

***2021 General Assembly Session
Update for The Authority***

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Proposed 2021 Work Plan



- Oppose efforts that reduce funding for or powers of the Northern Virginia Authority, that weaken its ability to advance regional intermodal transportation priorities
- Participate in studies that address transportation needs in Northern Virginia
- Monitor state activity around the transportation sector's role in helping Virginia meet carbon emission goals



Assist Office of the Attorney General in Analysis of Virginia's Regional Transportation Authorities



- Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) requested overview of Virginia's Regional Transportation Authorities (RTAs)
- **March 2021** Office of Attorney General (OAG) attorneys provide an analysis of structure and powers of the three existing entities – Northern Virginia, Hampton Roads and Central Virginia
- **April 2021** OAG attorneys will provide analysis of financing, project selection and prioritization activity of each RTA



Assist Office of the Attorney General in Analysis of Virginia's Regional Transportation Authorities (Continued)



- In March, **CTB members asked questions about:**
 - Are SPAs with the RTAs similar or are all of them different; If different, does that create concerns about efficiencies for VDOT?
 - Should it be a concern the new lane mileage funded by the RTAs becomes a maintenance responsibility for the Commonwealth?
 - VDOT usually manages projects funded by these authorities, but does it have the capacity to manage the new projects funded by the regional authorities? How is VDOT compensated for these services?
 - How much debt has been issued by the RTAs and who is responsible for that debt; RTAs, or the Commonwealth, or the localities?
 - Do the RTAs use their funding to "buy down the costs" of regional projects and make them more competitive for SMART SCALE?



Studies Related to Regional Transportation Corridors or Initiatives: Key Study Results of Interest



- **Springfield to Quantico Enhanced Public Transportation Feasibility Study**
 - Department of Rail and Public Transportation
 - Recommendations **due December 1, 2021**
- **Transit Equity and Modernization Study**
 - Department of Rail and Public Transportation
 - Interim findings **due December 1, 2021**
 - Final report **due August 1, 2022**
- **New Multi-Use Trail Opportunities – needs assessment and prioritization process**
 - Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment
 - Report **due October 15, 2021**



Studies Related to Connection Between Transportation and Climate Change



- **Update of Virginia Energy Plan** – Electric vehicle charging infrastructure
 - Division of Energy
 - Interim update **due October 1, 2021**
 - Full update **due October 1, 2022**
- **Coastal Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Inundation**
 - Virginia Department of Transportation
 - Update **due December 1, 2021**
- **Inventory of Greenhouse Gas Emission Sources**
 - Air Pollution Control Board
 - Report **due October 1, 2022**

Attachment.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

FOR: Chair Phyllis J. Randall and Members
Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

FROM: Tracy Baynard, McGuireWoods Consulting LLC.

DATE: April 2, 2021

SUBJECT: Timeline for Key Studies and Reports Related to Transportation Infrastructure

Purpose: To provide the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority with a timeline of key studies and reports related to Transportation Infrastructure.

- In 2021 and 2022, Virginia agencies will release several studies providing recommendations and information on transportation infrastructure or environmental analysis that could influence mid and long-range transportation planning for Northern Virginia.
- The attached timeline is a summary of some of the key reports scheduled for release. The initiatives fall into two main categories:
 - **Studies Related to Regional Transportation Corridors or Initiatives** such as the Springfield to Quantico Enhanced Public Transportation Feasibility Study.
 - **Studies Related to the Connection Between Transportation and Climate Change** such as the update of the Virginia Energy Plan that will include analysis of Virginia's electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Authority and local government staff are participants in some of these studies. The information and recommendations produced provide additional context for the Authority decision-making process.