

TransAction2030

Transportation for Today and Tomorrow



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TransAction 2030 is Northern Virginia's regional transportation planning effort that is taking place now through the end of 2005. The TransAction 2030 Plan will provide a vision for a mobile future and direction on where to spend limited transportation dollars. The TransAction 2030 plan concentrates on more than just overcrowding on Metro, VRE, I-66, or the 495 Beltway.

In 1999, the Transportation Coordinating Council (TCC) of Northern Virginia adopted the Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan. The TransAction 2030 planning effort is being directed by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), which was established by the Virginia General Assembly in 2002. One of their duties is to prepare a regional transportation plan for Northern Virginia. The NVTA consists of 16 elected or appointed officials representing all Northern Virginia jurisdictions. The NVTA continues to promote the original vision of the TCC:

“In the 21st century, Northern Virginia will develop and sustain a multi-modal transportation system that supports our economy and quality of life. It will be fiscally sustainable, promote areas of concentrated growth, manage both demand and capacity, and employ the best technology, joining rail, roadway, bus, air, water, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities into an interconnected network.”

Since the 2020 Plan was adopted, much has changed. Some projects have been completed; other regional transportation studies have been conducted, and traffic has increased. Today we continue to see an increase in congestion on our interstates, parkways, and local roads; even our High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes can be overcrowded. If you ride transit, such as Metrorail, Metrobus, and the Virginia Railway Express, you face increasing ridership levels that are surging near capacity limits. The alarming statistics on time spent on our daily commutes continue to roll in.

According to the Texas Transportation Institute's 2004 Annual Urban Mobility nation-wide traffic report, the Washington metropolitan area idles in 125,000 hours of traffic per year - that is 33 hours per person - almost a whole week of vacation that the average resident spends sitting in traffic every year! In addition, the number of transit trips has increased, and the number of vehicle miles traveled throughout the region has grown. What is the cost of all of this congestion: a staggering \$1 billion per year, which is over \$600 per person. It is time to rev up our interest and participation in transportation.

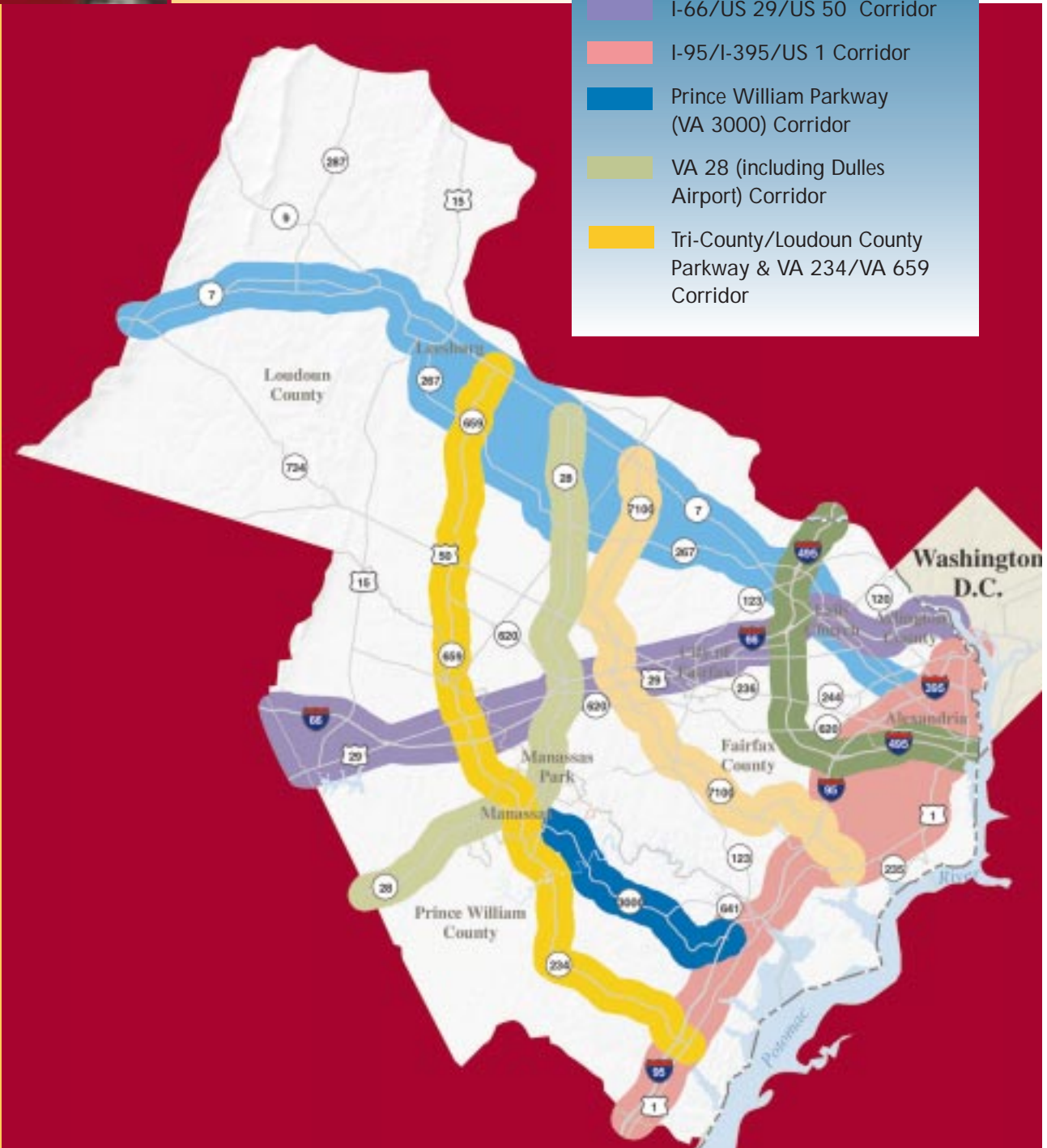
Stand by your local and regional community by supporting the TransAction 2030 Plan and getting involved in its formulation. A critical component will be prioritizing the remaining projects, which can be done by participating in any of the public involvement opportunities listed in this newsletter.

Map of Regional Corridors



Eight regional corridors are included:

- Dulles/VA 7 Corridor
- Fairfax County Parkway (VA 7100) Corridor
- I-495 (Beltway) Corridor
- I-66/US 29/US 50 Corridor
- I-95/I-395/US 1 Corridor
- Prince William Parkway (VA 3000) Corridor
- VA 28 (including Dulles Airport) Corridor
- Tri-County/Loudoun County Parkway & VA 234/VA 659 Corridor



2030 Ambitions



We need citizens acting as both individuals and groups to provide the project team with insight on project priorities. We have lists of needed projects, but we want drivers, car-poolers, transit riders, bicycle riders, and pedestrians to help prioritize the projects for future funding.

We want to know your views on roads, rail, bike trails, and the environment. What criteria should transportation officials be considering when submitting projects to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)? Would citizens support a new tax, like a fuel or sales tax, if they knew exactly what transportation projects would receive the money? We have to meet our funding needs, we have to achieve federal air quality standards, and we have to maintain our quality of life.

Current problems are likely to loom much larger as the region continues its phenomenal growth. Did you know that the Washington metropolitan region continues to grapple with the challenge of meeting air quality standards? Not meeting these standards could mean losing access to Federal

funding for highway and transit construction.

The Washington metropolitan region is projected to add 2 million people and 1.6 million new jobs by 2030. Northern Virginia is expected to experience almost half of the job growth and more than half of the population increase. New jobs are projected to outpace housing construction, so more and more people will commute to Northern Virginia from outside the region, increasing traffic congestion in outlying areas. They will do so either because they cannot find homes near their jobs, or cannot afford homes near their jobs.

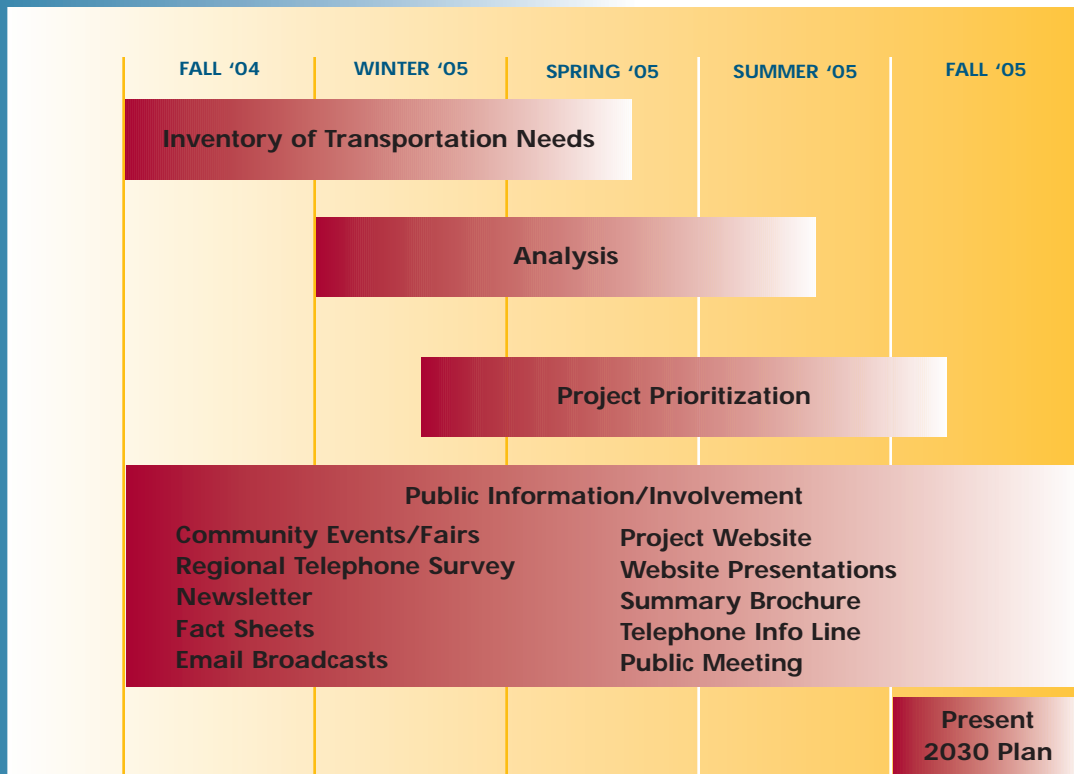
The Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan estimated a need of \$30 billion to complete all proposed improvements. Their estimated funding projections fell short of total needs by \$14 billion. However, since maintenance needs are rising, funds previously earmarked for construction will now have to be used for repairs to the aging transportation infrastructure. By 2018, all available funding will be dedicated

to maintenance, leaving no available money to match federal funding, which leaves us with even less money for construction. This year the Virginia General Assembly approved an \$848 million transportation package of which approximately 1/8 of the money could come to Northern Virginia. Unfortunately, this is a one-year infusion.

This is where you – Northern Virginia citizens – come in. The project team needs your input to prioritize the most important transportation improvements in our region and identify ways to increase transportation funding levels. Then, as funding becomes available, specific projects from the Trans-Action 2030 plan will be submitted to the CTB for study, design, and construction, in coordination with planning conducted by state, county, and city transportation agencies.



Project Schedule



Public Involvement Activities



For all these reasons and more, an updated plan is necessary. That is why the TransAction 2030 Plan has been initiated. Alert your friends, alert your neighbors, and get involved.

The TransAction 2030 Plan provides extensive opportunities for public involvement. You may be receiving a call from the project team to answer a brief telephone survey. By taking the time to complete the survey, you help NVTA members better understand the underlying values and factors that need to be considered when they sit down to establish project priorities.

New Website

A new project website, www.transaction2030.com, contains detailed corridor maps with the proposed transportation improvements, a link to an online presentation, an online survey, and a comment form. You can send e-mails to info@transaction2030.com. To get the facts in person, please visit our TransAction 2030 booth at your local community fair this summer:

Spring/Summer 2005 Events

Date	Location	Event
May 30	City of Falls Church	Memorial Day Festival
June 11-12	Fairfax County	Celebrate Fairfax
June 18-19	City of Alexandria	24th Annual Alexandria Red Cross Waterfront Festival
July 4	City of Fairfax	Fourth of July Celebration
August 13-14, 20	Prince William County	Prince William County Fair
August 19-21	Arlington County	Arlington County Fair
August 20-21	Leesburg/Loudoun County	August Court Days

At each fair display, a regional corridor map and survey forms will allow participants to select which projects are their highest priorities. Fact sheets and newsletters will also be available. Children will have an opportunity to design their vision of future transportation vehicles maneuvering through, above, and around our region's traffic. Meet us at your local fair, visit our website, and voice your opinion through the TransAction 2030 plan today.

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1. Which corridors do you most often travel in:
(Circle)

For what reason (Work, shopping, other)?

2. Rank each of the following forms of transportation from most to least appealing with 1 as the most appealing and 6 as the least appealing.

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|--------------|-----------------|
| ____ Driving | ____ VRE |
| ____ Metro | ____ Carpooling |
| ____ Bus | ____ Telework |

Why?

3. What do you think are the main problems causing congestion in your corridor, and what improvements do you think would help?

Corridors

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Travel Frequency

How much time do you spend commuting in one work week?

How many times have you used public transportation in the past month?

Have you visited www.TransAction2030.com?

4. Check all of the following options you would accept to fund transportation projects in the region.

- Gas Tax
- Tolls
- Income Tax
- Sales Tax
- Raise Transit Fares



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