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# Webinar: Q&A - Draft VTrans Mid-term Needs and *Interact*VTrans

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#### **PURPOSE OF THIS WEBINAR**

- Relevant Resources
- Noteworthy Items
- Accessing Mid-term Needs (used for screening project applications for SMART SCALE Round 4)
  - Print-ready Documents
  - ArcGIS Database
  - o <u>InteractVTrans</u>

#### Question and Answer Session

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#### **RELEVANT RESOURCES**

- This webinar builds on previous webinars that provide overview of:
  - Purpose of VTrans
  - VTrans Travel Markets
  - Mid-term Needs Identification Process
  - Draft Mid-term Needs Reports and Resources
- Please utilize the following resources for more in-depth background information:
  - Recording: VTrans Needs Assessment Overview (<u>Weblink</u>)
  - Recording: Urban Development Area Needs (<u>Weblink</u>)
  - Recording: VTrans Draft Mid-term Needs and InteractVTrans Overview (Weblink)
- For additional or more detailed questions, please utilize following opportunities:
  - VTrans Mid-term Needs Overview and Draft Needs Reports (<u>Weblink</u>)
  - InteractVTrans (Weblink)
  - Contact OIPI Team (Weblink)



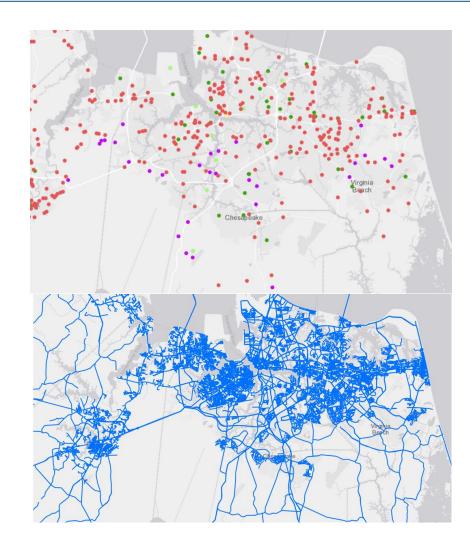
- 1. Draft Mid-term Needs are subject to change based on:
  - Guidance received from the Secretary and other CTB members
  - Agency and public feedback
  - Additional quality checks
  - Further analysis to address identified limitations/weaknesses





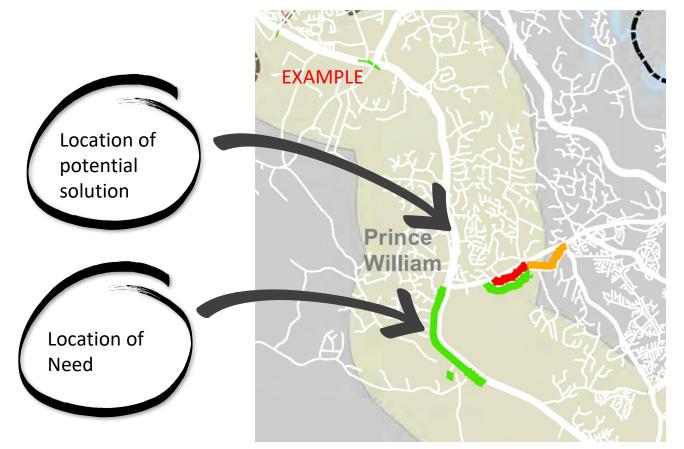
#### 2. Method of Analysis and Presentation

- Identified Needs are assigned to:
  - Nodes:
    - Intersections
    - Rail Stations
    - Activity Center Centroid
    - Industrial and Economic Development Area.
  - Segments
    - Congestion
    - Reliability
    - Transit Access
    - Non-motorized Access, etc.





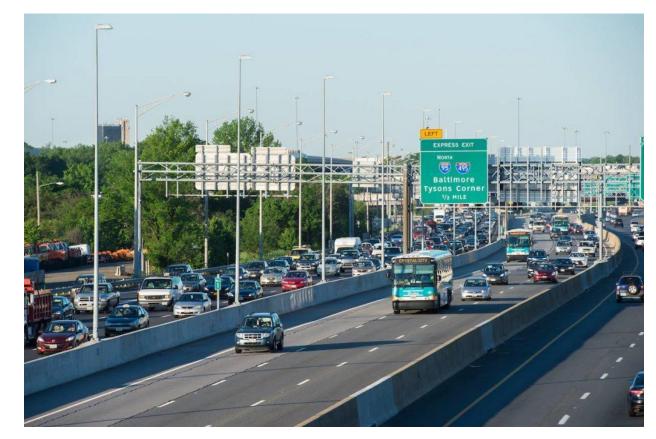
- 3. Location of a Need may not necessarily be same as the location of the solution
  - A solution to a Need may be elsewhere on the same facility or on a parallel facility





#### 4. Needs are not solutions

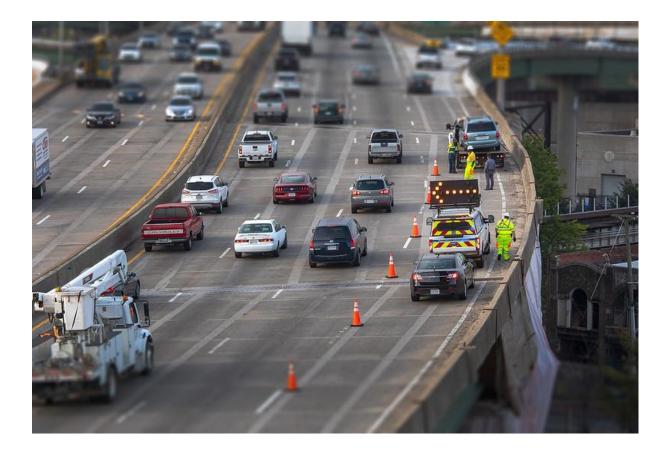
 A highway Congestion or Reliability Need could be addressed by a highway project, rail or transit services, and/or policy solutions.



Source: Potomac Local



- Consider taking a comprehensive view of the Mid-term Needs
  - Key Question "How can I develop a strong project funding application?"
  - Review and identify intersections, segments, and areas that have multiple Needs
    - Example: Safety Needs AND Reliability Need



Source: VDOT Flikr Site



#### ACCESSING MID-TERM NEEDS | PRINT-READY DOCUMENTS

- 1. Executive Summary and Maps displaying VTrans Midterm Needs
  - Available by Nine (9) Construction Districts on VTrans website <u>VTrans Mid-term Needs webpage</u>
  - Targeted at: Users who prefer hard copies







## ACCESSING MID-TERM NEEDS | ARCGIS DATABASE

- ArcGIS Map Package, description of fields (nodes and segments), and Guide to InteractVTrans
  - ArcGIS Map Package includes all Mid-term Needs: Congestion, Reliability, Safety, UDA, IEDA, etc.
  - Available as one zip file on VTrans website:
    - VTrans Mid-term Needs webpage
  - Targeted at: Power users who have access to ArcGIS and want to build customized queries and develop maps

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|  | As part of the Needs Identification Process, OIPI staff conducted <u>Regional Workshops</u> with transportation planning stakeholders from<br>around the Commonwealth. Comments received at these workshops, along with other feedback from public meetings and online, helped<br>OIPI finalize the performance measures and thresholds used to Identify Needs. The updates based on this feedback can be found in the<br>document <u>here</u> .               |                  |
|  | Draft VTrans Mid-term Transportation Needs   |                  |
|  | The Draft Mid-term Transportation Needs have been compiled by VDOT Construction Districts and summary documents are available<br>below. The Draft Needs are subject to change prior to finalization and action by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB). The<br>documents include an Executive Summary outlining the Needs identification process, maps depicting the Draft Needs, as well as<br>Appendices with maps showing performance measures data. |                  |
|  | Richmond District  |                  |
|  | Northern Virginia District   |                  |
|  | Staunton District  |                  |
|  | Salem District   |                  |
|  | Lynchburg District   |                  |
|  | Hampton Roads District   |                  |
|  | Bristol District   |                  |
|  | Fredericksburg District  |                  |
|  | <ul> <li>Culpepar District</li> </ul>  |                  |
|  | Draft VTrans Mid Term Needs (.zip file 277 MB) - Includes ArcGIS Map Package and Detailed Description of Needs Data  |                  |
|  | Next Steps   |                  |
|  | The CTB will review the draft list of Needs in the fail of 2019. The final CTB-approved list of Mid-term Needs will be published by the end<br>of 2019 and will be utilized for the next round (Round 4) of SMART SCALE, for which the application intake will occur in 2020.  |                  |
|  | Looking for more specific information about VTrans? Find more information on our Frequently Asked Questions page here:<br>http://ytrans.org/get-involved/frequently-asked-questions  |                  |
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## ACCESSING MID-TERM NEEDS | INTERACTVTRANS

#### 3. InteractVTrans

- Online tool with 3 key functions
  - Find / download needs by location
  - View different layers
  - Make comments
- Targeted at: Users who like the ability to zoom in and out





## **QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS**

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## MID-TERM NEEDS ASSESSMENT | NEXT STEPS

- Please explore datasets for accuracy and completeness
- If you see something unexpected, please let the VTrans Team know:
  - Email us: comment@vtrans.org
  - Contact staff directly: see the following slide
- We expect to make some changes and refinements before Commonwealth Transportation Board action is requested





# MID-TERM NEEDS ASSESSMENT | TIMELINE

| Date                   | VTrans Task  |
|------------------------|--|
| December 11            | December CTB Meeting: Request for CTB action                       |
| Before the end of 2019 | OIPI intends to publish final approved list of Mid-Term Needs      |
| April 1, 2020          | Deadline for localities to adopt new UDAs in Comprehensive Plans   |
| Spring-Summer 2020     | SMART SCALE Round 4 proposals screened with updated Mid-Term Needs |



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