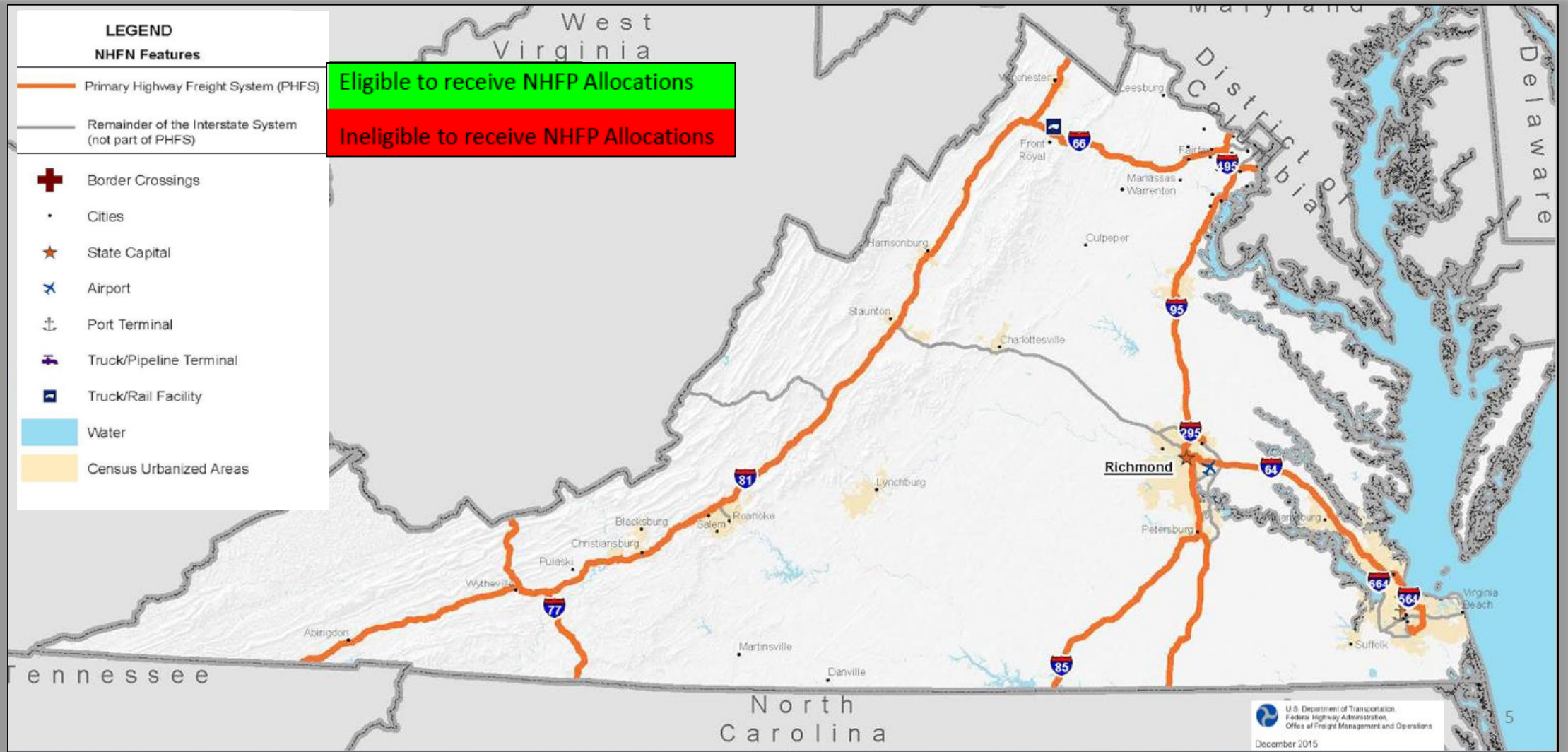
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## BACKGROUND

- **The FAST Act federal surface transportation legislation established the National Highway Freight Program (NHFP) and the creation of a National Highway Freight Network (NHFN) to direct federal resources and policies towards improving the movement of freight.**
- **The NHFN is comprised of:**
  - **Primary Highway Freight System (PHFS)**
  - **Other Interstates not on the PHFS**
  - **Critical Rural Freight Corridors (CRFCs)**
  - **Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs)**

# PRIMARY HIGHWAY FREIGHT SYSTEM (PHFS)



## CRITICAL RURAL/URBAN FREIGHT CORRIDORS (CRFCs/CUFCs)

- **The FAST Act legislation allows for up to:**
  - **167 centerline miles in Virginia to be designated as CRFCs**
  - **83 centerline miles to be designated as CUFCs**
- **The state is responsible for designating:**
  - **All CRFCs**
  - **CUFCs that are located in small MPOs**
- **Larger MPOs (> 500,000 people) are responsible for designating CUFCs within their Metropolitan Planning Area in coordination with the state.**

## CRFC/CUFC PROJECTS AND FUNDING

- **Designation of a roadway as a CRFC and CUFC does not impact:**
  - **The likelihood of a project being selected for improvement.**
  - **The amount of funding available for projects in the corridor.**
- **Virginia selects and funds projects via the SMART SCALE and other processes.**
- **The primary purpose of CRFC/CUFC designations is to provide programming flexibility to the State for NHFP funding that is allocated through SMART SCALE and other processes.**

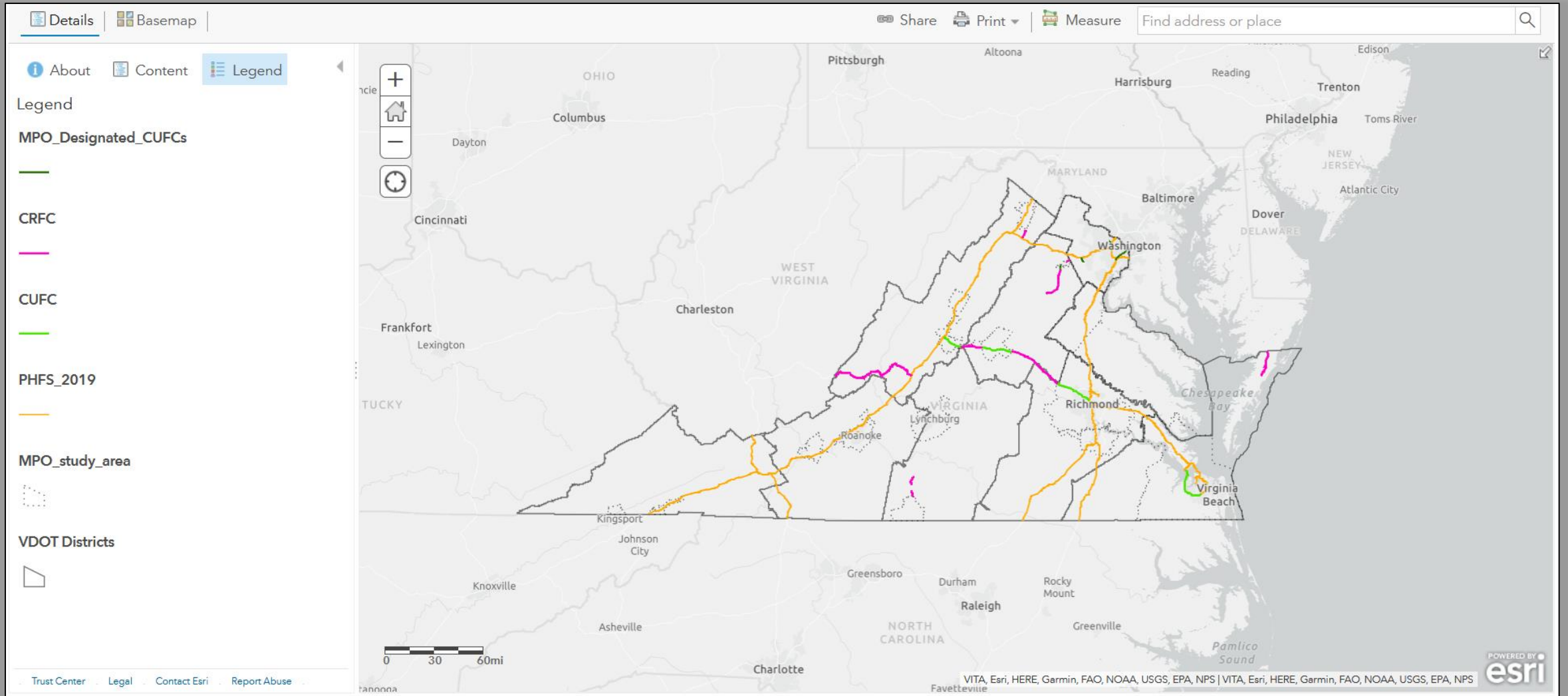
## CRFC/CUFC MILEAGE

- **The Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) allocated CUFC mileage to each MPO and prepared a draft CRFC/CUFC network using the mileage constraints.**
- **The primary goal OIPI aimed for as they prepared the draft network was to provide contiguous designation along Interstates and other corridors of statewide significance not included in the PHFS.**

## HAMPTON ROADS CUFC MILEAGE

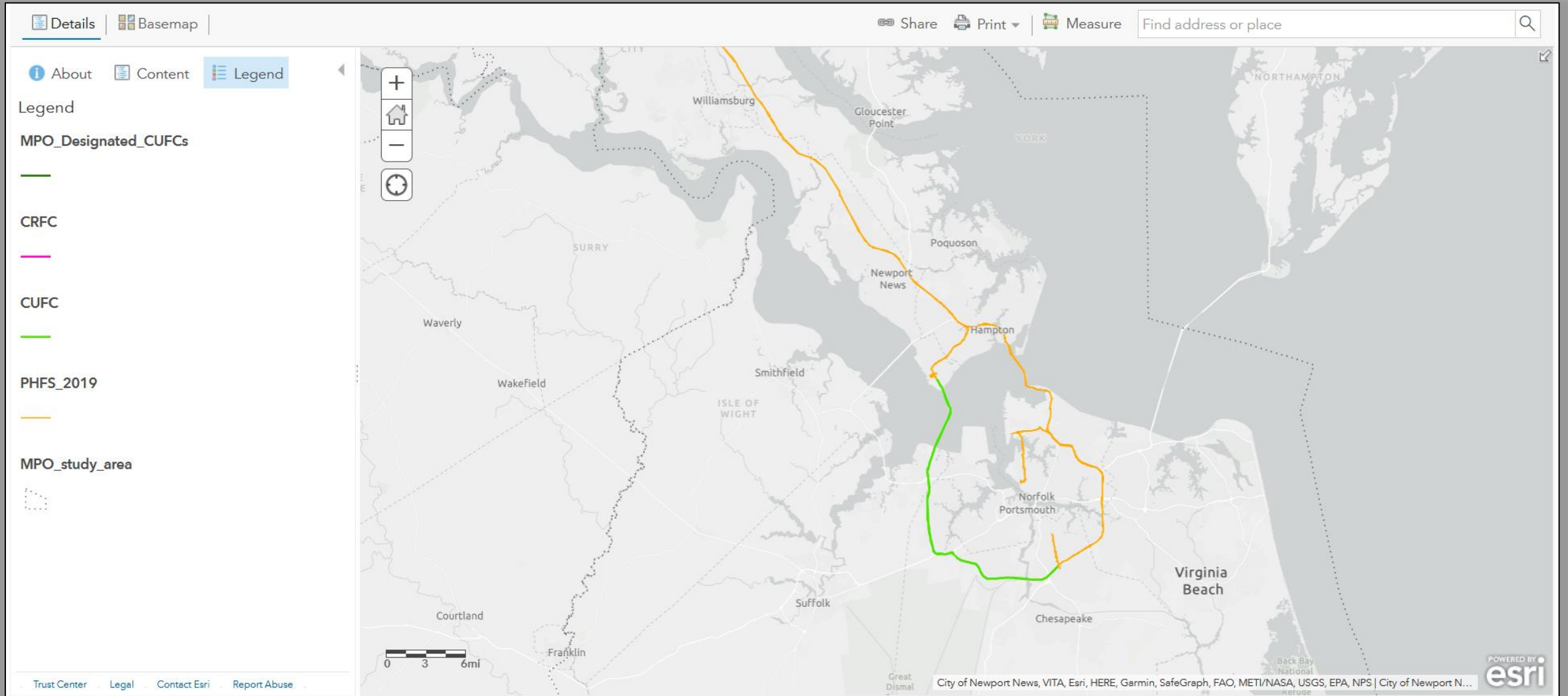
- **Based on this goal, OIPI staff determined that Hampton Roads would be allocated a total of 24 centerline miles to designate as CUFCs out of the 83 miles available statewide.**
- **This is equal to the length of the portions of I-64 and I-664 in the region that are not part of the PHFS.**

# PROPOSED VIRGINIA CRFCs and CUFCs





# PROPOSED HAMPTON ROADS CUFCs



## RECOMMENDED ACTION

- **Recommend TPO Board approval to designate the following as HRTPO's Critical Urban Freight Corridors:**
  - **I-64 between Battlefield Boulevard and I-664/Bowers Hill**
  - **I-664 between I-64/Bowers Hill and Terminal Avenue**

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