



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

VIRGINIA
STATEWIDE RAIL PLAN

Rail Plan Workshop

April 2017 CTB Rail Committee

Workshop

- 1. Goals/Objectives
- 2. Economic Analysis
- 3. Stakeholder Feedback

Agenda

Conduct a workshop to gather feedback on the draft goals and objectives for the State Rail Plan and preliminary results for the Economic Analysis





1.

Goals/Objectives

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Vision

Virginia's multimodal transportation system will be **Good for Business, Good for Communities, and Good to Go**. Virginians will benefit from a sustainable, reliable transportation system that advances Virginia businesses, attracts a 21st century workforce, and promotes healthy communities where Virginians of all ages and abilities can thrive.

The mission of DRPT is to facilitate and improve the mobility of the citizens of Virginia and to promote the efficient transport of goods and people in a safe, reliable and cost-effective manner.



Goals/Objectives

1. Optimize Return on Investments

2. Ensure Safety, Security and Resiliency

3. Efficiently Deliver Programs

4. Consider Operational Improvements and Demand Management First

5. Ensure Transparency, Accountability, and Promote Performance Management

6. Improve Coordination Between Transportation and Land Use

7. Ensure Efficient Intermodal Connections



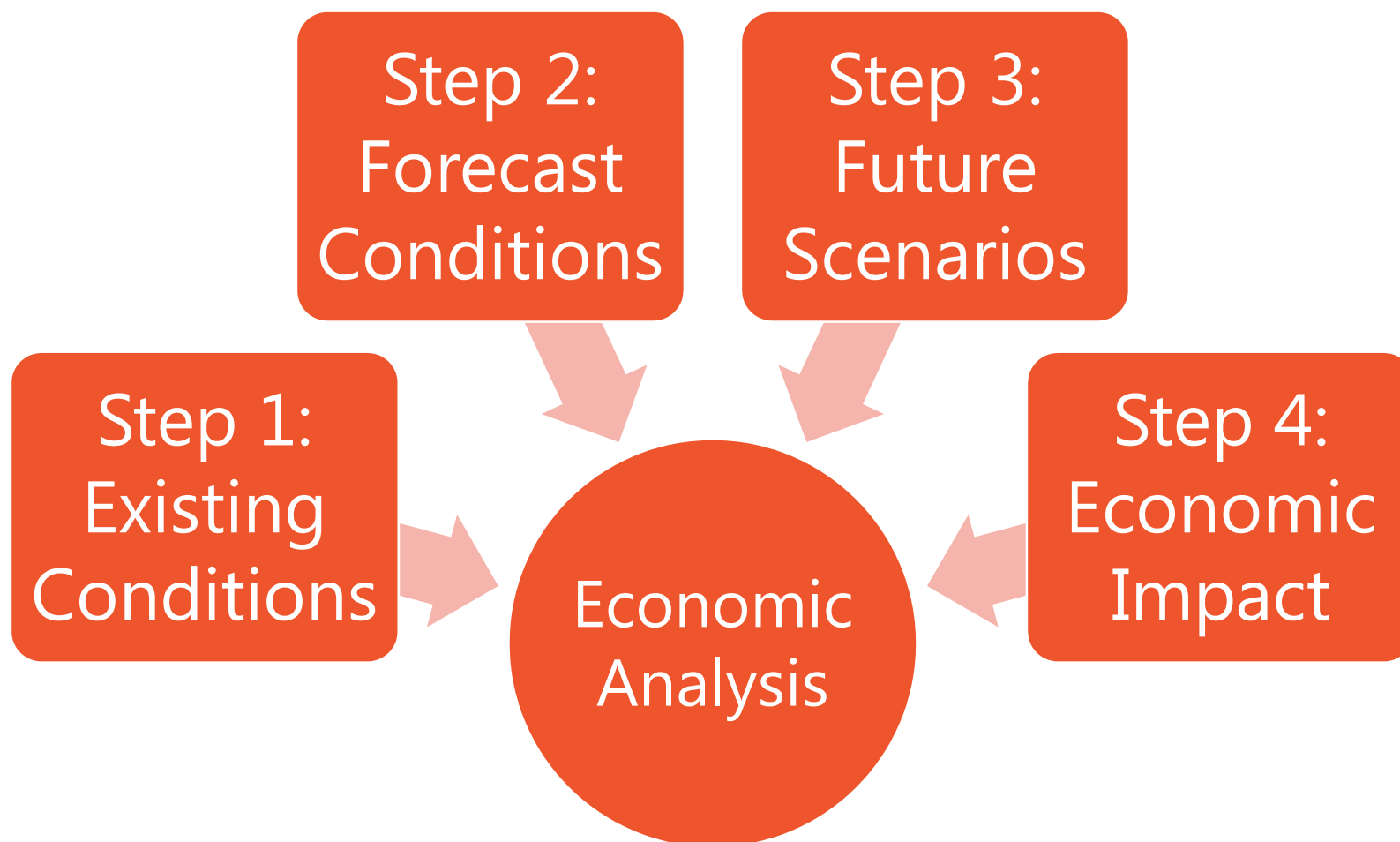


2.

Economic Analysis



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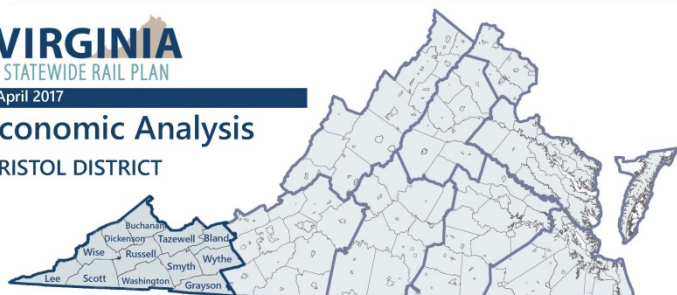
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Economic Analysis

BRISTOL DISTRICT



Socioeconomics Breakdown and Business Facts

Population
348,739

Unemployment Rate
6.6%
Highest: 10.5%
Buchanan County
Lowest: 4.4%
Washington County

Household Median Income
\$37,033
Highest: \$45,294
Bland County
Lowest: \$27,731
Norton City

The top three sources of employment are:



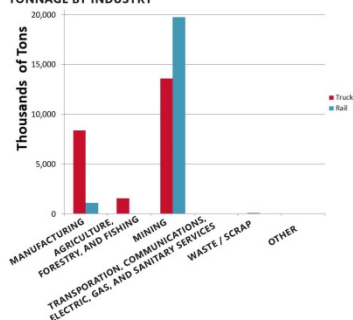
Sales volume is primarily driven by:



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and InfoUSA

Tonnage Facts

TONNAGE BY INDUSTRY



Network Facts

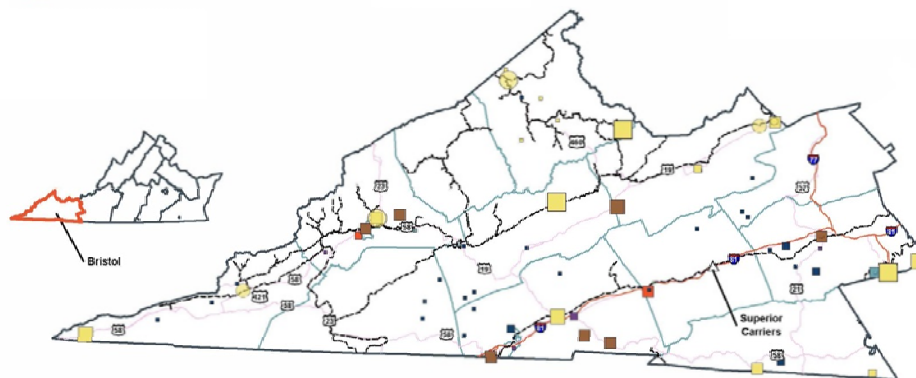
Bristol has **831** total miles of rail
AND
1006 total miles of highway

Interstates: 81 and 77

Highways: 58, 421, 23, 19, 460, 52 and 21.

Railroad systems: Norfolk Southern and CSX

ESTIMATED TONNAGE IN BRISTOL



Economic Analysis

Commodity Growth Explanation

•The products with the largest contribution to Highway truck tonnages in 2012 are: Broken Stone or Riprap (11 million tons), Petroleum Refining Products (2.3 million tons), Gravel or Sand (1.9 million tons), Stemmed or Redried Tobacco (1.2 million tons).

•Truck freight tonnages see an overall increase between 2012 and 2040 of 6.5 million tons leading to a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 0.8%.

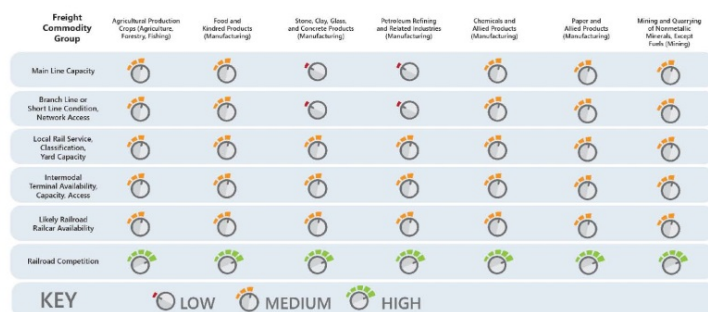
•Coal mining dominates rail freight in the Bristol Planning District, accounting for 49% of total freight tons movements either originating or destined for the district.

•Bristol Planning District is forecast to see a fall in rail Coal tonnage of 13% between 2012 and 2040. This is part of a state wide fall in Coal rail tonnage.

•Rail freight tonnages see an overall decrease between 2012 and 2040 of 2.6 million tons leading to a CAGR of -0.4%.

Potential Project Recommendations

- Develop new uses for underutilized coal rail lines
- Develop rail corridor preservation policies
- Identify new rail shippers based on possible diversion of appropriate commodities from truck to rail



Source: AASHTO

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Bristol's Benefits and Economic Impact Results

Benefit Categories	FREIGHT		PASSENGER	
	Total Freight Service Benefits (\$M)	Freight Service Benefits per Thousand Ton Miles (\$/1000 Ton Miles)	Total Passenger Service Benefits (\$M)	Passenger Service Benefits per Thousand Passenger Miles (\$/1000 Passenger Miles)
User Cost Savings	\$1,635.2	\$65.2	\$95.9	\$232.9
Pavement Savings	\$122.8	\$4.9	\$0.5	\$1.2
Congestion Savings	\$251.1	\$10.0	\$60.9	\$147.9
Truck / Auto Emissions	\$158.3	\$6.3	\$4.0	\$9.7
Truck / Auto Crash Reduction	\$71.2	\$2.8	\$28.4	\$68.9
Total	\$2,239.0	\$89.3	\$189.7	\$460.6

* Statewide Figures used as placeholder



Freight-users generate the most significant impact.

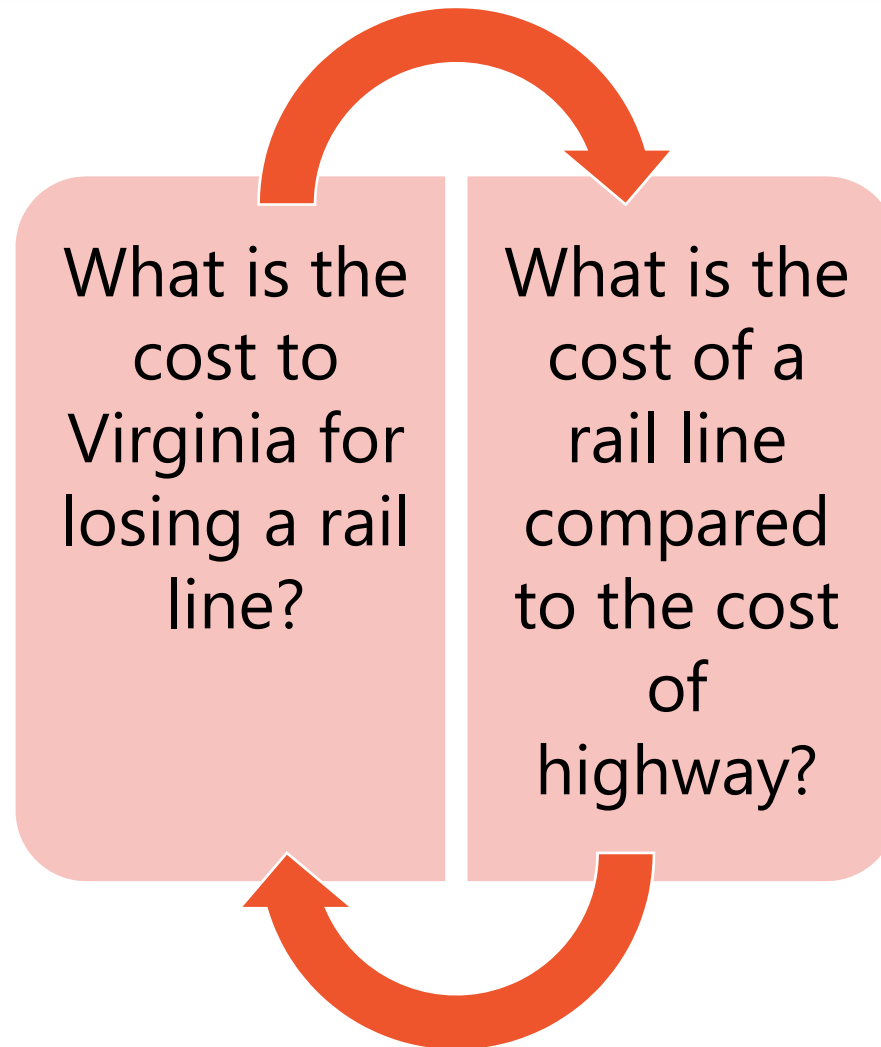
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3. Stakeholder Feedback

Stakeholder Feedback



Cost for losing rail line:

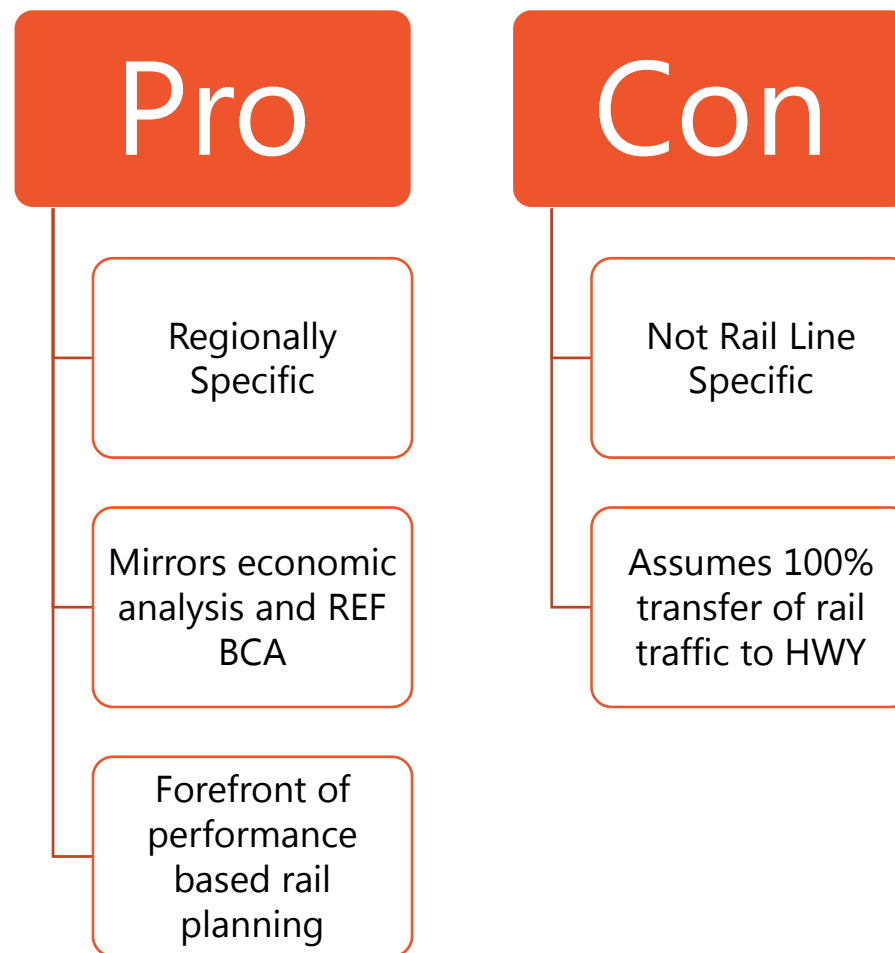
Benefit Categories	FREIGHT		PASSENGER	
	Total Freight Service Benefits (\$M)	Freight Service Benefits per Thousand Ton Miles	Total Passenger Service Benefits (\$M)	Passenger Service Benefits per Thousand Passenger Miles (\$/1000 Passenger Miles)
		÷ 3,394 miles of rail		
User Cost Savings	\$1,635.2	\$500k/mile	15.9	\$232.9
Pavement Savings	\$122.8	\$35k/mile	0.5	\$1.2
Congestion Savings	\$251.1	\$75k/mile	10.9	\$147.9
Truck / Auto Emissions	\$158.3	\$45k/mile	4.0	\$9.7
Truck / Auto Crash Reduction	\$71.2	\$20k/mile	18.4	\$68.9
Total	\$2,239.0	\$650k/mile	89.7	\$460.6



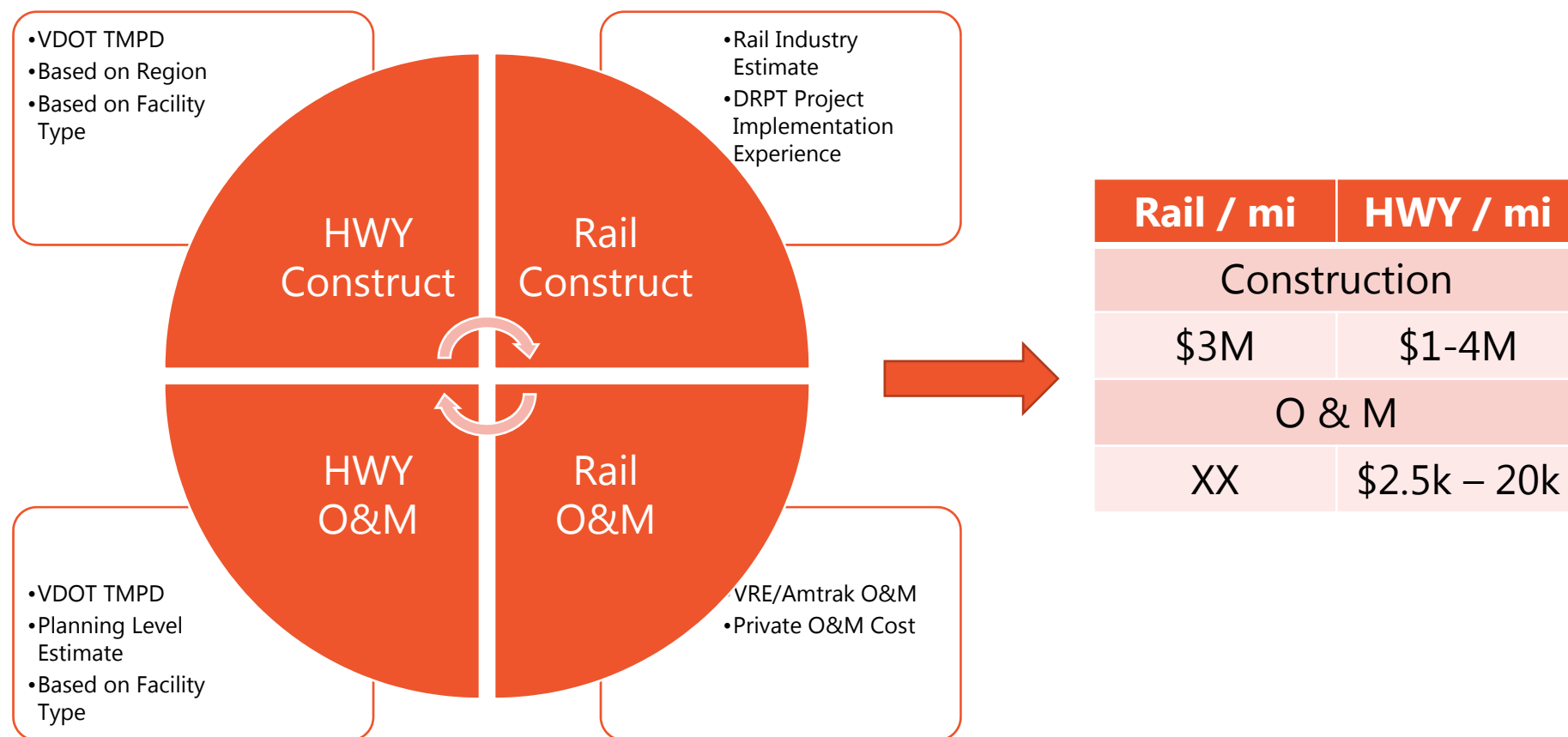
of Rail Miles Lost



Stakeholder Feedback



Cost Comparison to Highway:





Thank You
Questions?

