

VIRGINIA

STATEWIDE RAIL PLAN

2022

RRTPO Community Transportation Advisory Committee

January 20, 2022

Organizational Changes

	RAIL		TRANSIT	COMMUTER PROGRAMS
	FREIGHT	PASSENGER		
Funding Administration	DRPT	TO VPRA	DRPT	DRPT
Corridor Planning	DRPT	TO VPRA	DRPT	
Statewide Planning	DRPT		DRPT	DRPT
Programming / SYIP	DRPT	TO VPRA	DRPT	DRPT
Policy Setting	DRPT	TO VPRA	DRPT	
Design / Construction		NEW VPRA		
ROW / 3 rd Party		NEW VPRA		
Operations Oversight		NEW VPRA		
SUPPORT FUNCTIONS NEW TO VPRA / BORROWED INITIALLY FROM DRPT				
	Communications		Administration	
	Legal (AG)	Finance / Procurement	Human Resources	

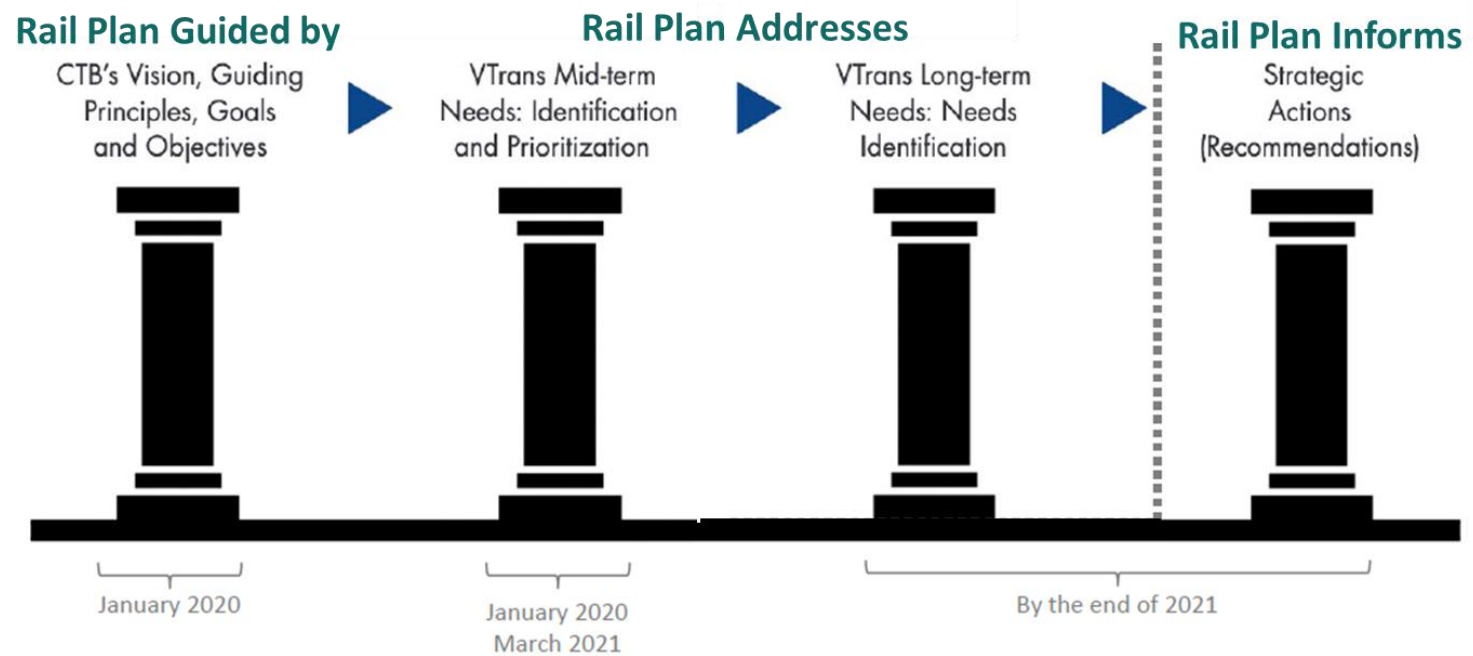
Plan Overview

- Aligns with goals/objectives of VTrans.
- Virginia's last SRP was adopted by the CTB in 2018.
- The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) requires each state to update its SRP every four years.
- Necessary to apply and receive federal rail funding for passenger and freight projects.
- Includes 4-year and 20-year horizons.
- Data points/metrics can be compared plan to plan and state to state.
- Requires close coordination with VPRA.



Statewide Rail Plan and VTrans

- **VTrans** is Virginia's multimodal transportation plan that lays out overarching vision, goals, and needs adopted by the CTB.
- **DRPT's Statewide Rail Plan** serves as an implementation plan for rail projects that address mid-term and long-term VTrans needs.



Plan Development Process

Initial Scoping/Visioning Meetings: May 2021

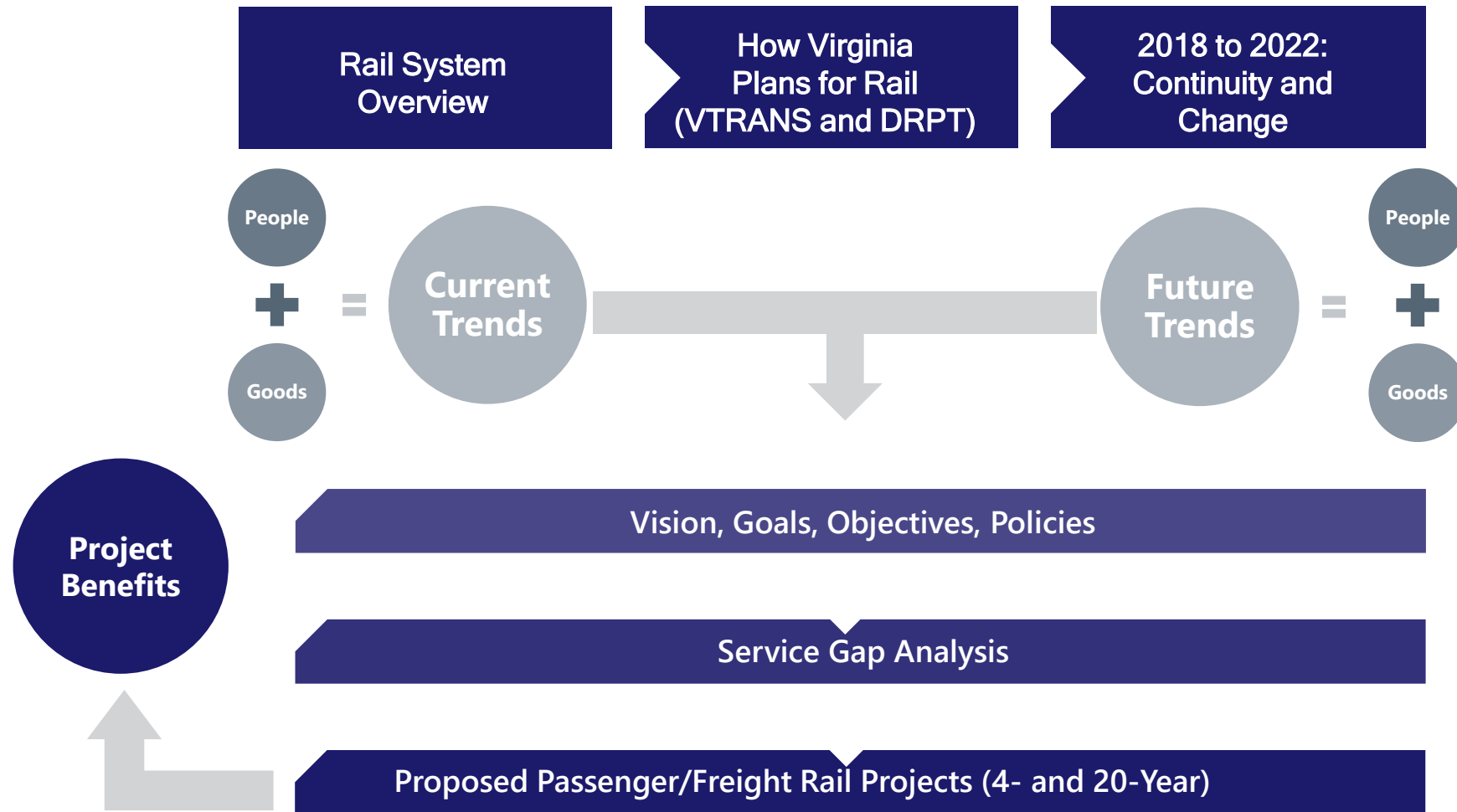
Draft Projects List: Fall-Winter 2021-2022 ← WE ARE HERE

Project Refinement and Service Development Plan Completion: Spring 2022

Final Plan Adoption: Summer 2022

Individual stakeholder meetings held as-requested throughout the Plan development.

Plan Structure



Policies to Develop/Update

Climate Change Policy

Coordination Policy

Corridor Development Policy

Economic Development

Equipment Policy

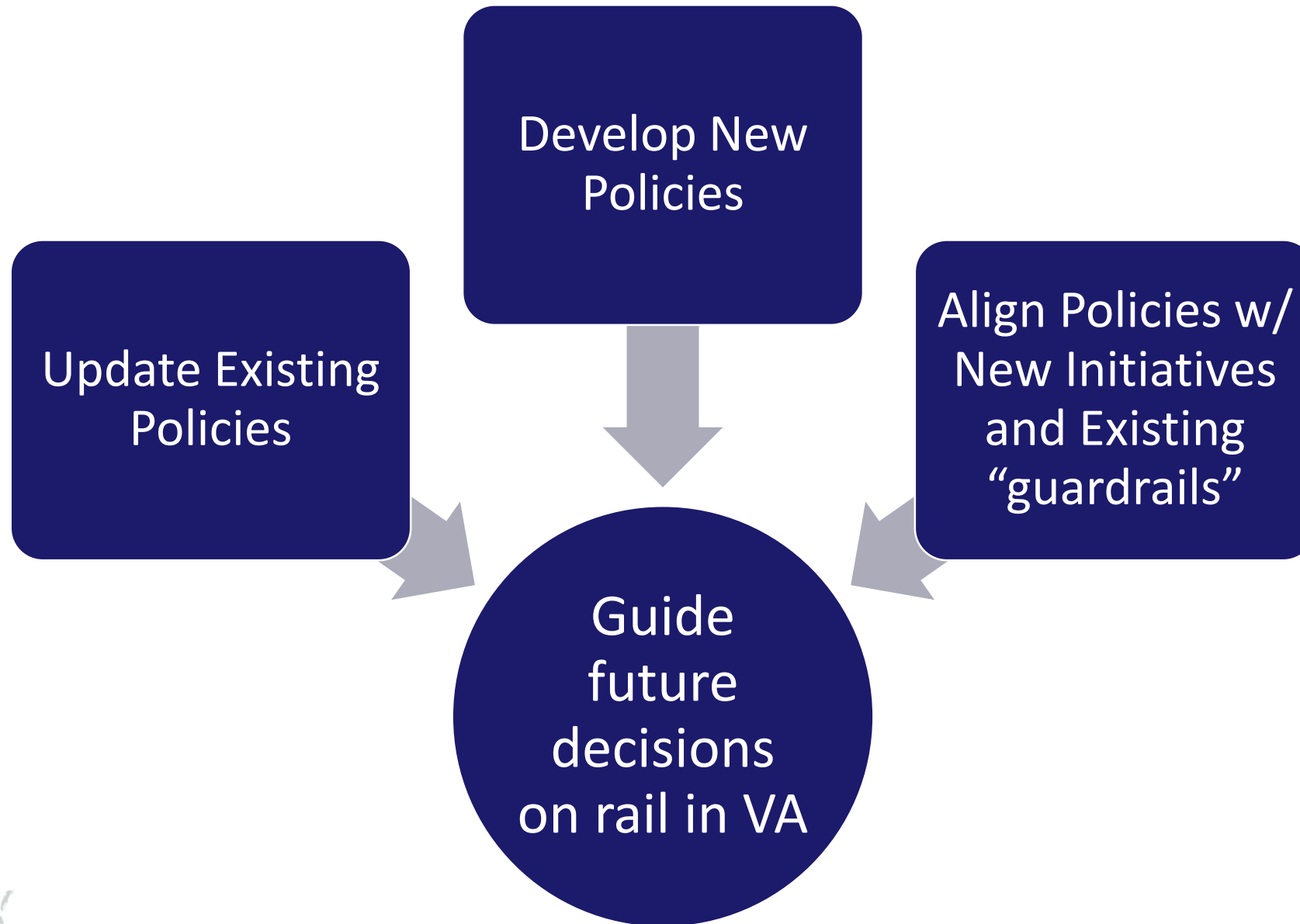
Equity Policy

Multimodal Access Policy

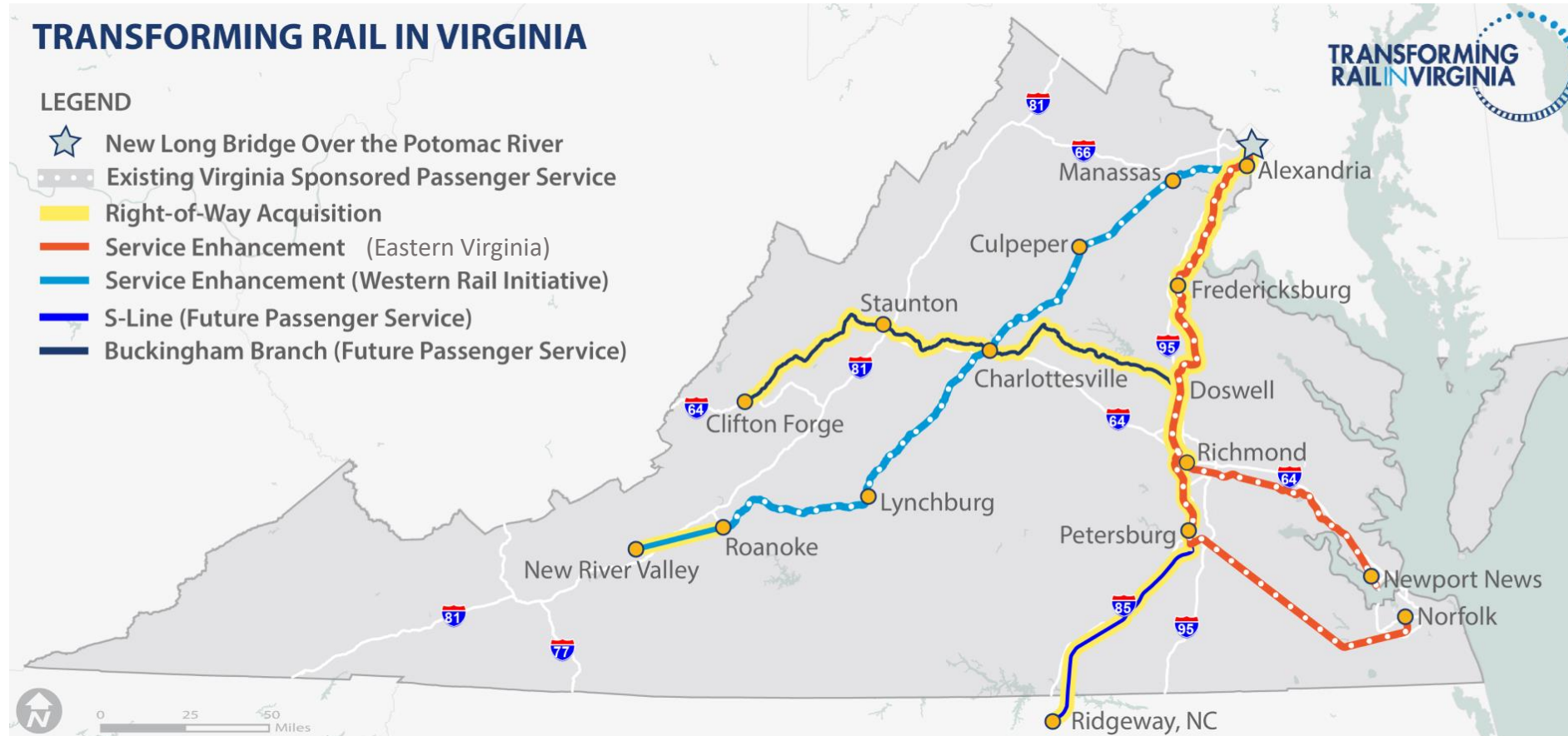
Passenger Rail Station Policy

Passenger Service Policy

Policy Development



Recent Changes to Inform Rail Planning Policies



Policy Next Steps

- Result will be DRPT Rail Plan policies that can apply statewide for freight, passenger, and multimodal issues.
- VPRA and partner agencies may build upon policies relevant to their activities with more specifics.

- **VPRA input necessary.**
- **Policies will ultimately be adopted by CTB and many (especially those that are passenger-related) are to be carried out by VPRA.**

Statewide Service Plan

- A component of this Rail Plan
- Synthesizes proposed future service plans statewide:
 - Transforming Rail in Virginia Phase I and II service on the RF&P Corridor
 - Western Rail Initiative service proposals
 - Potential VRE/MARC Run-through service plan proposal
 - Other intercity service, like the Virginia Breeze bus
- To incorporate passenger rail policies developed through the SRP process
- Incorporates demand/demographic data
- Delivers a statewide service concept for medium-term and long-term horizons



Interactive Story Map

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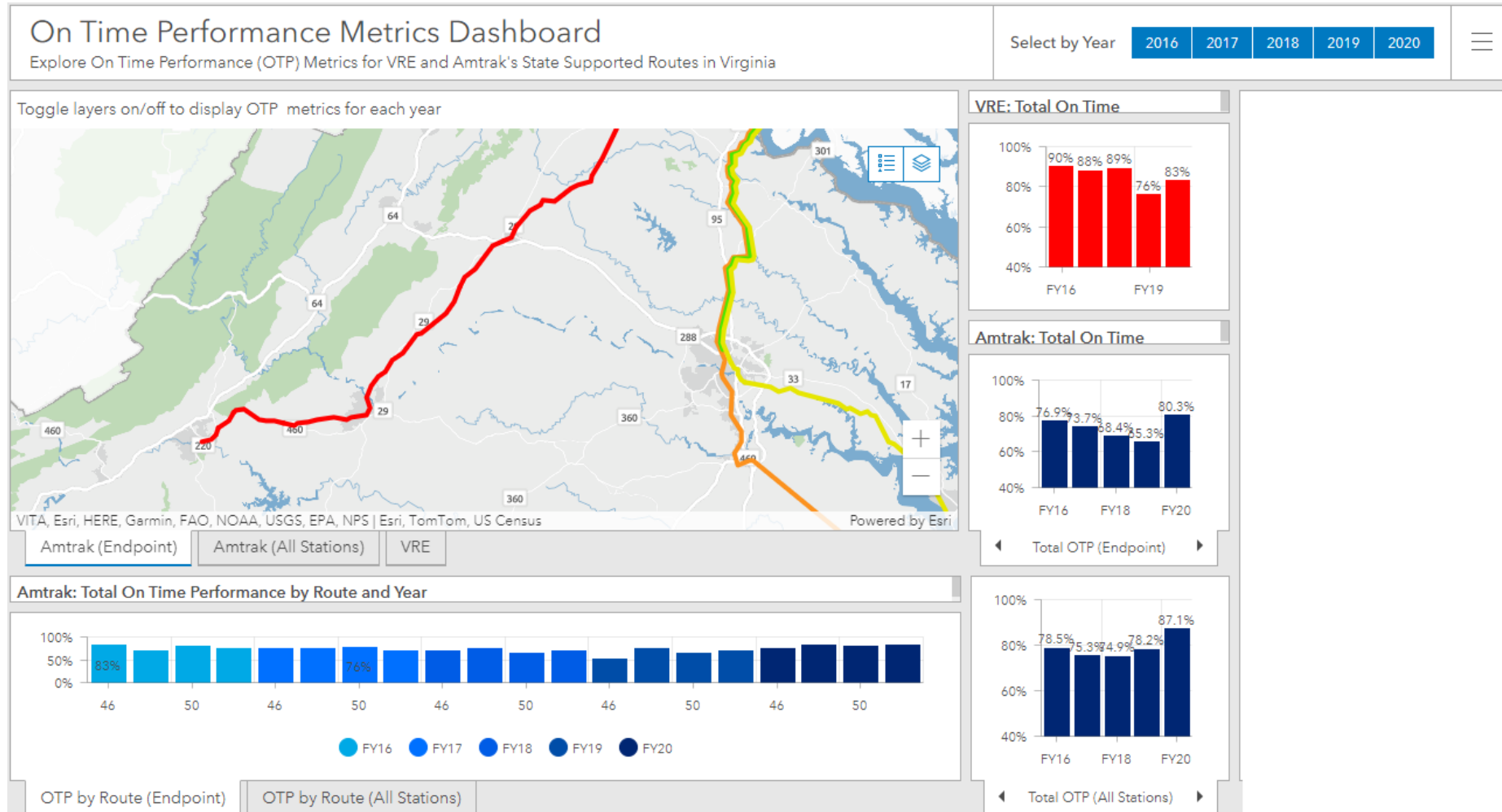
2022 Virginia Statewide Rail Plan

Virginia's rail network is a valuable asset that grows the economy, relieves congestion and saves taxpayer money. Continued investment in rail infrastructure will ensure the mission and vision of the Commonwealth's transportation network is achieved.

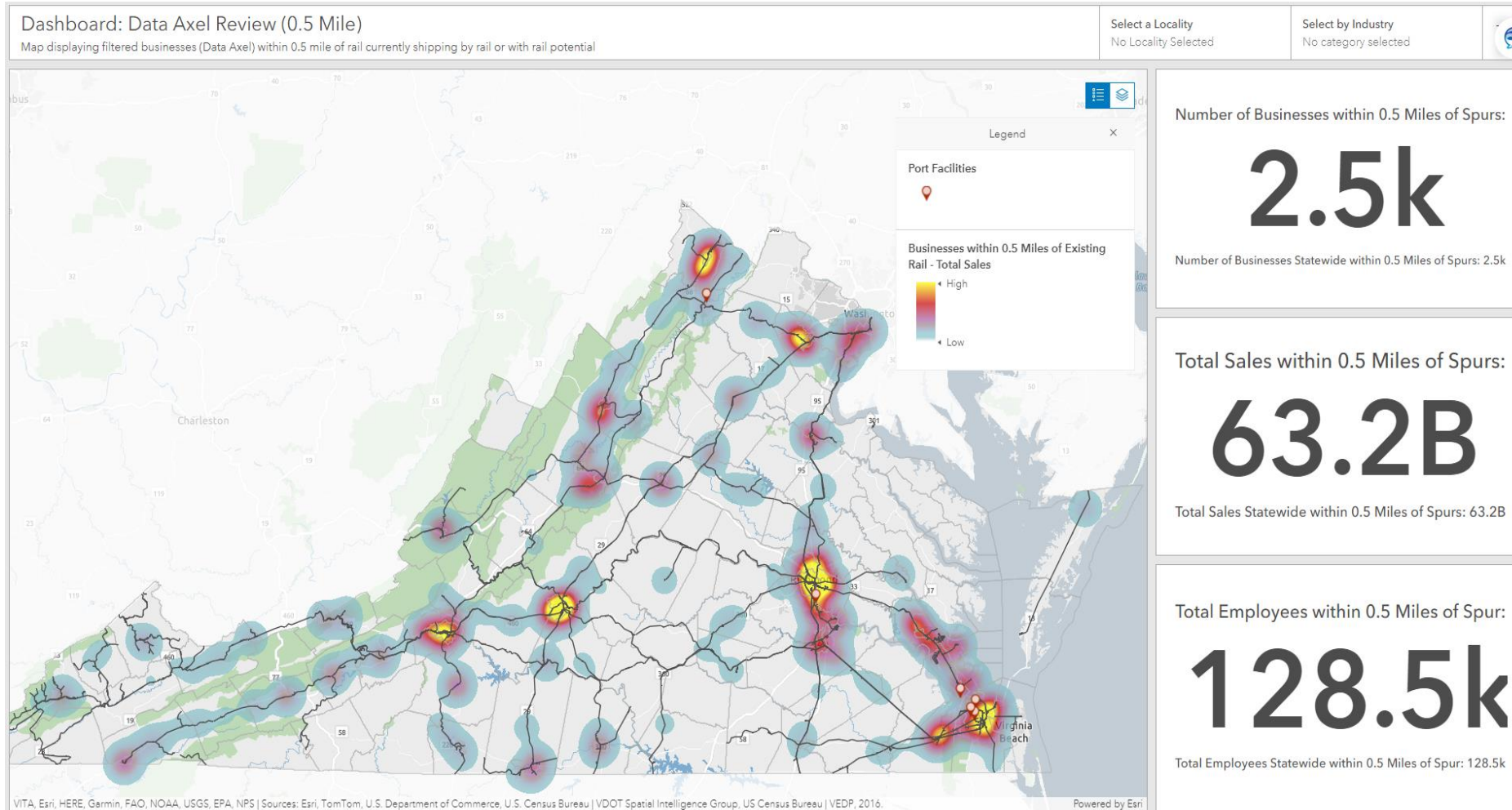
Get started



Passenger Rail Dashboards



Freight Rail Dashboards



Rail Plan Next Steps



Project list vetting and refinement.



Service Development Plan Draft/ Service Gap Analysis.

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