Appendix D: Working Group Meeting Materials



SHRP2 Interstate 64 Corridor Plan

Shenandoah Piedmont area Collaborative Effort (SPaCE)

Project Introduction and Overview

November 18, 2016













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Crashes

- Eastbound I-64 sees delays as crews clean up crash The Daily Progress staff reports. Nov 14, 2016 Accident is about a mile east of the Route 20 interchange.
- Crashes clog I-64 eastbound The Daily Progress staff reports. Nov 7, 2016 At least four crashes reported eastbound around Ivy in the last hour.
- Both lanes of eastbound I-64 now open at crash scene near Ivy exit The Daily Progress staff reports. Nov 2, 2016 Traffic is beginning to move smoother through the site.
- Eastbound I-64 crash is cleared and traffic slowly getting back to normal The Daily Progress staff reports. Oct 25, 2016 Crash is in the left lane. Traffic is crawling through the site.
- Crash cleared, traffic getting back to normal on eastbound I-64 near Ivy The Daily Progress staff reports. Oct 18, 2016 Third crash on the interstate in just over 24 hours.
- I-64 crash injures 3, ties up traffic The Daily Progress staff reports. Oct 17, 2016 State
 police said at least one of the injured had serious injuries, but no further information on their
 conditions was available Monday evening.
- I-64 traffic crash cleared at Ivy, all traffic lanes open The Daily Progress staff reports. Oct 10, 2016 A crash on Interstate 64 involving a camper-style vehicle closed westbound lanes of the highway closed at mile marker 114 near the Ivy exit.



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Community Profile: Poverty & Employment

General Economic Indicators							
Geography	Median Household Income	Poverty Rate	Non-student Poverty Rate	Unemployment Rate (BLS)			
Charlottesville Metro Area	\$59,189	15.2%	10.2%	3.9%			
Charlottesville	\$47,218	27.5%	15.1%	3.7%			
Albemarle	\$67,958	9.7%	8.4%	3.9%			
Staunton-Waynesboro Metro Area	\$49,262	13.2%	13.2%	4.3%			
Staunton	\$39,982	18.2%	17.8%	4.4%			
Augusta	\$54,018	9.3%	9.4%	4.1%			
Waynesboro	\$45,499	20.7%	20.8%	4.7%			

















SHRP2 I-64 Corridor Study Working Group Meeting #1

Friday November 18, 2016

1:00 PM to 3:00PM

Location: TJPDC Water Street Center, 407 East Water Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902

<u>Agenda</u>

1. Introductions (40 minutes)

• Project team staff will lead the working group through brief introductions.

2. Project Overview (40 minutes)

• Project team staff will provide PowerPoint presentation outlining the scope and goals for the corridor. Additionally, staff will provide an overview of existing conditions in the corridor. This will include community profiles and transportation performance measures.

3. Work Session: Identification of key issues and concerns in the corridor

• Small groups breakouts (20 minutes)

Working Group participants will break up into small groups where they will be asked to discuss amongst themselves and identify key issues that should/could be researched and addressed in the corridor study. A staff member will be on-hand to facilitate the discussion

• Group work session (20 minutes)

PDC staff will lead the working group through a facilitated discussion about issues identified in the small group work session.

4. Next meeting topics will be

- Public Safety
- Goals for the corridor

5. Upcoming meeting dates

- Public Open House December 12 from 5:00-7:00pm (Water Street Center, 407 E. Water Street)
- Working Group Meeting January Exact date/time TBD (Virginia Regional Transit, 51 Ivy Road Fishersville, VA)

Emergency Services Overview 164 Corridor Study

Traffic Accident Facts

- In 1966, traffic crashes resulted in over 50,000 fatalities and the fatality rate was three times as high as it is today. If the
 extraordinary progress in improving highway safety had not been made since that time, over 120,000 people would have died
 last year and hundreds of thousands more would have suffered traumatic injury.
- Death and injury from traffic crashes continue to be among the most serious public health problems facing our country. Motor vehicle injuries constitute 99% of non-fatal transportation injuries and 94% of transportation deaths. The statistics for 1996 alone offer a grim reality: there were over 6.8 million crashes, in which over 41,000 were killed and another 3.5 million were injured. With yearly increases in travel and no improvement over our current safety performance, fatalities and injuries could increase by 50 percent by 2020.
- Motor vehicle crashes are the number one safety problem in American transportation. They account for 94 percent of transportation deaths and 99 percent of transportation injury. In 1996, 41,907 people were killed and 3,511,000 people were injured in police reported crashes. The lifetime economic cost of these crashes is over \$150 billion annually. The share borne by tax payers is staggering: the public pays 13 percent of the cost of injuries treated in an emergency department; 26 percent of the cost of injuries requiring hospitalization; and 48 percent of the cost of injuries treated in a rehabilitation hospital.

Source NHTSA

Calls For Service

- Determined by cell tower location and sector
- Dispatched and coordinated by the PSAP with jurisdiction
- SAW agencies have access to common frequencies
- RIOS Interoperability for outside agencies
- Afton Mountain Communications Plan

Response

- Multi-Agency Coordination
 - Local, Regional, and State Resources
- Unified Command and NIMS
- Mutual Aid and Automatic Aid Agreements
- Regional MCI Plans
- Afton Mountain Incident Plan
- Tractor Trainer Accidents/Hazmat

Factors Impacting Response

- Heavy Traffic/Time of Day
- Weather
- Blocked Lanes of Travel
- Access/ Egress Issues at entrances and exits
 - Discussed gates for Afton Mountain
- Blocked Shoulders
- European Model

Local Impacts

- Detours and Reroutes
- Closing the interstate
- Capacity of local roadways
- Displaced Motorists
- Towed Vehicle Storage

Resources

- Regional TOC
- Interstate Camera Access
- Programmable Message Boards
- TIMS Training
- Va. Highway Incident Management Group
- Regional Highway Incident Management Groups
- Regional Exercises
- VDOT Safety Service Patrols

Summary

- Coordinated Multi-Agency Response
- Regional Planning, Training, and Exercises
- All Players Must be Included
- Response to Interstate Accidents is Hazardous for Responders

Questions/Discussion

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Working Group Meeting #2

January 31, 2017









Staunton Augusta Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning

Project Study Area









PlanWorks: Better planning. Better projects. (C01)

- Web based decision support tool
- Supports and improves collaborative decision making
- Built around key decision points in the project, LRTP, & planning process
- Provides a flexible roadmap for project planning and stakeholder involvement







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Corridor Planning

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Project Scope

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- Document lessons learned and produce a final document that outlines deficiencies and concept level solutions

Working Group Meetings



Public Open House

- Crozet Library
- 18 people attended and provided comments
- Comment cards
- Online survey
- Poster maps



Public Comments

- "Crozet growth volume on I-64 and 250 plan for this growth?"
- Pointing to Routes 151 and 250 "Need to address this intersection"

- Pointing to 250 on Afton Mountain "Second eastbound lane on 250?"
- Pointing to I-64 (mm 100) Afton Mountain "Have to address this."
- "Rarely encounter problems from Exit 94 to I-81."
- Pointing to I-64 and I-81 interchange "Have to address this."
- Pointing to area between mm 114 (after Sun Hill) and 118 "SPEED and following too closely a big factor here!"
- Pointing to Sun Hill (just past mm 114) "Add a truck climbing lane?"
- "Signal timing between 250 between Broomley and 29 needs addressing."
- "Can VDOT stage the emergency vehicles on 64 to help clean accidents during rush hour more rapidly?"
- "Make transparent layovers for these maps to define crash 'hot spots."

□ The majority of respondents travel the corridor 5 or more times per week

- □ Most trips are commutes to and from work (46.7%), followed by leisure trips (33.3%)
- Safety was ranked as the highest priority for I-64
 & 250, followed closely by congestion
- None of the respondents utilize commuter services (i.e. RideShare, Park & Ride lots, or transit)

Public Survey Results

Comments & Recommendations:

- Truck climbing or additional lanes on I-64 were
- Better bike and pedestrian infrastructure on 250
- More signage warning drivers of conditions
- □ Excessive speeds need to be addressed

COR-1

COR-1: Approve Scope and Process

First steps: coordinating partners and establishing formal lines of communications between groups that communicate infrequently. Evaluation of decision points and creating collaborative decision-making across multiple disciplines and tiers of government will be included.

Deliverables: Draft Scope to guide planning process; Aggregate data repository.

Outcomes:

- The geographical scope
- Technical Scope
- Web Data Repository

http://campo.tjpdc.org/i64-corridor/

COR-1Outcomes

Geographic Scope



COR-1Outcomes

The Technical scope is based on meeting the regional need of improving the safe efficient movement of goods and people through the study corridor. Due to the corridor being super-regional in nature the technical aspects of the corridor study focus heavily on improving intergovernmental and inter-agency communication, coordination, and facility management.

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Data Repository A project specific webpage has been set up within the Charlottesville Albemarle MPO domain. <u>http://campo.tjpdc.org/i64-corridor/</u>. The site includes information about the project, an interactive map, and a growing inventory of corridor related studies GIS and reports.
COR-2

COR-2: Approve Problem Statements/Opportunities

SPaCE will engage facilitated collaborative meetings, focused stakeholder groups, public input sessions and multi-media engagement to identify a common understanding of the issues and seek partner and stakeholder identification of problems and opportunities.

Deliverables: Work towards agreement among stakeholders on the deficiencies and potential opportunities. Staff collaborating with the Working Group have identified the following deficiencies:

COR-2 Deficiencies

o Safety

- Crashes
- Speed
- Reckless driving
- Peak hour congestion
 - Congestion at key exits
 - Traffic at Afton caused by slow moving heavy vehicles
 - Commuter demand
 - Through traffic demand
- State of good repair
 - Roadway pavement conditions
- o Accessibility
 - Transit
 - Carpooling
- o Land Use
 - Housing affordability
 - Jobs and housing mismatch
 - Sprawl

COR-3

COR-3: Goals

Process: elicit stakeholder perspective and partner approval on the comprehensive set of transportation, community and environmental goals. Focus will be regional outcomes of reducing congestion, improving safety and enhancing multi-modal options in the corridor supported by access to comprehensive data. Outcome: Develop a list set of goals guiding the selection of a set of solutions addressing opportunities and deficiencies.

Deliverables: Draft goals (review at next meeting)

Outcomes:

- Identify congestion and safety hotspots (Afton, Exit 118 etc.)
- Recommend areas for future studies (define scope and need of these studies)
- Identify areas of concern for inclusion in LRTPs and Statewide Plans etc.

Next steps



- Continue data gathering and review
 - Econ Dev, Accessibility, Congestion, Environmental factors
- □ Work through COR 3, 4 & 5
- Next Working group Meeting End of March
- Joint MPO meeting May (Draft MOU)

Trip Generation (Demand)

Travel from Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Area to...



(clockwise starting from the top) Metropolitan Washington Region Danville Area Hampton Roads Area Central Virginia Area Federicksburg Area Harrisonburg-Rockingham Area Richmond Area Tri-Cities Area Winchester Area Roanoke Valley Area New River Valley Area Charlottesville-Albemarle Area North Carolina West Virginia Maryland Other



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Travel from Charlottesville-Albamarle to...

Vehicle Traffic



Truck Traffic



Pavement Condition



Analyzing Crashes: 2011-2016

- 3,140 total crashes
- Rear end collisions are the most prevalent
 30 fatalities
- Average of 1.5 crashes per day
- 25% occur during peak afternoon commute times
- Fridays have slightly higher number

Crash Severity

Severity	Number	Percentage of Total
Property Damage Only	2152	69%
Non-Visible Injury	257	8%
Visible Injury	548	17%
Ambulatory Injury	154	5%
Fatal Injury	29	1%



Crash Type

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Severity Heat Map: 2011-2016



Fatal Crashes: 201 P-49 2016



QUESTIONS

Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

> 401 East Water Street Charlottesville, VA 22902

Wood Hudson Senior Planner Resources: http://campo.tjpdc.org/

VIRGINIA STATE POLICE

Motor Vehicle Crash Investigation Familiarization

Presented by First Sergeant G. Scott VanLear <u>scott.vanlear@vsp.virginia.gov</u> 540-885-2142

Crash or Accident?

NO SUCH THING AS AN ACCIDENT 2910 traffic laws* 517 criminal laws* Additionally there are Administrative Laws (Construction, Alcohol, and Status Offenses) *Surce - Code of Virginia

If you wreck you have violated one of these, thus you crashed!

Motor Vehicle Crash Investigation Objectives

To determine the violation of law.

Obtain the necessary evidence to SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTE the violator.

Obtain the necessary information to file the required reports.

Source - Virginia State Police Manual

Motor Vehicle Crashes Extent of Investigation

Non-Reportable vs. Reportable Crashes
Reportable = \$1,500 property damage and/or injury
Criminal, Traffic, and/or Administrative
Fatal
Hit and Run
Assaults
Police Pursuits

Motor Vehicle Crashes Extent of Investigation

 Severity/Circumstances of the Crash Determines Extent of the Investigation

- Non-Reportable: Exchange of Information Only (unless an obvious serious violation of law such as DUI/DUID)
- Reportable: Motor Vehicle Crash Investigation
- Hit and Run: Criminal and Crash Investigation
- Fatality or Possible Fatality: Extremely Detailed Criminal and Crash Investigation
- Police/EMS: the above + Administrative Investigation

Criminal Investigation

- A Hit and Run is a CRIME by law
 - Requires Criminal Investigation and a Motor Vehicle Crash Investigation
- May be a MISDEMEANOR or FELONY
 Attended Property, Personal Injury, Property Damage
 Misdemeanor investigation is less involved than a Felony
- Scene Examination and Interviews are detailed, therefore more time consuming, since the preservation and recovery of evidence is detailed and documented correlating to the seriousness of the offense.

Criminal Investigation

- A Fatality is a HOMICIDE by law
 - Requires Extensive Criminal Investigation and a Motor Vehicle Crash Investigation
- Investigation of a Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash is extremely detailed and time consuming since the preservation and recovery of evidence must include/document EVERYTHING.
 - Laser Transit
 - Interrogation
 - Notes/Photos/LICAN/Seizure of Evidence

Motor Vehicle Crash Investigation (On Site Duties) Secure the Scene (Officer Safety Issue)

Care for the Injured

Detailed Examination of the Scene

Locate and Interview all Witnesses and Drivers

Arrange Scene Cleanup

Motor Vehicle Crash Investigation (On Site Duties) Secure the Scene (Officer Safety Issue) Exposure to Secondary Threats ■ Weapons ■ Fire/Explosion ■ Traffic (Move out of Roadway or to another location) Mental State of Parties Involved ■ Angry vs. Calm ■ Wanted/DUI/DUID Preservation of Scene ■ Loss of Evidence

- Secure the Scene (Officer Safety Issue)
- Care for the Injured
 - Fire/Rescue on Scene vs. call for Fire/Rescue
 - Triage
 - First Aide

- Secure the Scene (Officer Safety Issue)
- Care for the Injured
- Detailed Examination of the Scene
 - Locate/Secure Physical Evidence
 - Mark Physical Evidence
 - Preserve Physical Evidence (Notes, Measurements, Photos, Packaging)

- Secure the Scene (Officer Safety Issue)
- Care for the Injured
- Detailed Examination of the Scene
- Locate and Interview all Witnesses (Document their Account)
 - Drivers
 - Passengers
 - By-Standers
 - First Responders

- Secure the Scene (Officer Safety Issue)
- Care for the Injured
- Detailed Examination of the Scene
- Locate and Interview all Witnesses and Drivers
- Arrange Scene Cleanup
 - Drive-away vs. Tow-away?
 - Wreckers (Regular, Rollback, Large Wrecker, or Special Equipment/Crane required?)
 - Debris cleanup? (Tow Service, FD, HAZMAT, VDOT)
 - Roadway Repair?

Investigatory Conflicts

- Fire and Rescue Priorities
 - Care for Injured/Fire Suppression versus Scene Preservation
- VDOT Priorities
 - Roadway Closure/Property Damage Repair versus Detailed Investigation
- Wrecker Services
 - Vehicle Recovery versus Scene Preservation
 - $\blacksquare Time = Money$
- THE PUBLIC
 - Rubberneckers/morbid curiosity
 - Inattentive/Self absorbed

RESULTS

LOST REVENUEINTER-AGENCY TURMOILPUBLIC OUTCRY

TRAFFIC BACKUPS



TRAFFIC BACKUPS



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Why hasn't the State Police focused attention to I-64 Corridor?



Because it is not a significant source of calls for service, and thus is not a predominant user of our resources.

WAIT

LET ME EXPLAIN

ITS ALL ABOUT

PERSPECTIVE


Some Facts about Troopers

- 37% Time devoted to Highway Safety 20% Time devoted to <u>Crash</u> Investigation ■ 18% Time devoted to Criminal Interdiction 15% Time devoted to Report Writing ■ 6% Time devoted to Public Liaison and Other Agency Cooperation (Safety Talks, Presentations, Assists)
- 4% Time devoted to Maintaining Equipment and Professional Standards (Cars & Training)

Source - Virginia State Police Employee Work Profile

2015 Crash Facts

Albemarle, Augusta, Charlottesville, Staunton, Waynesboro

Road	Fatal	PI	PDO	Total
I-64	2	82	274	358
Ramps	0	1	23	24
Rt. 25 0	9	199	362	570
I-81	0	68	179	247
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of the

Reportable Crashes occurred on

I-64



of those

Reportable Crashes

were

Property Damage Only

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of those

Reportable Crashes

were

Fatalities

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of the TROOPER'S TIME is DEVOTED to **Reportable Crashes** on **I-64**

QUESTIONS





SHRP2 I-64 Corridor Study Working Group Meeting # 2

January 31, 2017

1:00 PM to 3:00PM

Location: VRT Offices, 51 Ivy Ridge Lane, Fishersville, VA 22939

<u>Agenda</u>

1. Introductions (10 minutes)

• Project team staff will lead the working group through brief introductions.

2. Project Update and PlanWorks (20 minutes)

- Summary of the November Working Group Meeting
 - i. Review of PlanWorks COR-1(Scoping) and COR-2 (Mission Statement)
- Existing conditions and performance measures
 - i. Safety
 - ii. Congestion
 - iii. Roadway Conditions
 - iv. Freight
- December Public Open House feedback
- 3. Work Session #2: Public Safety (80 minutes)

Presentations

- Sargent Scott VanLear Area Commander: Augusta County Virginia State Patrol
- Gary Critzer Director, Waynesboro Emergency Management Services

BREAK (10 minutes)

- Roy Reid VDOT Regional Traffic Operations Manager, Staunton & Culpepper Districts
- Rebecca Joyce Senior Planner, Emergency Management Planning CSPDC
- 4. Action Items & Next Steps
- 5. Upcoming Meeting Topic
 - Topic Economic Development/Accessibility PlanWorks COR-3 Evaluation Criteria

NWRO Teraffic Operations

NWRO – Northwestern Regional Operations

VDOT's Role in Incident Response

> Maintenance

Assist in safely and quickly clearing incidents and restoring the roadway to normal traffic.

> Operations

- Facilitate the flow of traffic information to the motoring public
 - ➢ 511 (Website, App, Phone)
 - Message Signs
 - Media

NWRO⁸²Traffic Operations

<u>Area of Responsibility – 2 Districts, 20 Counties</u>

- Staunton District
 - 11 Counties
 - Interstates I-64, I-81, I-66

Culpeper District

- 9 Counties
- Interstates I-64, I-66

NWRO Taffic Operations

Operation Responsibilities

Traffic Operations Center (TOC)

- TOC/SSP (Safety Service Patrol)
 - Incident Response
 - Motorist Assistance
 - Motorist Information
- ITS Devices
 - Maintenance
 - Deployment
- Signal Timing
 - Optimization of signal timing along parallel routes (e.g. US250) and interchanges
 - Coordination of signals on detour routes

NWRG_{-a}Traffic Operations

Incident Management

- Traffic Incident Management Meetings
- SHRPII Incident Management Training Participated with VSP – Conducted 14 training classes in 2016
- Long duration Incidents Interstate Maintenance
 - VDOT Managed / Contractor Serviced

What we are doing on I-64 Corridor

- Establish Allowable Work Hours for planned roadway maintenance
- I-64 ATSM (Afton Mountain Safety Project)
 - 14 Cameras
 - 14 Message signs
 - 2 New weather stations
- Afton Mountain Communication Working Group
- Detour Plans
- Deer Crossing Messaging (Pilot)
- Deer Fencing near Exit 114(Ivy); VTRC Project





SHRP2 I-64 Corridor Study Working Group Meeting #3

March 30, 2017

1:00 PM to 3:00PM Location: TJPDC 407 East Water Street, Charlottesville

<u>Agenda</u>

1. Introductions (5 minutes)

- Project team staff will lead the working group through brief introductions.
- 2. Project Update and PlanWorks (15 minutes)
 - Summary of the January Working Group Meeting
 - i. Review of PlanWorks COR-3
 - MPO Memorandum of Agreement
- 3. Work Session: (90 minutes)
 - Inter-Regional Transit Study KFH Group
 - Rideshare Sara Pennington, Rideshare Coordinator, TJPDC

BREAK (5 minutes)

- Operations Analyses Truck Climbing Lanes VDOT
- Economic Development Greg Hitchin, City of Waynesboro Director of Economic Development
- 4. Action Items & Next Steps
- 5. Upcoming Meeting Topic
 - Topic Natural Resources and environment, PlanWorks COR-4 Environmental

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March 30, 2017









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Scope of Corridor Planning Process

COR-1Outcomes

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COR-2

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Problem statement and opportunities

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COR-3

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COR-3

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QUESTIONS

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Wood Hudson Senior Planner Resources: http://campo.tjpdc.org/

I-81/I-64 Inter-Regional Public Transportation Study

Presentation to SHRP2 I-64 Corridor Working Group March 30, 2017





Harrisonburg Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization

Staunton Augusta Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization



Study Scope

- Assess potential need and demand for regional transit service connecting Harrisonburg, Staunton, Waynesboro and Charlottesville
- Develop service alternatives appropriate to the need and demand
- Estimate ridership, revenue, and costs
- Develop organizational options for implementation of the regional service



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Challenges, Needs and Opportunities

- Bi-directional demand, with Charlottesville serving as the primary destination
- Afton Mountain is a significant travel barrier
- Significant Charlottesville area medical destinations, specifically the UVA Medical Center and Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital
- Parking concerns on both the JMU campus and the UVA campus





Challenges, Needs and Opportunities continued

- JMU students need access to an airport either Dulles or Charlottesville – Dulles will soon have limited service via a new route, to be implemented in FY18
- First mile/last mile concerns
- Connections to Greyhound, Amtrak, and local bus services are needed
- Park and ride lots are needed in Harrisonburg and Staunton, and a need for improvements to the lot in Waynesboro
- Service needs to be accessible for people with disabilities, with relatively low fares









Previous Plans and Studies

- Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan (rail)
- CSPDC TDP
- SAW MPO 2040 LRTP
- HDPT TDP- intercity bus service along I-81
- JMU Transportation Department Surveys
- JAUNT TDP
- Virginia Intercity Bus Plan



Survey Highlights

- Commuter survey conducted in April, 2016
- On-line, 609 responses
- 96% reported a need for service between the Shenandoah Valley and Charlottesville
 - 40% would use
 - 56% might use
- 81% of respondents currently drive alone
- Travel purposes
 - Work 63%
 - Errands 11%
 - Medical -6%
 - School 5%
- Primary destinations
 - UVA Medical- 19%
 - UVA 14%
 - Downtown Charlottesville 5%
 - JMU- 15%
- Low fare desired
- Amenities: Guaranteed ride home, Wi-Fi, comfortable seats, lighting


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Commuting Patterns

1,257 Commuters to Downtown and UVA Medical from the Shenandoah Valley



237 Commuters to Martha Jefferson Hospital area from the Shenandoah Valley





Commuting Patterns

556 commuters through the corridor to Harrisonburg









- Based on 255 annual service days, average daily ridership would be 175 passenger trips, including both directions
- Would require (at least) three round-trips (six one-way vehicle trips if demand is bi-directional over the corridor
- Peak demand would require more capacity
- Demand would likely start smaller and build to this level



Service Alternatives Considered

- Option 1: Full Corridor, Bi-Directional service
- Option 2: Full Corridor, Bi-Directional service, No Martha Jefferson
- Option 3: Full Corridor, Peak direction only
- Option 4: Originate service in Weyers Cave



Proposed Route



Preferred Alternative: Full Corridor, Bi-Directional Service

- 23 revenue hours per weekday
- 5,865 annual revenue hours
- 193,300 annual revenue miles
- Projected demand: 44,620 annual passenger trips
- Three vehicles required (plus 1 spare/backup)



Purposes of the Service



As designed, the inter-regional service will provide:

- A public transportation connection between two major state universities James Madison University and the University of Virginia.
- Commuter bus service for residents of the Shenandoah Valley who work in Charlottesville, including those who work hospital shifts at UVA Hospital (7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) and those who work a more traditional office schedule.
- Commuter bus service between Staunton and JMU.
- A connection between Augusta Health, UVA Hospital, Martha Jefferson Hospital.
- A public transportation option for area residents who do not drive to access medical appointments in Charlottesville.
- A meaningful connection to both Greyhound and Amtrak. These connections would allow Shenandoah Valley residents to connect to Richmond and the Northeast corridor. A meaningful connection to Greyhound is important, as it could allow for 100% federal funding for the trips that provide this connection.



Eastbound Stops	a.m. service p.n						
	Bus 1	Bus 2	Bus 3	Bus 1	Bus 2	Bus 3	Bus 1
James Madison University- Godwin			6:30	8:30	9:15	10:45	5:15
Harrisonburg - Park and Ride, TBD			6:35	8:35	9:20	10:50	5:20
Weyers Cave - Park and Ride, TBD			6:48	8:48	9:34	11:03	n.s.
Staunton - transit hub		n.s.	n.5	9:10	n.s.	11:25	5:45
Staunton - Park and Ride, TBD		5:50	7:06	9:18	9:52	11:33	5:53
Augusta Health - Fishersville		n.s	n.s	9:28	n.s.	n.s.	n.s
Waynesboro Park and Ride		6:05	7:20	9:36	10:06	11:47	6:07
Waynesboro transit hub		n.s.	n.s	9:44	п.5.	11:55	6:15
University of Virginia - University Drive, Charlottesville		6:45	8:00	10:24	10:46	12:35	6:55
University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville		6:47	8:02	10:26	10:48	12:37	6:57
Downtown Charlottesville - Amtrak		6:49	8:04	10:28	10:50	12:39	6:59
Downtown Charlottesville - Greyhound	_	6:51	8:06	10:30	10:52	12:41	7:01
Martha Jefferson		n.s.	8:20	10:44	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.
Charlottesville		Short Break	Short Break	Service Break	Service Break	Service Break	Short Break
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Martha Jefferson	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	fl.5.	3:00	5:30	п.5
Downtown Charlottesville - Greyhound	n.s.	n.s.	n.s	2:15	3:15	5:45	eb
Downtown Charlottesville - Amtrak	n.s.	n.5	п.5	2:17	3:17	5:47	eb
University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville	n.s.		п.5.	2:19	3:19	5:49	7:15
University of Virginia - University Drive, Charlottesville	n.s.	7:00	8:45	2.21	3:21	5:51	7:17
Waynesboro transit hub	n.s.	7:40	9:25	3:01	n.s.	6:31	n.s.
Waynesboro Park and Ride	n.s.	n.s	n.s.	n.s.	4:01	6:41	7:57
Augusta Health - Fishersville	n.s.	7:55	n.s.	n.s.	п.s.	n.s.	n.s.
Staunton Park and Ride	7:30	m.s.	n.s.	3:15	4:13	6:53	8:09
Staunton Transit Center	7:40	8:15	9:50	n.s.	11.5,	n.s.	n.s.
Weyers Cave Park and Ride	n.s.	n.s.	n.s.	3:33	4:31	7:11	8:27
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	Short	Short	Short	Service	Short	Service	Service
Harrisonburg	Break	Break	Break	End	Break	End	End

Sample Schedule – 🕈 👌 Planning Purposes

Service Considerations



- Need to limit stops to provide express service
- Riders desire amenities- guaranteed ride home, Wi-Fi, comfortable seats, lighting, power
- Need for stop(s) in non-urbanized area to permit access to Section 5311 funding (Weyers Cave)
- Need for schedules connecting to Greyhound within twohour window for Greyhound in-kind match
- Schedules will need to consider needs of three markets commuters, intercity travelers, and day-trippers
- Potential to break at Capital Area Transit
- Need for new park and ride lots



Fares



- Comparable services in Virginia
 - Smartway fare Blacksburg-Roanoke is \$4.00 each way,
 - JAUNT service Nelson-Wintergreen is \$4.00 each way
- Proposal is \$5.00 Harrisonburg/Weyers Cave-Charlottesville, \$4.00 Staunton/Waynesboro-Charlottesville. Lower fare for trips within the Shenandoah Valley
- Multi-trip discounts for commuters



Operating Costs—Preferred Option:

- Operating Expenses Labor, fuel, insurance, etc.
- Leased or contractor capital in recognition of guidance from DRPT with regard to the near-term availability of capital funds
- Estimate of \$444,590 annually, using a smaller vehicle



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Vehicles —Preferred Option

Leased or contractor-owned

- Smaller 25-30 seat truck-bus: approximately \$185,000 (seven to ten-year vehicle)— startup
- Over-the-road coach (55 seat): \$600,000 (12 year vehicle)—future years
- Each option would include passenger amenities









Potential Funding



	Estimated Annual Operating								
	Parameters			Estimated Funding Splits					
								Estimated	
Operating Costs, Including the	Service	Revenue	Operating	Farebox	Federal	State	Local	Annual	Cost Per
Cost of Vehicles	Hours	Miles	Costs	Revenue	S.5311	Assistance	Assistance	Ridership	Trip
Full Corridor, Bi-Directional									
Service	5,865	193,300	\$444,590	\$133,860	\$155,365	\$49,717	\$105,648	44,620	\$9.96
Notes:									

Cost estimates assume smaller vehicles, leased or owned by the service provider.

Per unit cost is \$2.30 a mile, referenced from the low end of costs from the Virginia Intercity Bus Plan.

The low end was used to reflect the smaller, less expensive vehicles.

A fare of \$3.00 each way was used to estimate farbox revenue.

This is lower than the proposed fare and was used to account for multi-trip discounts that my potentially be offered.

In-kind match for S.5311 may be an option for trips that connect with Greyhound, if this project is part of the Intercity Bus Program.



Park and Ride Needs

Harrisonburg

- JMU Lots R11 and R10 adjacent to I-81 Exit 245
- Future use of state park and ride when intersection is reconfigured

Weyers Cave

- Augusta County Weyers Cave Road widening Smart Scale grant application includes construction of a 50-60 space lot Exit 235
- Short-term options include lease of space or BRCC

Staunton

- Staunton Crossing Area Smart Scale application submitted
- Short-term options include leasing space from retailers on Route 250

Waynesboro

Improvements to current lot- Smart Scale application submitted







Organizational Options



- CSPDC as grant applicant/contracting entity
 - Operation by contracted operator
 - Vehicles leased or owned by operator
- Regional provider as grant applicant/ administrator and service operator
 - Leased vehicles

For both options: A regional stakeholder advisory committee would be formed



Next Steps



- Development of final service and organizational plan
- Development of implementation plan



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RideShare: It's nice to share!

A program of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission in cooperation with the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission



Crideshare

Introduction

 RideShare works to help reduce traffic congestion by decreasing the number of single occupant vehicles

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- A program of the TJPDC
- Expanded to CSPDC in 2009
- Serves anyone commuting into or out of the TJ Planning District (City of Charlottesville, Counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson) and Central Shenandoah Planning District (Counties of Augusta, Bath, Highland, Rockbridge, and Rockingham, and the Cities of Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton, and Waynesboro)

RideShare Coverage Area



Crideshare



- Car/vanpool matching
- SchoolPool
- Guaranteed Ride Home Program
- Park and Ride lot information & marketing
- Transportation referral for the region (Commuter Information toll-free number and website)

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Employer services



Park & Ride Lots & Pop. Density









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Find a ride match at www.rideshareinfo.org

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Crideshare

Use by Locality

- Active Data Base Registrants 518 total
 A 126, C 67, F 42, G 15, L 25, N 11
- Waynesboro/Staunton- 80
- CSPDC area- 145
- Average match rate is 51%
- Guaranteed Ride Home Registrants 175 Total
 A 31, C 31, F 8, G 10, L 10, N 10
- If everyone opted to carpool just one day a week, the traffic on the nation's major highways and roads would be reduced by as much as 20%.

Crideshare

A Major TJPDC Program

RideShare is part of the transportation program, which makes up the majority of TJPDC's Operating Budget. The RideShare program accounts for 19% of TJPDC operations.



RideShare Funding for FY15					
DRPT Grant	\$137,200				
Charlottesville	\$7,013				
Albemarle County	\$15,892				
Fluvanna County	\$4,098				
Greene County					
Louisa County	\$5,276				
Nelson County	\$2,380				
Total	\$171,859				
Grant for FY16 $=$	\$139,258				



Please visit <u>www.rideshareinfo.org</u> or contact RideShare for ways to reduce your transportation footprint!



Freight Operations study I-64 WB MM 105 – 99

Matthew Shiley, PE Regional Operations Director March 30, 2017



Operations Problem

- I-64 Westbound
 - From MM 105 to MM 99
 - Weekday evening Peak hours

Speed Differentials

- Steep grades
- Mix of passenger vehicles and freight traffic

Lane Utilization

- Driver behavior (lane changing, braking, small gaps)
- Existing law for trucks & comb. vehicles traveling below posted speed limit

Congestion

- Reduced speeds
- Reduced travel time



Approach



- > Operational Analysis (2015-16)
 - Crashes

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- Grades
- Traffic volume and mix
- Speeds
- Lane utilization
- > Truck climbing lane warrants evaluation (AASHTO)
- VISSIM Model (2016)
 - Model exiting traffic conditions
 - Evaluate potential solutions

Findings

Average Daily Traffic(ADT): 18,700 vehicles (14% Trucks)

<u>PM Peak Hour</u>: 5-6 PM (M-F)
 1,840 vehicles (9% Trucks)

Posted Speed Limit: 65 MPH

➢ <u>85th percentile speed</u>: +71 MPH

- > MM105.5 to 100.2
 - Overall travel speeds decrease as vehicles travel uphill
- > MM104 (5-6PM)
 - 73% (1,350) of vehicles are using the inside/left lane
- > MM 100.2

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 21% of vehicles traveling in the right/outer lane are traveling at speeds lower then 50 MPH

Findings

Consistent Pattern observed from data:

- Non-Peak period—Truck Volume in left lane is lower than the truck volume in right lane
- Peak Period (4:00-6:00 pm)---Truck volume in Left Lane exceeds the Right Lane truck volume
- Field Observations during PM peak period: Trucks that move to the left lane generally do so to overtake slow moving Trucks in the right lane
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Speed Comparison





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5-Year Crash Analysis

≻ I-64 WB - MM 104 - 99

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- 76 total crashes from 2010 2014
- 52.05 crashes per 100 Million VMT

+2.64% from Culpeper District Average

+20.28% from Staunton District Average

- No Fatal crashes
- 41% (31) Rear-End crashes (highest type)
- (7) Non-rear end; attributed to speed differentials

50% of all crashes Rear-end or speed related





AASHTO Climbing Lane for Multi-Lane Highways

If ONE of the following principles is satisfied, *consideration* of a truck climbing lane IS WARRANTED:

<u>Critical Length of Grade</u>: Length of grade exceeds the critical length of grade.

✓ Segment meets criteria

<u>Service Flow Volume</u>: Service flow volume is greater than 1,000 vehicles per hour per lane(vphpl) but less then 1,700 vphpl.

✓ Segment meets criteria

<u>Operational Assessment (Level of Service)</u>: Existing level of service exceeds LOS D and would be improved one grade level with the addition of a truck climbing lane.

X Segment does not meet criteria

Traffic Model Findings

> 100% Truck Restriction on Left Lane was modeled

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Left Lane impacts: In the higher grades, average speed goes up in the left lane, compared to existing conditions; Speed difference is significant (5% increase), although less volume is processed.

Right Lane impacts: Speed difference is minimal over existing and more volume is processed

Average speed (Trucks & Cars combined) slows down around 3:00 PM and starts increasing around 7:00 PM

Potential Solutions and challenges

- Interim Solutions: Upgrade existing signs and use Changeable Message Signs (CMS) to alert trucks to use the right lane
- Monitor & Evaluate effectiveness

Static Signing: Completed 2016

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CMS signs activated 3/23/17 (M-F; 3-7:00 PM)



- CMS sign message at MM 102 & 104
- CMS sign at MM 110 displays travel time to I-81/Staunton 10

Potential Solutions and challenges

- **Temporary Solution FHWA Hard Shoulder Running**
 - <u>http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop10023/chap4.htm</u>
 - Approval must be obtained from FHWA for Hard Shoulder Running
 - Providing Refuge/Pull-offs for breakdowns needed
 - The intent is for these facilities to be temporary in nature and not a permanent solution for long-term capacity provision
 - Requires an ITS system to operate dynamically
- Construction of a westbound truck climbing lane.

> Funding

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QUESTIONS?

SHRP2 I-64 CORRIDOR Waynesboro Economic Development

March 30, 2017



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Orientation



<u>Exit 94 – Circa 1980</u>





Two Miles of Growth



















SHRP2 I-64 Corridor Study Working Group Meeting #4

May 31, 2017 1:00 PM to 3:00PM Location: Virginia Regional Transit 51 Ivy Ridge Lane, Fishersville

<u>Agenda</u>

1. Introductions (5 minutes)

• Project team staff will lead the working group through brief introductions.

2. Project Update and PlanWorks (15 minutes)

- Summary of the March Working Group Meeting
 - i. Review of PlanWorks COR-4
 - ii. Corridor plan interactive map preview
- MPO Memorandum of Agreement update

3. Work Session: (90 minutes)

- Park Management and Transportation needs– Sally Hurlbert National Park Service
- Vehicle Wildlife Conflict, reducing wildlife conflict through fencing Bridget Donaldson VTRC

BREAK (5 minutes)

- Environmental Resources and Permitting John Chiles VDOT Culpeper District
- 4. Action Items & Next Steps
- 5. Upcoming Meeting Topic: Congestion and Traffic (problem areas)
- 6. Next Meeting Date: July 26, 2017 at 1:00pm. Location Charlottesville TJPDC

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Shenandoah Piedmont area Collaborative Effort (SPaCE)

Working Group Meeting #4

May 31, 2017









Staunton Augusta Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning







Plan Works

Corridor Planning Toolkit

- The Decision Guide streamlines the transportation process by systematically building in collaboration. It was developed using examples of successful practice and with input from all partners in transportation decision making.
- The Decision Guide was developed from 23 in-depth, detailed case studies (Including the CA-MPO 2040 LRTP TCAPP Process)

Corridor Planning

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				<u>Analysis</u>				Projects	

Project Scope

Scope

- 1. Open a dialog with interests in the 164 Corridor
- Build an understanding of the issues through collaborative discussions and by engaging the experts

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- 4. Identify ways to improve collaboration and communication on issues of governance, maintenance and project identification
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Project Study Area REVISE MAP BOUNDARY



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MPO MOU



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Comments provided by VDOT (Districts)
Planned adoption of the MOU at September joint MPO meeting.

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Next Steps



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- Work through remaining CORs
- Finalize analyses of hotspots & deficiencies with input from VDOT
- Develop draft plan and report

Hotspots -Safety



Hotspots -STARS



Hotspots -Congestion



Hotspots –Pavement Conditions



Proposed Projects in the Corridor

- Truck Climbing Lanes
- Park and Ride lots
- Transit
- Intersection Improvements
- Interchange Improvements

Interactive Project Summary Map


QUESTIONS

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Animal-Vehicle Collision Research and Mitigation I-64 Charlottesville-Waynesboro

Bridget Donaldson

Senior Research Scientist Virginia Transportation Research Council



States with Most Deer-Vehicle Collisions (July 2014 - June 2015)*



*State Farm Insurance projections for the entire insurance industry. Includes *deer, elk, and moose*

1.25 million DVCs in the U.S.

VDOT spends ~ \$4.1 million/year on carcass management

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I-64 Safety Improvement Area: MM 97 – 105



Collision Types Staunton to Charlottesville, I-64 MM 87-118 (2012-2016)





Collision Types Staunton to Charlottesville, I-64 MM 87-118 (2012-2016)



Deer Crash Data I-64 in Albemarle County (MM 102 -131).



Deer Crash Data with Carcass Removals I-64 in Albemarle County (MM 102 -131).



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Collision Types, I-64 in Albemarle County



Collision Types, I-64 in Albemarle County



Deer and Bear Carcasses (1 mi segments) 2012-2016



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Virginia Deer Crash Data (2012 – 2016)



Effective Mitigation

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Underpasses/overpasses with fencing: 86% DVC reduction





Study Background



- The U.S. road system includes more than 582,000 bridges longer than 20 feet, 480,000 of which are over waterways.*
- The road system also includes millions of smaller structures, many of which serve as passageways for wildlife.*
- Because these structures were not designed for wildlife passage, they have no fencing.

Research is needed to establish how retrofitting an *individual* existing underpass with fencing affects AVCs and the use of the structure.

First, data is needed to support fencing recommendations



Purpose of Study

Evaluate activity and behavior of white-tailed deer and other wildlife along

- (1) unfenced isolated underpasses and
- (2) a forested riparian corridor with no viable underpasses







Methods

• Collect carcass removal data (2012-present)



Date	Mile Marker	Animal Desc
10-1-14	94 43	Racoon
10-2-14	- 000 90,9W	16 Deer
10-2-14	- Bitton 163.36	16 facos
10-6-14	1357 WS	Decr
10-6-14	155-9 WB	Deer
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10-6-14	11 MS	Over 1
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14-614	128.2 68	aur
10-6-14	165 EB	Deer
=-7-14	1543 EB	Passin
10-6-14	IN EB	Decr
19-7-14	158-9 86	Deer
6-7-1-1	LOO,7 ER	Deer
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Monitor study sites with cameras

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Camera Monitoring (2 yrs) 52 cameras deployed March 2013





Camera Monitoring

Primary questions:

Underpasses

- Wildlife use of the underpasses (full crossings vs turning back)
- Activity and behavior along the adjacent roadside
- Roadside activity relative to distance from the underpass

Drainage Corridor with no underpass

Activity and behavior of wildlife at drainage/interstate intersection compared to farther away from intersection







RESULTS

Deer and Bear Carcasses 2013-2014

9.2 DVCs per mile per yearBear: 18 bear deaths (2 yrs)





RESULTS

Deer Carcasses per Month







6/1/2017

PHOTOS

336,000 total

- ~ 1/3 deer
- 35 black bears
- Few thousand photos of other species



Wildlife Activity Site 1 vs Site 2 (2 yrs)







Site 1 Deer Activity: 1,152 per yr

Deer activity along the roadside adjacent to the culvert was 3 times greater than activity through the underpass



Site 1 Deer Activity: 1,115 per yr





Site 1 Deer **Activity:** 1,115 per yr



DVCs at each site: <u>7.5/mi/yr</u>

Site 2 Deer **Activity:** 1,253 per yr Roadside deer activity was 3 times less than activity through the underpass



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Roadside





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Roadside Behavior





Drainage Corridor Afton Mountain

Deer Activity Along Road

(n) = Total Deer Activity over 2-yr Period

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Cost Savings



Fencing and escape structures for just <u>one</u> underpass is expected to result in a savings in costs associated with deer-vehicle collisions of **\$501,473** over its service life Assuming \$6,617 per DVC (Huijser, 2009)

Fencings is cost effective when it prevents 1 DVC per mile per year



Implementation

Fencing installation at 2 underpasses Feb-June 2017

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Implementation D-219 - deer warning messages on changeable message signs, Oct and Nov 5pm to 9am (Crozet to Afton Mountain)





Opportunities?



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Funding Opportunities for Wildlife Crossings

- Highway Safety Improvement Program
- Transportation Enhancements program (FAST ACT) – funds habitat connectivity projects
- Assoc of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- VDOT's Research Implementation funds
- Grants
- Foundations
- Private Donations
- Local Taxes



Thank you

Technical Review Panel

Vernon Hoke (Project Champion) David Morris Amy O'Leary Nelson Lafon (VDGIF)

Camera Pole Installation

Danny Huffer Gary Wheeler

Field/Research Assistance

Lewis Lloyd Michael Crawley Olivia Daniszewski Lark Washington

Site Visits

Vernon Hoke David Morris VJ Kulkarni Braden Chapmen Bill Jones Darrel Hayes Nelson Lafon Jim Bowman David Kocka Al Bourgeois Mike Pelton

Implementation of Recommendations

Dean Gustafson Matthew Shiley Sharad Uprety David Pearce Jimmy White



Report available

http://vtrc.virginiadot.org Report 16-R4 Bridget.Donaldson@vdot.virginia.gov

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SHRP2 I-64 Corridor Plan Environmental Considerations

John Chiles VDOT Culpeper District

Big Picture

- Environmental Review Process (ERP)
- ✓ National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- ✓ State Environmental Review Process (State)
- ✓ Endangered species
- ✓ Water Quality Permits
- Cultural Resource (Section 106)
- Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Air

Why Consider Environmental Factors?

- It's the law
- Civil penalties
- Criminal penalties
- Criminal prosecution
- Basis for lawsuits
- Loss of efficiencies

- Loss of federal funds
- Resource agency relations
- Public relations
- Travel and tourism
- Schedule and budget

Environmental Factors to Avoid/Minimize

- Wetlands
- Streams
- Endangered species
- Historic properties
- Hazardous materials
- Outdoor easements

- Public parks, recreational areas, wildlife refuges
- Agricultural / Forestal Districts
- Noise
- Environmental Justice



ERP

- Coordinate with environmental staff to use studies identified in ERP to inform scoping process
- Manage project changes, and communicate project design and schedule changes to environmental staff
- Use input from Environmental staff to adjust budget and schedule (task durations)

NEPA

- Provide timely additional project details to environmental staff
- Avoid/minimize impacts to facilitate lowest level of NEPA document
- Recommend increasing foot print of your study areas/ NEPA Study window to be larger than the project footprint to avoid repeated survey efforts
- Purpose & Need

Reality Check: External influence- FHWA

Document Type	Time (Duration)	Cost	Controlling Entity
BCE	1 Week	<\$500	FHWA
PCE	3 Months	<\$1,000	FHWA
CE	Up to 8 months	\$1,000- \$10,000	FHWA
EA	14 months	\$30,000- \$500,000	FHWA*
EIS	3+ years	3 million+	FHWA*

*FHWA influenced by federal environmental agencies

VDOT's Record: NEPA Documents for FHWA (April 2016-April 2017)

- Blanket Categorical Exclusion 16.2%
- Programmatic Categorical Exclusion 75.0%
- Categorical Exclusion 5.8%
- Environmental Assessment / Environmental Impact Statement – 3%

Endangered Species

- Provide project details to environmental lead
- Avoid/minimize impacts to:
 - Facilitate lowest level of effect determination
 - Eliminate or reduce time of year restrictions
- Consider requirement to update endangered species review, ex survey have expirations and must be revisited
- Manage project changes, and communicate project design and schedule changes to environmental staff
- Critical Path, determine presence of species within action areas due to seasonal constraints for surveys. Long Durations for "Biological Opinions" from USFWS on impacts
- Endangered species
 - Time of year restrictions (up to 7 months; construction season)
 - Surveys (up to \$20,000 and 2 years) and relocations

Threatened & Endangered Species

Federal Species

- James Spinymussel Pleurobema collina
- Madison Cave Isopod Antrolana lira
- Swamp Pink Helonias bullata
- Indiana Bat Myotis sodalis
- Northern Long-eared Bat Myotis septentrionalis







Endangered Species

State Species

- Peregrine Falcon
- Loggerhead Shrike
- Bald Eagles
- Little Brown Bat
- Tri-colored Bat
- Anadromous Fish



Section 106 NHPA

Historic Resources:

- The terms "historic resources" or "cultural resources" refer to properties such as buildings, bridges, archaeological sites, cemeteries, battlefields, designed landscapes, traditional cultural properties, and districts (a geographically- and thematically-defined group of resources), usually 50 years of age or older, that may have historical significance.
- Ensure that potential harmful effects to historic properties are identified and considered early in project planning so that these effects can be avoided or minimized.
- Consider this to be a critical path and should be started early to avoid future schedule delays, ex. Consulting parties, MOA's, etc...

Historic Districts

- Jefferson Carter Rural Historic District
- Southern Albemarle Rural Historic District
- Greenwood Afton Historic Districts
- Yancey Mills Historic District





Reality Check: External Influence – FHWA and Others

Study/Evaluation	<i>Time (Duration)</i>	Cost	Controlling Entity
Section 106	6 months-1 year	\$50,000- \$500,000	FHWA, DHR*, ACHP*
Agricultural/ Forestal District	5 months	\$1,000 - \$5,000	Local Government
4(f)	6-8 months	\$50,000+	FHWA/DOI*

*DHR - Department of Historic Resources; *ACHP - President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; *DOI - Department of Interior

Water Quality Permits

- Identify potential impacts associated with culvert replacements/extensions, bridges, roadway widening, etc...
- Requires delineation of WOUS to identify Streams & Wetlands
- Utilize VDOT IACM (Inter Agency Coordination Meeting) process

Permit Costs

- Processing fees
- Public notice
- Mitigation
 - Design, ROW, construction, monitoring
 - Wetlands: \$100,000+/acre
 - Streams: \$650+/linear foot
- Erosion and sedimentation control
 - Design, construction, monitoring
- Monitoring and reporting (including post-construction)

Reality Check: External Influences – Corps of Engineers

Permit Type	Time	Compensatory Mitigation Required	Public Notice	Agency Pre- Const. Review
No Permit / Non- Reporting Permit	15-30 days	No	No	No
Nationwide	60-75 days	Yes	No	Yes
Regional	60-120+ days	Yes	No	Yes
State Program General Permit	60-75 days	Yes	No	Yes
Standard	180-360+ days	Yes	Yes	Yes

Reality Check: External Influences – Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Permit Type	Time	Compensatory Mitigation Required	Public Notice	Agency Pre- const. Review	State Water Control Board Hearing
No permit	15-30	No	No	No	No
VWPP* General	45 days	Yes	No	Yes	No
VWPP*	180 - 220 days	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

*VWPP-Virginia Water Protection Permit

Reality Check: External Influence – Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC)

Permit Type	Time	Compensatory Mitigation Required	Public Notice	Agency Pre- Const. Review	VMRC Hearing
VA General Permit 1 (VGP-1)	45-75 days	Yes	No	Yes	No
Standard	180+ days	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Hazardous Materials

- UST
- AST
- Contaminated Soil & Groundwater
- Solid Waste
- Evaluated potential to impact previously reported release sites and new sites.

Noise

- A highway is being built on a new location
- An existing highway is being redesigned with a significant change in its alignment
- The number of through traffic lanes on an existing highway is being increased
- The addition of a new or substantial alteration of a weigh station, rest stop, ride-share lot or toll plaza

VOF Easements

- An open-space easement is an interest in property voluntarily offered by a landowner that limits the property's uses in order to protect its conservation and open-space values
- Numerous VOF Easements along I-64 corridor in Albemarle County



Take Control

 Avoiding and minimizing impacts will reduce FHWA and regulatory agency control of your schedule and budget

How do you manage your destiny?

- Understand your environmental role on Project Team
- Involve environmental staff
- Manage project scope
- Identify environmental issues early
- Avoid/minimize impacts:
 - Project footprint
 - Shift alignment
 - Modify typical section
 - Retaining walls
 - Pier spacing
 - Countersink pipes
 - Eliminate channelization and stream relocation; stream impacts
 - Use bridges, bottomless arches
 - Construction BMPs





SHRP2 I-64 Corridor Study Working Group Meeting #5

July 26, 2017 1:00 PM to 3:00PM Location: Thomas Jefferson PDC 401 East Water Street

<u>Agenda</u>

1. Introductions (5 minutes)

- Project team staff will lead the working group through brief introductions.
- 2. Project Update and PlanWorks (15 minutes)
 - Summary of the May Working Group Meeting
 - i. Review of PlanWorks COR-5
 - MPO Memorandum of Agreement update and September joint MPO Meeting

3. Work Session: (90 minutes)

- Freight Planning Erik Johnson, VDOT Freight Planning Office
- Freight Movement Kevin Reilly Rio Logistics (Waynesboro)

BREAK (5 minutes)

- Rail Freight Brian Freeman, Buckingham Branch Railroad
- 4. Action Items & Next Steps
 - Draft Corridor plan recommendations
- 5. Upcoming Meeting Topic: Final Meeting, Lessons Learned, problem areas and next steps
- 6. Next Meeting Date: Early September Date and Location TBD

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Shenandoah Piedmont area Collaborative Effort (SPaCE)

Working Group Meeting

July 26, 2017









Staunton Augusta Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning

Project Study Area





Plan

Works

PlanWorks

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PlanWorks: Better planning. Better projects. (C01)

- Web-based decision support tool
- Supports and improves collaborative decision making
- Built around key decision points in the project, LRTP, & planning process
- Provides a flexible roadmap for project planning and stakeholder involvement


Plan Works

Corridor Planning Toolkit

- The Decision Guide streamlines the transportation process by systematically building in collaboration. It was developed using examples of successful practice and input from all partners in transportation decision making.
- The Decision Guide was developed from 23 indepth, detailed case studies (Including the CA-MPO 2040 LRTP TCAPP Process)



Corridor Planning

Project Scope

Scope

- Open a dialog with interests in the I-64 Corridor
- Build an understanding of the issues through collaborative discussions and by engaging the experts

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- Use transportation performance measures to identify deficiencies in the corridor
- Identify ways to improve collaboration and communication on issues of governance, maintenance and project identification
- Document lessons learned and produce a final document that outlines deficiencies and concept level solutions

Working Group Meetings





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Web Data Repository http://campo.tipdc.org/i64-corridor/



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COR-1 Outcomes

- The Technical scope is based on meeting the regional need of improving the safe efficient movement of goods and people through the study corridor. Due to the corridor being super-regional in nature, the technical aspects of the corridor study focus heavily on improving inter-governmental and inter-agency communication, coordination, and facility management.
- Data Repository A project specific webpage has been set up within the Charlottesville Albemarle MPO domain. <u>http://campo.tjpdc.org/i64-corridor/</u>. The site includes information about the project, an interactive map, and a growing inventory of corridor related studies GIS and reports.

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COR-2 Problem

statement and opportunities

COR-2: Approve Problem Statements/Opportunities

SPaCE will engage facilitated collaborative meetings, focused stakeholder groups, public input sessions and multi-media engagement to identify a common understanding of the issues and seek partner and stakeholder identification of problems and opportunities.

Deliverables:

Work towards agreement among stakeholders on the deficiencies and potential opportunities. Staff, collaborating with the Working Group have identified the following deficiencies: D-259

COR-2 Deficiencies

COR-2 Deficiencies List

Safety

- Crashes
- Speed

Peak hour congestion

- Congestion at key exits
- Traffic at Afton caused by slow moving heavy vehicles
- Commuter demand
- Through traffic demand

\circ State of good repair

- Roadway pavement conditions
- Bridges
- Accessibility
 - Transit
 - Carpooling
- o Land Use
 - Housing affordability
 - Jobs and housing mismatch
 - Development patterns

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COR-3: Goals

Process: elicit stakeholder perspective and partner approval on the comprehensive set of transportation, community and environmental goals. Focus will be regional outcomes of reducing congestion, improving safety and enhancing multi-modal options in the corridor supported by access to comprehensive data. Outcome: Develop a list set of goals guiding the selection of a set of solutions addressing opportunities and deficiencies.

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Approve goals for the corridor project

Deliverables:

Draft corridor goals

COR-3 Corridor Goals

COR-3 Goals

- Improve the overall function of the corridor by increasing the efficiency and safety of which goods and people move through the corridor.
- Enhance communication among MPOs, Local Governments, VDOT and DRPT on planning issues in the corridor.
- 3. **Minimize** the impact that any projects have on natural resources and the environment.

COR-4 Environmental

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Reach consensus on environmental review scope

- Vehicle wildlife conflicts
 - Deer crashes (~51% of crashes)
- Sensitive endangered species habitats
 - Afton Area
 - Stream crossings
- Cultural and historic considerations
 - Conservation easements
 - Historic districts & archeological sites
- Managed Lands
 - Adjacency to NPS and USFW lands

COR-5 Evaluation Criteria

COR-4 Evaluation Criteria

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Approve Evaluation Criteria, Methods and Measures

Congestion

- AM, PM Congestion at key exits
- Travel options (Transit, TDM)

Safety

- Crash hotspots and crash rates
- Stream crossings
- Operations and Maintenance
 - Bridge sufficiency rating
 - Pavement conditions

Communication

- Joint Meetings
- Project applications supported
- MOU

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Status Update



- Project Webpage Completed
- Draft MOU September Joint MPO Meeting
- Database of Plans and Studies Interactive map online
- Draft Corridor Study Report Drafting report
- Joint MPO Meetings Next Meeting September

Congestion Analysis

- Average Annual Daily Traffic (Current and Forecasted)
- Volume to Capacity Ratio (Current and Forecasted)

Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT)



Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT)



Change in AADT- Exit 94



Change in AADT- - Exit 118



Change in AADT- - Exit 124



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Volume to Capacity Ratio (V to C Ratio)



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Volume to Capacity Ratio (V to C Ratio)















Pavement Conditions



Freight Traffic - Virginia



Freight Traffic – I-64 Corridor



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QUESTIONS

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I-64 Corridor Study – Freight

Erik Johnson, Freight Planning Specialist July 26, 2017

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Virginia's Freight Generators



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Study Area's Freight Generators



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D-287 **Study Area vs Total Virginia** *Base Year (2012) Tons*


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D-288 **Study Area vs Total Virginia** *Mid-term (2025) Tons*



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D-289 Study Area vs Total Virginia Horizon Year (2040) Tons



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Top Origins – 2012 Tons



Sum of Tons for each Origin State (group) 1 broken down by Year. The view is filtered on Origin State (group) 1 and Year. The Origin State (group) 1 filter excludes AB, AG, AL and 69 more. The Year filter excludes 2025 and 2040.

Top Origins – 2025 Tons



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Top Destinations – 2012 Tons

Top Destinations - Tons

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Top Origins – 2012 Value

Top Origins - Value Year Origin Stat.. 2012 VA NV NC MD NJ ĆA. PA TN GA SC TX OH KY 0B 1B 2B 3B 4B 5B 6B 7B 88 9B 10B 12B 11B 13B Value

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Top Origins – 2025 Value



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Top Origins – 2040 Value



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Top Destinations – 2012 Value

Top Destinations - Value

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Top Destinations – 2025 Value

Top Destinations - Value

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Top Destinations – 2040 Value

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Top Destinations - Value

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Top 15 Commodities – Tons (2012)

Commodity	Tons
Agricultural Products Except for Animal Feed (other)	
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	
Other Prepared Food Stuffs, and Fats and Oils	
Waste and Scrap (except of agriculture or food)	
Other Coal and Petroleum Products	
Wood Products	1,100,794
Logs and Other Wood in the Rough	
Plastics and Rubber	
Milled Grain Products and Preparations, and Bakery Products	
Other Chemical Products and Preparations	
Other Non-Metallic Minerals	
Articles of Base Metal	615,018
Furniture, Mattresses and Mattress Supports, Lamps, Lighting Fittings, and Illuminated Signs	488,793
Meat, Fish, and Seafood and Their Preparations	
Animal Feed and Products of Animal Origin	449,284

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Top 15 Commodities – Tons (2025)

Commodity	Tons	
Non-Metallic Mineral Products		
Agricultural Products Except for Animal Feed (other)		
Waste and Scrap (except of agriculture or food)		
Other Prepared Food Stuffs, and Fats and Oils		
Wood Products		
Other Coal and Petroleum Products		
Plastics and Rubber		
Logs and Other Wood in the Rough		
Other Chemical Products and Preparations		
Milled Grain Products and Preparations, and Bakery Products		
Other Non-Metallic Minerals		
Articles of Base Metal		
Furniture, Mattresses and Mattress Supports, Lamps, Lighting Fittings, and Illuminated Signs		
Meat, Fish, and Seafood and Their Preparations		
Animal Feed and Products of Animal Origin		

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Other Chemical Products and Preparations	
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Milled Grain Products and Preparations, and Bakery Products	
Other Coal and Petroleum Products	
Logs and Other Wood in the Rough	
Other Non-Metallic Minerals	
Meat, Fish, and Seafood and Their Preparations	
Furniture, Mattresses and Mattress Supports, Lamps, Lighting Fittings, and Illuminated Signs	
Animal Feed and Products of Animal Origin	
Articles of Base Metal	



Top 15 Commodities – Value (2012)

Commodity	Value
Miscellaneous Manufactured Products	6,036,461,517
Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, and Office Equipment	4,031,940,516
Motorized and Other Vehicles (including parts)	3,427,224,858
Transportation Equipment	3,164,559,139
Machinery	2,904,666,288
Plastics and Rubber	2,693,390,425
Textiles, Leather, and Articles of Textiles or Leather	
Other Chemical Products and Preparations	2,159,973,268
Meat, Fish, and Seafood and Their Preparations	
Articles of Base Metal	1,813,638,012
Agricultural Products Except for Animal Feed (other)	1,710,902,058
Other Prepared Food Stuffs, and Fats and Oils	1,675,525,120
Milled Grain Products and Preparations, and Bakery Products	1,198,419,320
Furniture, Mattresses and Mattress Supports, Lamps, Lighting Fittings, and Illuminated Signs	1,182,381,363
Metallic Ores and Concentrates	769,397,447



Top 15 Commodities – Value (2025)

Commodity	Value
Miscellaneous Manufactured Products	28,372,753,910
Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, and Office Equipment	8,940,223,034
Transportation Equipment	5,805,980,896
Motorized and Other Vehicles (including parts)	4,986,418,676
Machinery	4,439,585,458
Plastics and Rubber	4,190,864,112
Metallic Ores and Concentrates	
Other Chemical Products and Preparations	
Meat, Fish, and Seafood and Their Preparations	
Articles of Base Metal	2,333,064,794
Textiles, Leather, and Articles of Textiles or Leather	2,202,035,409
Other Prepared Food Stuffs, and Fats and Oils	2,032,113,981
Agricultural Products Except for Animal Feed (other)	1,801,564,239
Furniture, Mattresses and Mattress Supports, Lamps, Lighting Fittings, and Illuminated Signs	1,629,580,042
Milled Grain Products and Preparations, and Bakery Products	1,480,803,022



Top 15 Commodities – Value (2040)

Commodity	Value
Miscellaneous Manufactured Products	59,766,818,650
Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, and Office Equipment	23,180,813,265
Transportation Equipment	10,960,938,218
Metallic Ores and Concentrates	8,425,330,230
Machinery	6,354,767,749
Motorized and Other Vehicles (including parts)	6,061,216,233
Plastics and Rubber	
Other Chemical Products and Preparations	4,535,665,783
Meat, Fish, and Seafood and Their Preparations	
Textiles, Leather, and Articles of Textiles or Leather	
Other Prepared Food Stuffs, and Fats and Oils	2,479,910,861
Articles of Base Metal	2,456,652,680
Furniture, Mattresses and Mattress Supports, Lamps, Lighting Fittings, and Illuminated Signs	2,434,969,874
Agricultural Products Except for Animal Feed (other)	2,307,042,186
Milled Grain Products and Preparations, and Bakery Products	1,818,723,911





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Freight Rail in the Shenandoah Valley

- <u>Short Line</u> What is a short line railroad and how does it fit into the national rail system?
- 2. <u>Buckingham Branch</u> What is the background on the Buckingham Branch Railroad?
- 3. <u>Regional Impact</u> What is rail's impact on the region and what is the importance of rail to regional economic development?
- 4. <u>Challenges</u> What challenges does the Buckingham Branch face in terms of infrastructure, access and other issues?
- 5. <u>Highway Traffic</u> Can rail make a difference on the I-64 Corridor traffic congestion?

What is a short line railroad and how does it fit into the national transportation system?

"Short Line" Railroad



- Number Approximately 600 short line railroads in the US
- Track Miles Short Lines operate 47,500 miles of track (29% of all freight track) compared to 95,000 miles for Class 1 RRs
- Small Business Average 30 employees; operate 79 miles of track





Short Line and Regional Railroads

Class 1 Railroads

"Short Line" Railroad

- Revenue definition Annual Operating Revenue less than \$36.6 million
- Connectivity Connect thousands of customers to the US main line rail network to offer seamless service for shipping lane

 Rail Preservation - Typically operating on track that would have otherwise been abandoned by a larger railroad





Hallmarks of the Short Line Industry

- <u>Customer Focus</u> flexible and responsive to the unique needs of each customer
- Enteprenuerial Spirit success is dependent on aggressively pursuing business, advocating for customers, and investing in track
- <u>Connecting to Markets</u> Short Lines are often the only direct link to national rail network for rural and small town America
- <u>Business Development</u> Focused regional marketing & sales relationship and transload offerings

What is the background of the Buckingham Branch Railroad?

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2	Employees	84
17	Miles of Track	275
1	Locomotives	17







Current Operation

- 7 train crews running 30 trains a week
- ≈ 12,500 Carloads/year
 - Local 1000
 - o NS 3000
 - o CSX 8500



•Amtrak's "Cardinal" runs both directions 3 days a week amidst local and CSX Westbound traffic



•Approximately 20 CSX Overhead trains each week.

• 170,000 Empty cars/year



Safety is No 1 and the Buckingham Branch is heavily regulated

Training and Management Critical to Regulatory Compliance

Selected Regulatory Agencies -

- FRA
- FCC
- OSHA

- EPA
- FMCSA
- PHMSA

- TSA
- FEMA
- Va SCC





D-321 Investing In Our People

- Safety and Training Days are held each quarter for transportation, track, mechanical, and signal departments
- Hands-on and classroom training
- Safety training is held for all staff including office personnel



To remain viable, BB must make significant capital investment each year

• Investment in:

Track Signals Rolling Stock Vehicles Bridges Highway Crossings Heavy Equipment Maintenance Facilities

 Primary funding sources are Buckingham Branch and Virginia Rail Preservation Fund

Investing in our Infrastructure : R&A Division

Tie Replacement

- 140,000 completed, 60,000 to go
- 600 Tons of Ballast per mile
- 1,000 ties per mile

Rail Replacement

- ≈ ½ mile curve patch each year
- 10 mile CWR on Piedmont this year

Undercutting

- Surface Improvement
- Joint Replacement
- Improved Drainage

New Siding

 More efficient movement of empty trains

Crossing surface replacements




Investing in our equipment

New Power - GP 38-2's













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State-of-the Art Buckingham Branch Technology



<u>LED light upgrades at grade crossings</u> for improved reliability and visibility

Fiber optic in RoW



Tablets for train crews



Samsung tablets enable train crews to update car deliveries and pick-ups in real time









- 125 miles
- Replacing existing open pole lines with new electronic track circuits
- Existing pole line being removed

- 9 phases
- Final Cutover was October 2016



D-331 State-of-the-Art Technology

• LED light upgrades at grade crossings for improved reliability and visibility

- Pole line was not always reliable or safe
- New signals travel through the rail





What is rail impact on the region?

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Overall Regional Rail Impact

- **1. Buckingham Branch freight customers**
- 2. Shenandoah Valley Railroad freight customers
- 3. Norfolk Southern freight customers (northsouth lines through Charlottesville and Waynesboro)
- 4. Amtrak passenger service from Charlottesville to Staunton (Cardinal Line from DC to Chicago)

Selected BB Customers Across I-64



INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT





FlintGroup

Valley 🎝 Recycling









Other Selected BB Customers





Martin Marietta Materials





What are challenges for BB?

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- 1. <u>Rail funding</u> Threat to state Rail Preservation funding
- 2. <u>Capital investment</u> Constant BB capital investment requirement – while competing with trucks that use publicly funded highways
- 3. <u>Lack of viable sites</u> Jurisdictions not rail oriented very limited rail-served sites and buildings available between Staunton and Charlottesville
- 4. <u>US Industrial Economy</u> Sluggish growth
- 5. <u>Supply Chain</u> Just-in-time shipping trend favors speed and inventory reductions vs. lower freight costs

Can rail make a difference in corridor traffic congestion?

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How can rail make a difference

- 1. <u>Rail served projects</u> Every rail car takes 3-5 trucks off the highway for new or expanded manufacturing / distribution projects located on rail
- 2. <u>Transload/Intermodal</u> Enables companies not located on rail to ship by rail / truck combination
- 3. <u>Passenger service</u> Continued support for Amtrak service and future consideration of local passenger service /commuter service

Buckingham Branch Transload – Intermodal Service

- 70+% of future, new rail freight business will come from transload / intermodal
- 3 existing BB transload locations in corridor
 - Staunton (C&O Flats)
 - Fishersville (Downtown)
 - Keswick (Louisa Road & Hunt Club Road)

BB Transload Locations



Transload Example - Doswell Trans-load Facility Partner with Houff and ABC Trucking



<u>Customer</u> – Nestle-Purina

<u>Freight</u> – Bentonite (Powdered Clay) from Wyoming by rail to Doswell <u>Use</u> – Trucked to Purina's kitty litter facility in King William

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Shenandoah Piedmont area Collaborative Effort (SPaCE)

Final Working Group Meeting #6

September 22, 2017









Staunton Augusta Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning

Agenda



Scope^{2.}

- 2. Plan Update
- 3. Draft Project Recommendations
- 4. Next Steps

Status Update



- Project Webpage Completed
- Draft MOU Pending Review

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- Database of Plans and Studies –Map Online
- □ Joint MPO Meetings Completed
- Draft Corridor Study Report Drafting

Status Update

Website

SHRP2 Interstate 64 Corridor Study

The SHRP2 Interstate 64 Corridor Study is a collaborative effort between the Charlottesville Albemarle MPO and the Staunton Augusta Waynesboro MPO. The project focuses on the 40 mile Interstate 64 corridor between Charlottesville and Staunton.



M Open the Corridor Study Storyboard and Map

The project is made possible by funding provided by FHWA SHRP2 Implementation Assistance Program. The corridor study focuses on using the PlanWorks Decision Guide to inform the corridor study process and increase cooperation and collaboration between agencies and localities

Project Fact Sheet

S User Survey and Comment Form



Why do the study?

The Interstate 64 corridor between Charlottesville and Staunton was constructed in the 1960's and has been incrementally upgraded over the intervening years. However, the roadway still remains primarily a four lane rural interstate. As the regions at either end of the study area have grown so has the demands on the roadway. Demographic and social trends have resulted in a significant number of commuting trips utilizing the corridor as people make their way from home to work. This demand mixed with increasing freight and through traffic demands have resulted in a number of high profile traffic incidents and road closures. Furthermore, the corridor passes through three VDOT construction districts and four regional transportation planning districts (two MPOs and two Rural Areas). This structure has resulted in a number of parities having interests in the corridor but infrequently working together to look at the corridor holistically.

Who is involved?





Staunton Augusta Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization

The study is being guided by the Policy Boards of the Charlottesville Albemarle MPO and the Staunton Augusta Waynesboro MPO who will be meeting jointly three times during the study. Information about joint meeting dates and scheduled is available at the CA-MPO or SAW-MPO Policy board web pages. The Policy boards and MPO staff are being supported by a <u>working group</u> whose membership includes representatives from VDOT construction districts, MPOs, local government staff, and experts from state and federal transportation agencies.

Status Update



Planning District Cammission

Status Update

Database of Plans

SHRP II I-64 Corridor Study

A story map 🖪 💆 🖉

The SHRP2 Interstate 64 corridor project is a joint study between the Charlottesville Albemarle MPO and the Staunton Augusta Waynesboro MPO. The goal of the project is to utilize the Federal Highway Administration's <u>SHRP II</u>



<u>PlanWorks corridor planning decision</u> <u>guide</u>.

Project Location

The study area spans the I-64 Corridor from Pantops, east of Charlottesville to the City of Staunton. The study area crosses multiple jug sdictional boundaries and interests. Including two Provide MEGer five locatines



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Draft Plan Sections



- □ Introduction
- Background I
- Use of PlanWorks
- □ Public and Working Group Involvement
- □ Existing Conditions ☑
- Recommendations and Hotspots
- Implementation
- Lessons Learned



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Draft Project Recommendations

Safety

- Address slow moving vehicles at Afton and Ivy
- Address over capacity interchanges
- Reduce vehicle wildlife conflicts
- Improve problem intersections
- Truck Traffic
 - Provide truck climbing lanes for slower moving vehicles
- TDM/Transit
 - Add additional park and ride facilities
 - Support transit within the corridor
- Communication and coordination
 - Work with VDOT & DRPT to coordinate planning

Recommendations



- Draft recommendations identified by working group and local planning staff
- Recommendations address issues identified during the deficiency analyses and from other plans, studies or reports
- Recommendations fall into 3 categories
 - Bike and Pedestrian
 - Capacity and Operations
 - Safety
- Recommendations are either specific (x intersection) or general (develop a communications plan)

		Торіс	
Туре	Recommendation	Addressed	Project ID
BP	Connect Route 76 to Blue Ridge Tunnel Access	Recreation	1
BP	Waynesboro to Western portal of Blue Ridge tunnel access	Recreation	1
BP	Widen paved shoulders on US-250 from Old TPK Rd to Brooksville Rd.	Safety	17
BP	Widen shoulders on US250 from Afton to Route 6	Safety	18
C&O	Interchange improvements at Exit 94	Congestion	2
C&O	Interchange improvements at Exit 118	Congestion	3
C&O	Interchange improvements at Exit 120	Congestion	4
C&O	Interchange improvements at Exit 124	Congestion	5
C&O	Improvements to the intersection of Miller School Road/US 250	Safety	6
C&O	Route 240 /US 250 intersection improvements	Safety	7
	US 250 Crozet intersection realignment (Rockfish Gap Turnpike and		
C&O	Three Notche'd Rd)	Safety	7
C&O	complete implementation of ATSMS system in Afton	Congestion	19
C&O	Truck climbing lanes westbound between MM 104 & 99	Congestion	20
C&O	Truck climbing lanes between MM 113&119 both direc	Congestion	21

Туре	Recommendation	Topic Addressed	Project ID
C&O	Waynesboro Southern Corridor (Route 340 to intersection of Route 624)	Congestion	22
S	Wildlife exclusion fencing South River Bridge	Safety	8
S	Wildlife exclusion fencing Christians Creek Bridge	Safety	9
S	Wildlife exclusion fencing Stockton Creek Bridge	Safety	10
S	Intersection improvements at US 250 and Route 151	Safety	11
S	Additional emergency crossovers around Afton mountain	Safety	24
TDM	New park and ride lot at Exit 124	Congestion	12
TDM	New park and ride lot at Exit 121	Congestion	13
TDM	New park and ride lot at Exit 107 (Crozet)	Congestion	14
TDM	New Park and Ride lot at Exit 99	Congestion	15
TDM	Park and Ride lot improvements at Exit 94	Congestion	16
TDM	Crozet commuter transit service	Congestion	25
TDM	I-81/I-64 Inter-Regional transit service	Congestion	24

- Project recommendations sourced from studies, working group input and from deficiency analyses.
- Recommendations include bike ped improvements, congestion mitigation and TDM





		Торіс
Туре	Recommendation	Addressed
C&O	Widen I 64 to three travel lanes each direction	Congestion
C&O	Lifecore drive corridor	Congestion
C&O	US 250 access management plan from Waynesboro to Staunton	Congestion
S	Greater driver information signage usage	Safety
	App based weather and roadway condition notifications for	
S	drivers	Safety
	Signage warning about sun blindness at key locations east and	
S	west bound	Safety
S	Afton incident management plan and communications upgrades	Safety
S	Detour plan for I 64 between MM 107 and 94	Safety

Vehicle Wildlife Conflict Hotspots

- Crashes involving wildlife are the number 1 source of accidents in the corridor.
- These crashes can be reduced or eliminated through low cost solutions
- Increased habitat connectivity





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Park and Ride Lots

- Additional park and ride lots in the corridor would help reduce roadway volume and provide options for travelers
- Eventually park and ride lots could be linked with transit servic



Truck Climbing Lanes

- Continue to monitor traffic and accidents and congestion at MM 105-99 (W) and 114-118 (E & W)
- Explore temporary or interim solutions such as shoulder running lanes or extended weave lanes



Interchanges & Intersections

- Implement specific interchange improvements along I-64 to add capacity, enhance safety, and reduce cut through truck traffic
- Implement intersection improvements consistent with local government visions at key locations along US 250 and other primary roadways


Next Steps



- Provide a draft to the working group by late October
- Comments from working group by mid-November
- □ Finalize plan by December
- Submit at least one corridor related project for Smart Scale Round 3 (Spring 2019)

Lessons Learned

Lessons Learned To collaborate effectively between regions you must communicate early and often.

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- □ Focus on shared problems and challenges.
- Understand behavior in the corridor as a whole.
- Involve all relevant agencies in discussions.
- Focus on cost effective solutions that improve overall corridor efficiency.
- No one size fits all approach or solution. Guidance like PlanWorks must be flexible.

