

AGENDA ITEM #19: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

HRTPO STAFF COMMENTS ON THE VTRANS 2040 DRAFT VISION PLAN

The Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP) made the VTrans 2040 Draft Vision Plan available for public review and comment from March 24, 2015 through April 24, 2015. HRTPO staff reviewed the draft plan and submitted the attached comments.

Attachment 19

**HRTPO Staff Comments on
DRAFT VTrans2040 Vision Document (OIPI, Spring 2015)
April 2015**

Chapter 1: Background

Two comments:

- This chapter does a good job of laying out the purpose, goals, history, and regulation of the plan.
- Virginia Code calls for the OIPI to prepare a needs assessment, but the purpose of such is not clear. Yes, using needs as an HB2 screen may eliminate un-needed projects from consideration, but—even if no needs screening were conducted—un-needed projects would likely not score well enough to be funded.

Chapter 2: Planning Process

Three minor comments:

- Page 14, recommend spelling out “metropolitan planning organization” before the first use of the abbreviation MPO in the chapter.
- Page 14, list of bullets at end of page – Recommend spelling out “Virginia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations” to be consistent with the rest of the bulleted items which are all spelled out.
- Page 15, right-hand column, sixth line from the top of the page – Typo: “meets on an at least a monthly basis”.

Chapter 3: Trends and Implications

Five minor comments:

- Page 20, first paragraph – Recommend rewriting the last sentence to read “and Stafford and Spotsylvania Counties south of the Capitol); suburban Richmond...”
- Page 21, Figure 8 – The text describes how VMT has leveled off since the mid-1990s. Recommend expanding the timeline in Figure 8 to show how VMT grew historically and then leveled off/decreased.
- Page 21, second paragraph – The second sentence says “As shown in the chart below”, but the subject chart is actually shown on the previous page.
- Page 22, first paragraph – The last sentence describes the number of registered vehicles per person. The numbers shown (“84.5%” and “84.2%”) should be rewritten as “0.845” and “0.842” registered vehicles per person.
- Page 28, last paragraph – Typo: “road clearing costs.from a policy standpoint...”

Chapter 4: Vision, Guiding Principles, Goals and Objectives

Four minor comments:

- Page 34, fix noun agreement: use either “An objective is a....description” [both singular] **OR** “Objectives are specific....descriptions” [both plural]
- Pages 34-36, consider listing objectives and potential measures in a table format (as opposed to listing measures in paragraph form), or list measures in bullet format (to better highlight measures)
- Page 34, suggest adding “average” to the last sentence: “...transportation costs are below 45% of average Virginian household incomes.”
- Page 35, no measures mentioned for Safety goal (not consistent with other goals)