

The Vision: Paths Connecting to the Virginia Capital Trail

To Ad-hoc TTAC Committee for
Paths Connecting to the Va. Capital Trail

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The Vision: A Path, separated from auto traffic for safety



rail trail

mlive.com



path along road

chpn.net



other path

HRTPO staff

The Vision: A Signature Path, a “game-changer”



Monon Trail

Google Maps



VB Boardwalk

Gosoutheast.about.com

A Path: for all types of environments



rural

usa.streetsblog.org



urban

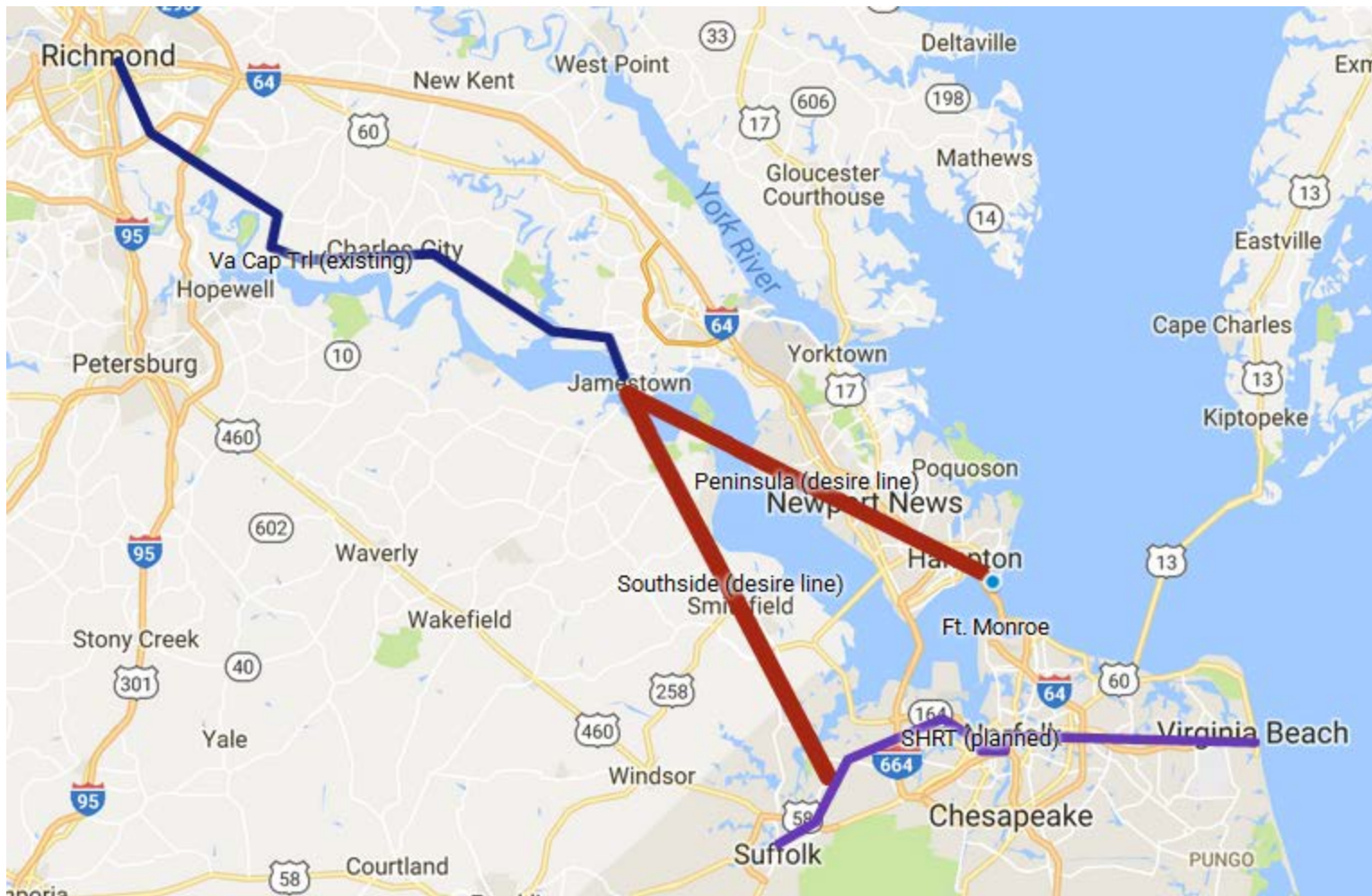
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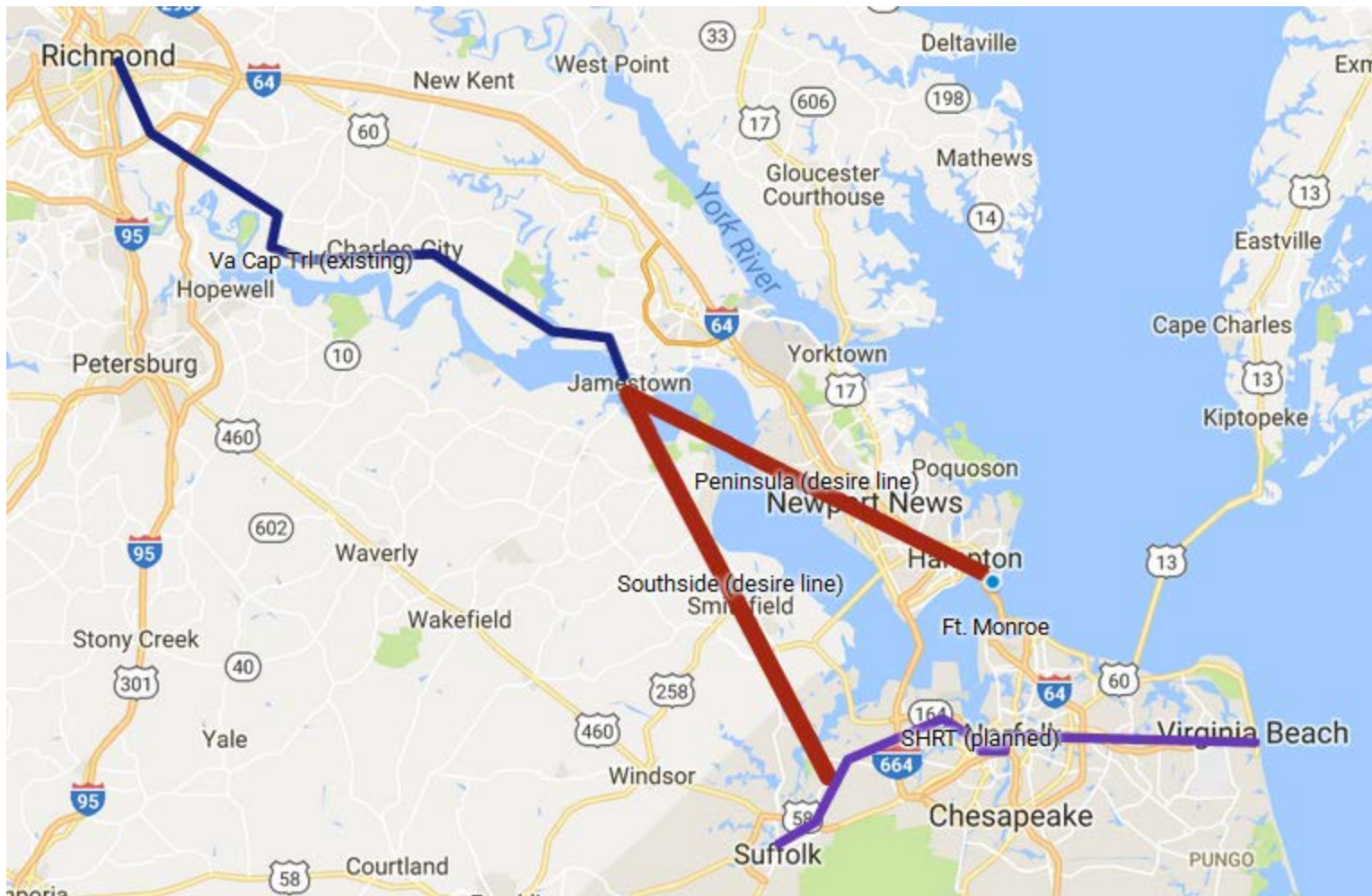
suburban

keyword-suggestions.com

Long, to generate interest



Connecting Destinations, to be useful



Facility vs. Route

- A transportation “**facility**” is a physical piece of infrastructure, typically constructed as one project (in phases, if necessary) and having a consistent design from endpoint to endpoint.
e.g.:
 - Dominion Blvd / Veterans Bridge in Chesapeake
 - The Virginia Capital Trail

Facility vs. Route

- A transportation “**route**” is a conceptual overlay of several facilities to guide travelers from one point to another via signage. The facilities along a route were typically constructed as multiple projects with multiple designs. e.g.:
 - US Highway Route 1
 - US Bicycle Route 1

The Vision: Facilities (not routes)

Facilities

1. An AT path connecting the SHRT and the VCT
2. An AT path connecting Ft. Monroe and the VCT

Ambitious?

- The construction of two 30-mile paths will require
 - Vision
 - Determination to overcome obstacles
 - Coordination of parties with varying interests
 - Money

Too Ambitious?

- No, given:
 - 15,000 mile Great Trail
 - 55 mile Virginia Capital Trail



The Great Trail

inhabitat.com

Vision Statement

“The ad-hoc TTAC committee seeks to achieve the vision of **two 30-mile paths** connecting the South Hampton Roads Trail and Ft. Monroe to Jamestown and the Virginia Capital Trail.”

The committee’s wishes?

