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**To Citizens Concerned About Transportation:**

The year 2035 seems like a long time from now, but it will be here before we know it. We spend years planning, saving and investing in our personal lives so that we will be better off in the future than we are today. It can be said that we are ready for the future, but is the future ready for us? Will our current infrastructure be safe for us to drive on? Will there be an abundance of jobs opportunities in Virginia? Will we be able to spend more time with our families and less time in traffic?

A quick scan of the future uncovers a variety of factors that will influence the future of transportation. Where will Virginians live? What forms of transportation will they use? What will happen if fuel costs rise again?

**How can I get more information?**

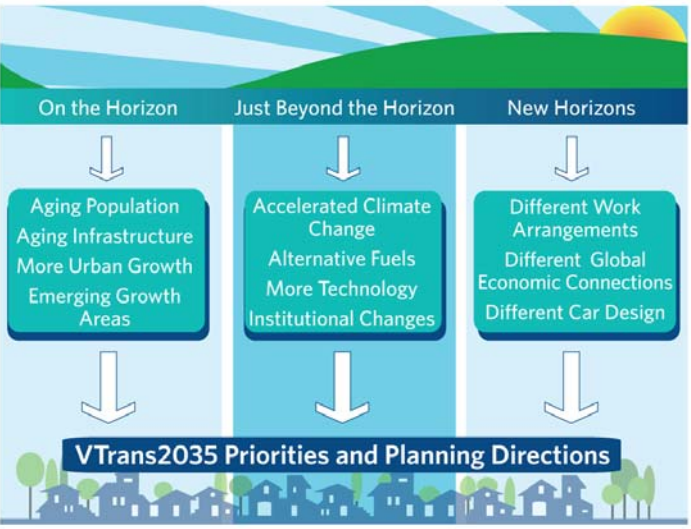
- Visit us online at [www.vtrans.org](http://www.vtrans.org) to learn more about VTrans2035 and opportunities to participate in its development
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What can be done to reduce the impact of climate change? How will technology continue to shape how businesses operate?

VTrans2035 is looking to address these challenges and is taking a long-range view of the future, identifying changes on the horizon, anticipating what is likely just beyond the horizon, and finally suggesting ideas and issues that go beyond current trends.

The future is unfolding, now is your chance to make sure Virginia is heading in the right direction with transportation to ensure a bright future for all.

Whether your children take the bus or bicycle to school, you take the VRE to work, or drive to the grocery store, transportation is critical to the lives of all Virginians, and is essential for the Commonwealth's continued economic prosperity.



As a citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia, we want to hear from you on what your priorities are for the future of transportation in Virginia. Are you interested in:

- Reducing transportation related fatalities and crashes?**
- Improved connectivity?**
- Reducing the impact of climate change?**
- High Speed Rail?**
- Maintaining existing transportation assets?**
- Reducing roadway congestion?**

This is your final opportunity to comment and contribute to VTrans2035 and the direction Virginia takes for the future of transportation. The VTrans2035 Draft report will be available on the web ([www.vtrans.org](http://www.vtrans.org)) for review and comment starting the week of November 1 and ending November 30. Please pass this information on to other members of your organization, colleagues, neighbors, family, and friends. Let us know if VTrans2035 takes you where you want to go in the future.

Thank you for your interest and participation.  
 Ralph Davis, Deputy Secretary of Transportation  
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