# VDOT INFORMATION SESSION

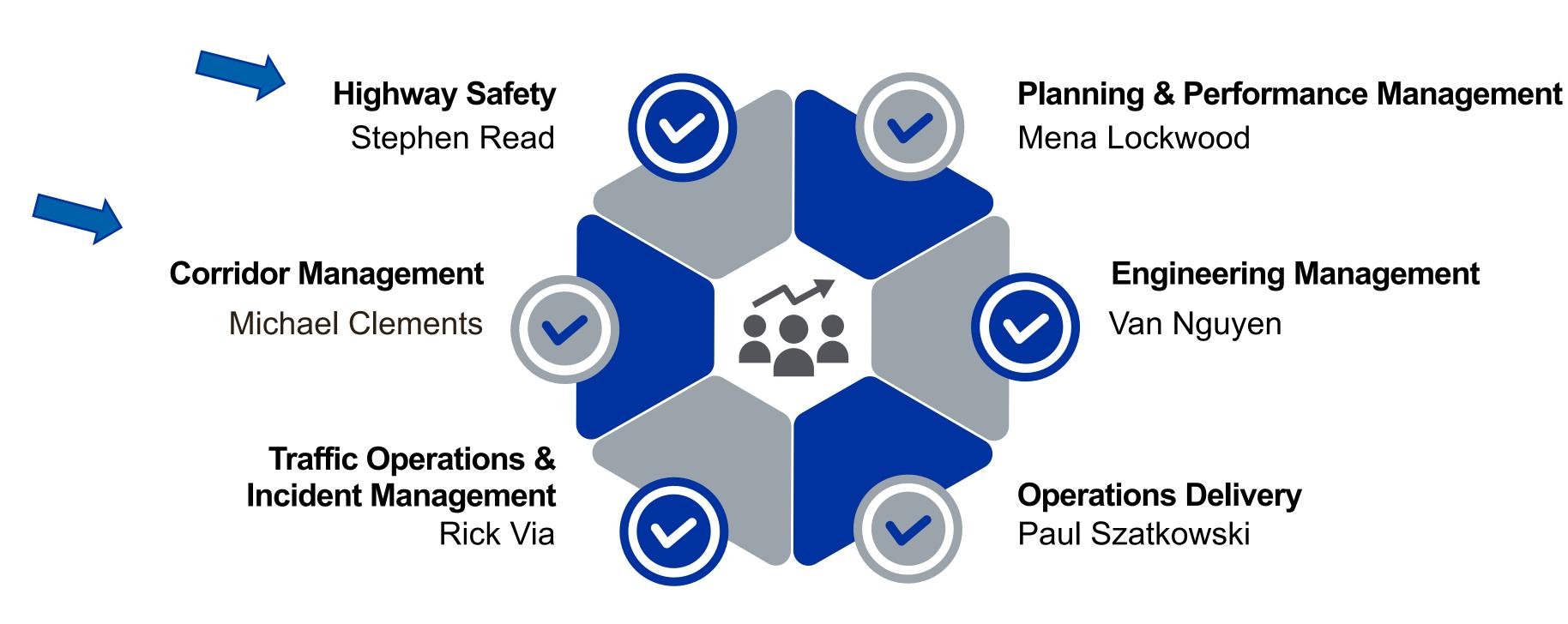
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Operations Technology Division
District Traffic Operations
Office of Strategic Innovation



February 22, 2024



## Traffic Operations Division –Administrator Update





# **OUTLINE – New Faces, Opportunities & Updates**

**Traffic Operations Division** 



Operations Technology Division



**District Operations** 



Office of Strategic Innovation







### **TOD Organizational Updates**



Rajib Saha, Ph.D, P.E.
Senior Traffic Engineer

Planning and Performance Management Team

Reports to: Sanhita Lahiri



Rashmi Patel, P.E.
Senior Traffic Engineer

**Engineering Management Team** 

Reports to: Ritchie Robbins



Allan Yue, P.E.

Corridor Systems Integration

Program Manager

**Corridor Management Team** 

Reports to: Michael Clements



# VDOT's TRAFFIC OPERATIONS STRATEGIC PLAN - TOSP

- 1. Leverage successful agency programs and initiatives
- 2. Explore opportunities from implementation of the sustainment model
- 3. Collaborate with new agency-wide initiatives
- 4. Consider industry trends influencing digitization of traffic operations
- 5. Recognize external drivers



# Major Industry Trends / External Influencers

- 1. Cybersecurity of OT Solutions
- 2. Workforce Changes
- 3. Data Management & Analysis
- 4. Electric Vehicles
- 5. Connected and Automated Vehicles
- 6. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
- 7. Innovative Corridors
- 8. Freight Operations
- 9. Emerging Business Models
- 10. Innovative Service Delivery Partnerships
- 11. Next Generation of Traveler Information

- 12. Construction & Maintenance Technologies
- 13. New Travel Patterns
- 14. Innovation and Resiliency from Other Industries
- 15. Federal Trends
- 16. State Trends
- 17. Locality Relationships and Coordination
- 18. Environmental and Climate Impacts Resiliency
- 19. Build vs. Buy Decision Process
- 20. Alternate Sources of Power (wind, solar, etc.)



# TOSP Development Timeline Jun Jul Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May

Develop Framework

Interview DTODs →

#### Commissioner Check-in

Industry Trends/Agency Initiatives Impacts to TO

Review Impacts with Districts (ADAs/Districts) >

Assemble Initial Impacts and Recommendations

#### Commissioner Check-in

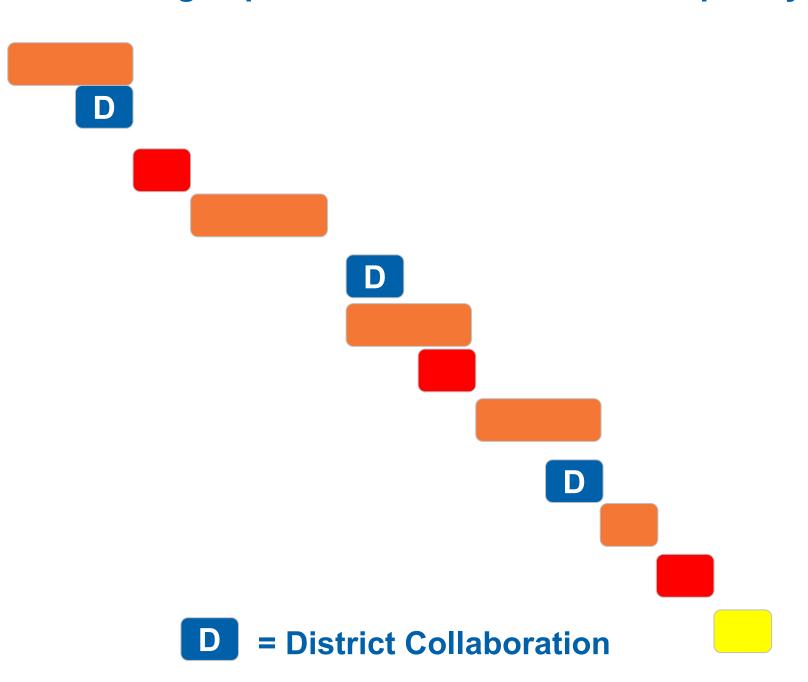
Finalize impacts and recommendations

Review Recommendations (ADAs/Districts) >

Assemble final report

### Commissioner Approval

Publish Traffic Operations Strategic Plan



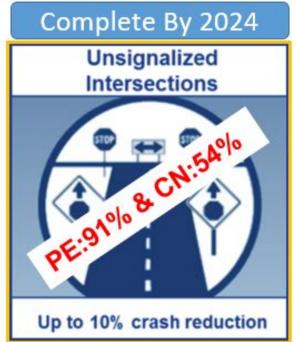
Stakeholder Outreach – ITSVA ANNUAL MEETING May 9th &10th



# Initial VDOT Systemic Safety Infrastructure Plan

### 8 Proven Countermeasures











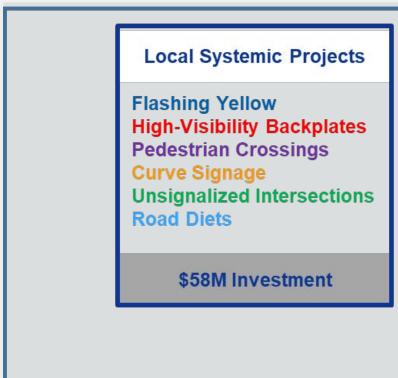




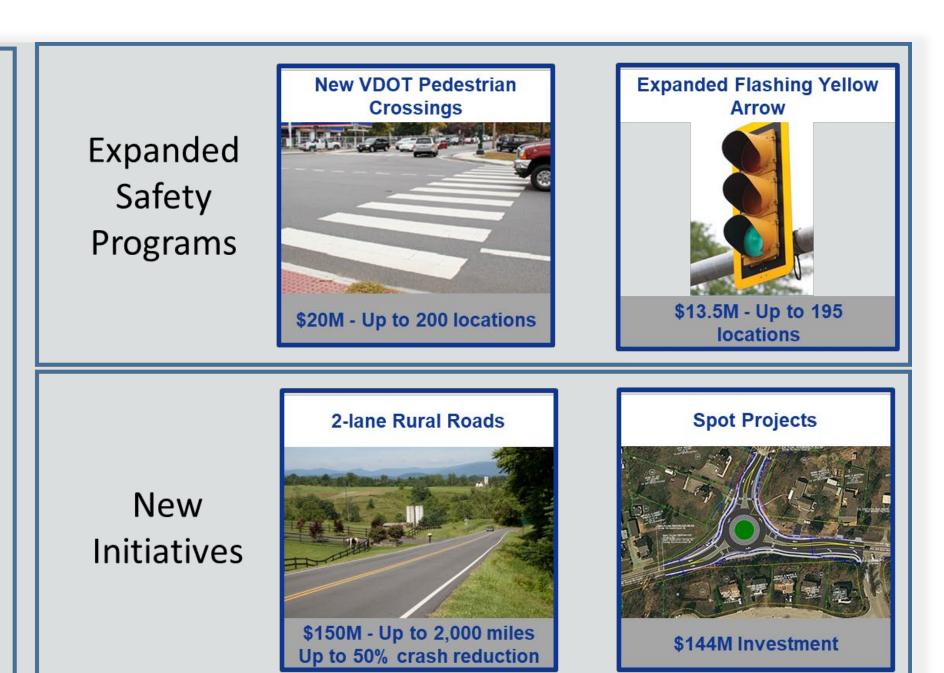


# Ongoing Virginia Highway Safety Program

Infrastructure Investment Plan Current SYIP (FY25-FY30)



51 Locality Projects \$59.8M in Funding





# Planning to Program New VHSIP Projects

Infrastructure Investment Plan Next SYIP (FY25-FY30)

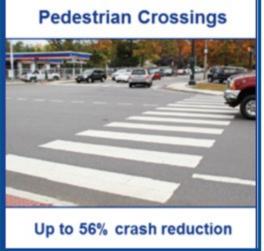
- \$50.4M to fund Locality Systemic Safety Projects.
  - Application Received for: Pedestrian Crossing, Flashing Yellow Arrow, High Visibility Backplates, Unsignalized Intersections, Curve Delineation, Road Diets etc.
- \$42.0M to fund New Spot Projects for VDOT only.
  - Application Received For: Roundabout, Shoulder Widening with Rumble Strips, Geometric Improvement and Collision Warning at Intersections, Guardrail Improvement, R-Cut, New Traffic Signals and Retiming Existing, Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement with Sidewalk etc.
- \$100M for more systemic projects was approved by CTB for the next SYIP after finalizing the initial list.

#### **Local Systemic Initiatives**

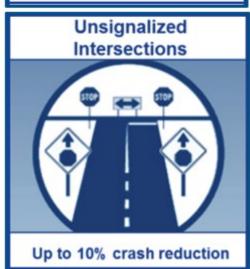














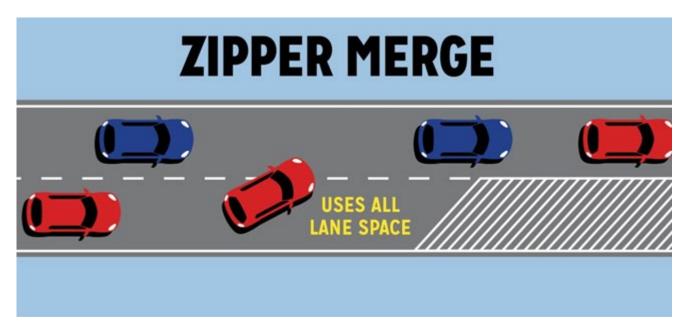
# Planning to Program New VHSIP Projects

### **Current / Upcoming Pilot Testing**

- Dynamic Zipper Merge / Queue Warning System
- Digital Speed Limit / Speed Feedback Signs
- Connected Arrow Boards
- Speed Safety Cameras (Photo Enforcement)

### **On-going Research**

- Autonomous Truck Mounted Attenuators (TMA)
- Worker Smart Vests (geo-fencing)









# 2024 Legislative Update









**Speed Limits** 

SB 336

SB 535

HB 1071

HB 144

**Tow Trucks** 

HB 1073 SB 94 Safety

**SJR 19** 

Bike / Ped

HB 1077

HB 1266

HB 657



# **TSMO Strategy Screening (TSMOSS)**

- Objective:
  - Proactive response
  - Leverage innovation with optimal Return on Investment
- Prioritize using network screening:
  - Appropriate TSMO strategy for a location
  - Optimal <u>Performance Measure</u> and <u>Strategy Benefit</u>
  - Consistent Methodology to Screen and identify:
    - Safety
    - Congestion
    - Reliability
  - Repeatable process for:
    - Integrating with Projects from other Programs
    - Funding Applications

- 1. Group similar performing segments into Corridor Sections
- 2. Calculate Performance Measures
- 3. Calculate Performance Score
- 4. Assign Benefit Score to strategies
- 5. Combine Performance & Benefit scores
- 6. Develop List of Optimal Strategies

### Team:

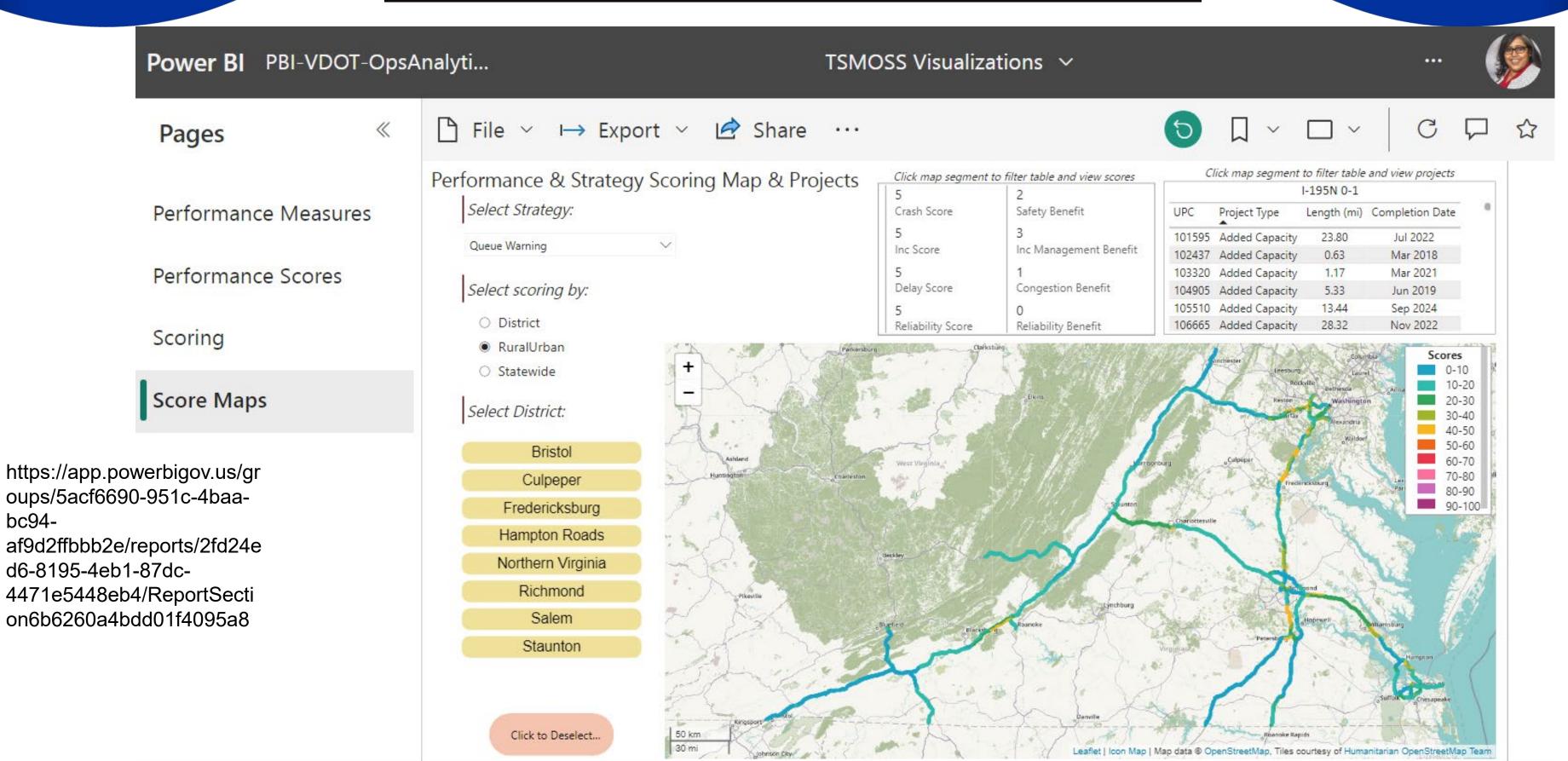
- KatieFelton
- SanhitaLahiri
- SimonaBabiceanu
- MenaLockwood
- MikeFontaine
- PaulSzatkowski



<sup>\*</sup>Detailed Evaluation after Screening

<sup>\*</sup>Currently Methodology is for Interstates

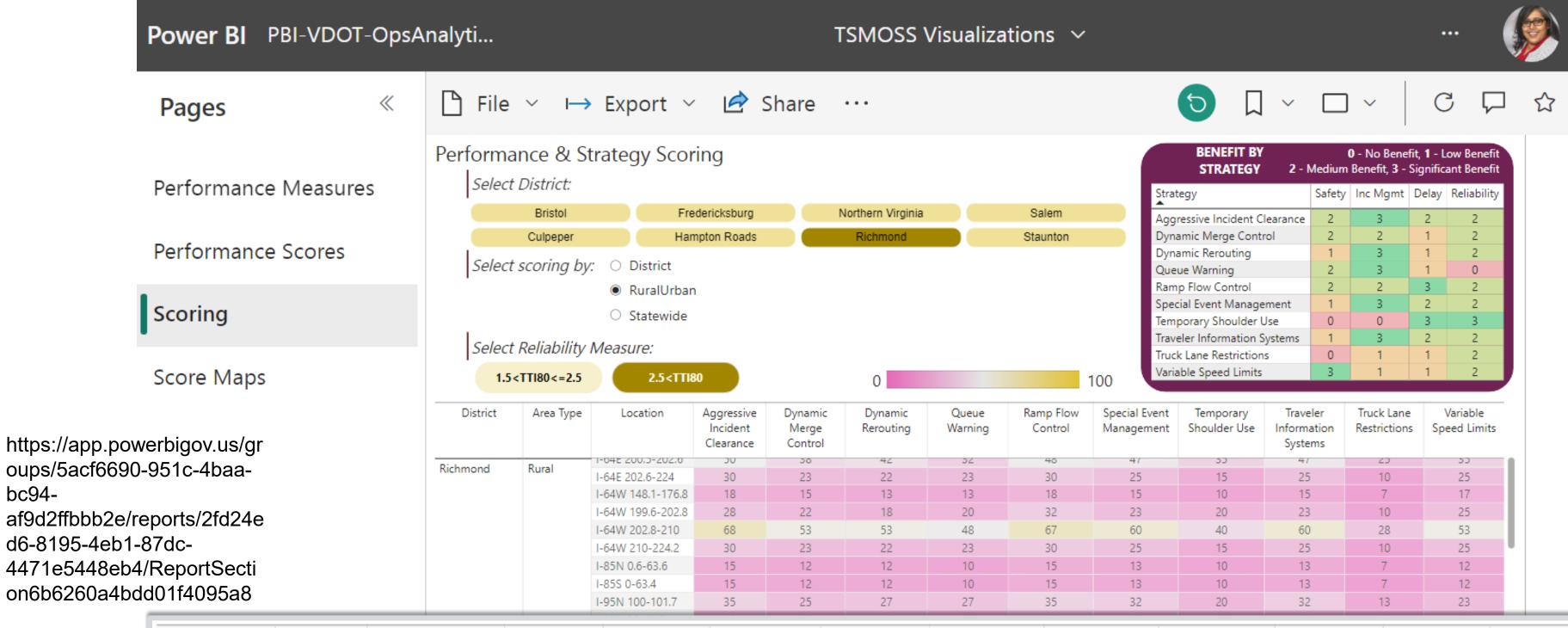
### **TSMOSS Visualizations - Power BI**





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### **TSMOSS Visualizations - Power Bl**



District	Area Type	Location	Aggressive Incident Clearance	Dynamic Merge Control	Dynamic Rerouting	Queue Warning	Ramp Flow Control	Special Event Management	Temporary Shoulder Use	Traveler Information Systems	Truck Lane Restrictions	Variable Speed Limits
Richmond	Rural	I-95N 86.5-90.1	72	55	57	47	72	65	50	65	33	53
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# CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT



Mike Clements

# Corridor Systems Integration



**Allan Yue** 

Ops Sys Specialist Vacant

Signals & Arterial Systems



**Matt Bonacci** 



**Steve Damron** 

Eng Sr Supv Signals Vacant

Traveler Information



**Crystal Underwood** 



**Russ Brickey** 

# **Engineering Studies**



**Mike Nichols** 



**Brian King** 



### **CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT**

# **Corridor Systems Integration**

- Detour Routes
- Locality & 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Agreements (Signals)
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- System Optimization
- Integrated Corridor Management
- System Architectures
- Systems Engineering

# Signals & Arterial Systems

- Traffic Signals Operations
- Controllers (ATC)
- Cabinets (ATCC) & Digital Locks
- Central Signal System (KITS)
- Automated Traffic Signal
   Performance Metrics (ATSPM)
- Signal Maintenance
- Network Plan for Communications

#### **Traveler Information**

- 511 Services
- Traveler Information Enhancements
- TVD Services Transition
- Incident Responder App
- SmarterRoads Data Portal
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Navigation Apps Coordination

### **Engineering Studies**

- Speed Management
- School Zones
- Truck Restrictions & Truck Routes
- Parking
- Residential Traffic Programs



# **Operations Delivery**

### Reporting

- VDOT Freeway Operations Annual Report (external website)
- VDOT Freeway Operations Quarterly Report (in 2024)
- Annual Uses of ITTF Funds (General Assembly Library)

### **Unique Operations Programs**

- Parking Programs: Commuter Parking Information System, Dynamic Pricing
- HOV / HOT Lanes
- Lighting Energy Reduction

### **Projects**

• Grants, IOEP, ITTF, Resiliency



# GRANTS

# Traffic Operations is the VDOT leader of the FHWA ATTAIN & SMART grant programs.

Traffic Operations supports the VDOT leaders for the FHWA PROTECT & AID grant programs.

### **2023 Activities Status**

- ATTAIN: I-81 Actionable Real-Time Information for the Safety of Travelers (ARTIST) – Submitted application. Recommended, but not Awarded
- SMART: Signal Technology for Advanced Multimodal Performance (STAMP) Awaiting results
- PROTECT: Modernizing Operations for Virginia's Evacuation Resilience (MOVER) - Awaiting results
- AID: No applications submitted



# GRANTS

### **Process**

- 1. Traffic Operations Review Board (Scope and Program Needs/Outcomes)
- 2. Funding Review (Grant Match)
- 3. Executive Team Review (Office of the Secretary)
- 4.Grant Development: Scope, Schedule, Project Delivery, Cost-Benefits Analysis, Letters of Support

## 2024 Activities Status

- ATTAIN: Planned Submittal
- SMART: Open



# Interstate Operations Enhancement Program

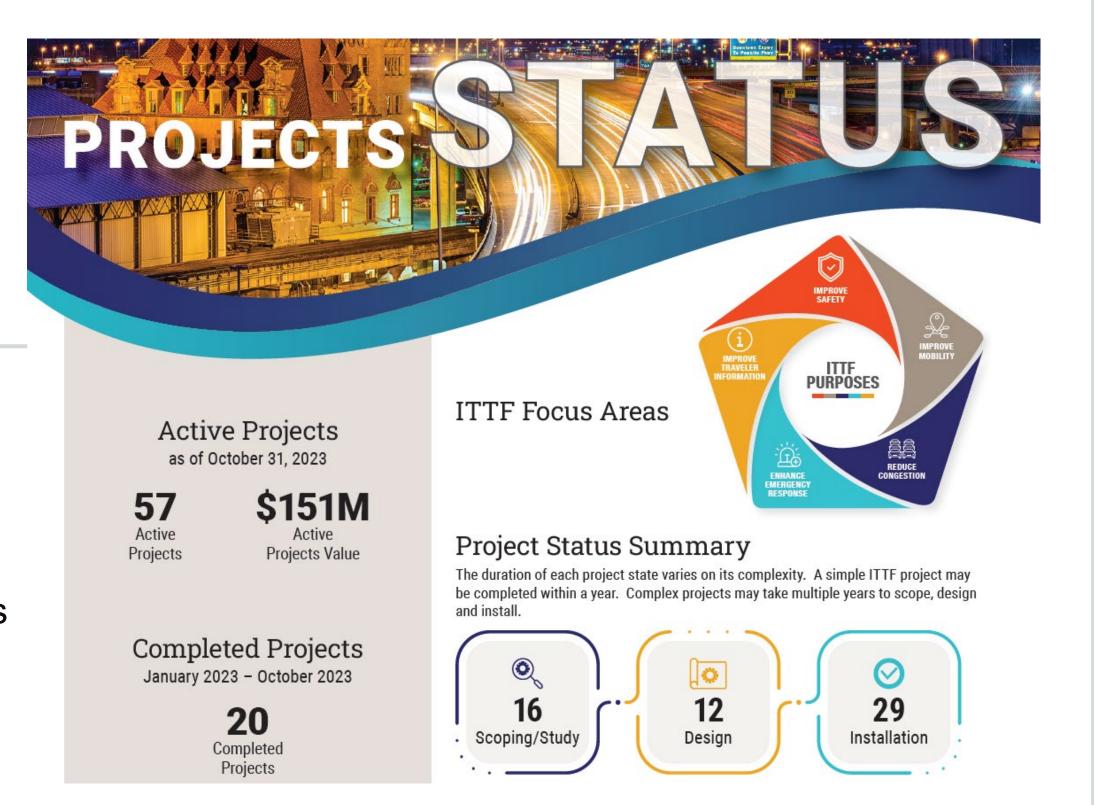
- A new round of Corridor Studies may begin in 2025.
- Corridor Studies are led by VDOT's Transportation
   Mobility Planning Division with support from the Traffic
   Operations Division.

Corridor	Total Projects / Programs	Completed Projects / Programs	Active Projects	Recent Notable Activities
I-81	5	5	0	
I-95	17	7	10	VSL, SSP, TRIP, Work Zone Data, CCTV (partial)
I-64	13	2	11	
I-66	4	0	4	
I-77	4	4	0	TRIP
I-85	5	1	4	
I-295	4	1	3	



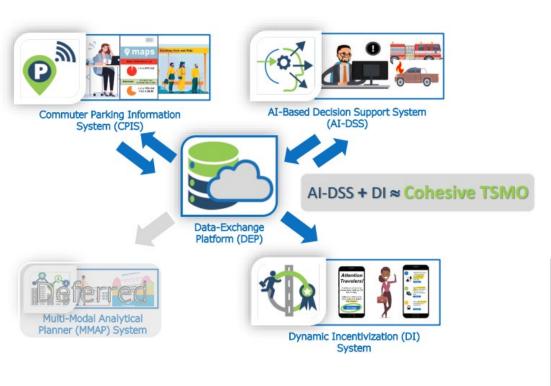
# Innovation Technology Transportation Fund

- Requirements defined in Code of Virginia Section 33.2-1531
  - No research projects
  - No evaluation projects
- > ~ \$25M/Year

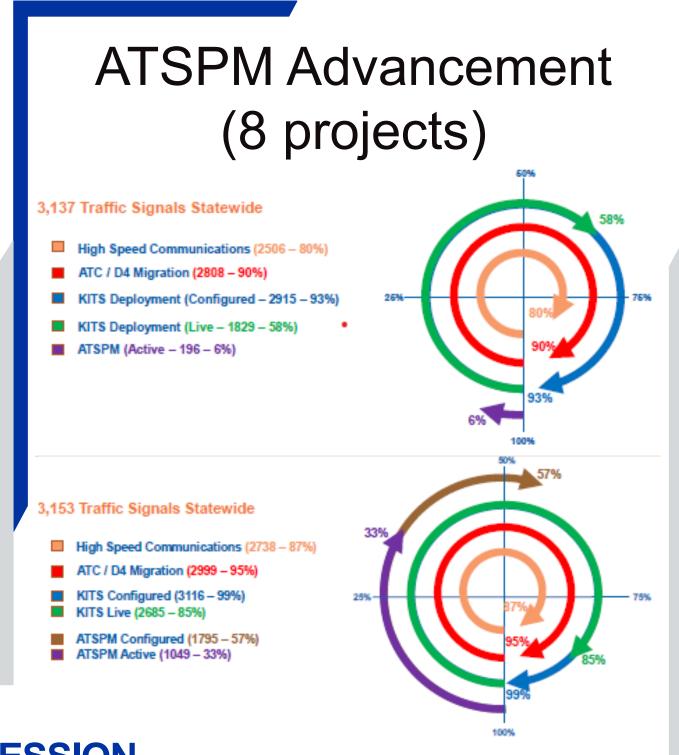




# Innovation Technology Transportation Fund Notable Activities



RM3P Data Exchange Platform (completed)





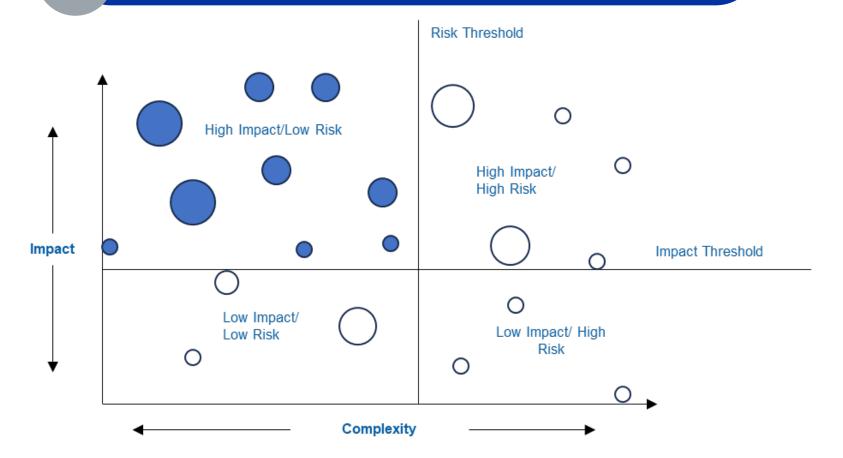
### **External Projects**

- Completed Microtransit Demonstration Projects
- Implementing Dynamic Price Parking (Arlington County)



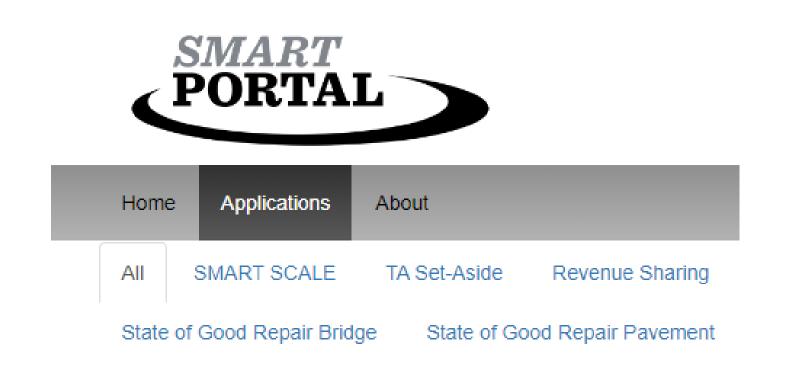
# Innovation Technology Transportation Fund 2024 Enhancements

1. New Scoring Method for Proposed ITTF



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2. Accept External Applications via the Smart Portal



Size = Innovation



# Operations Technology Division Administrator Update

Last year...

**Operations Technology Division – Org Updates** 



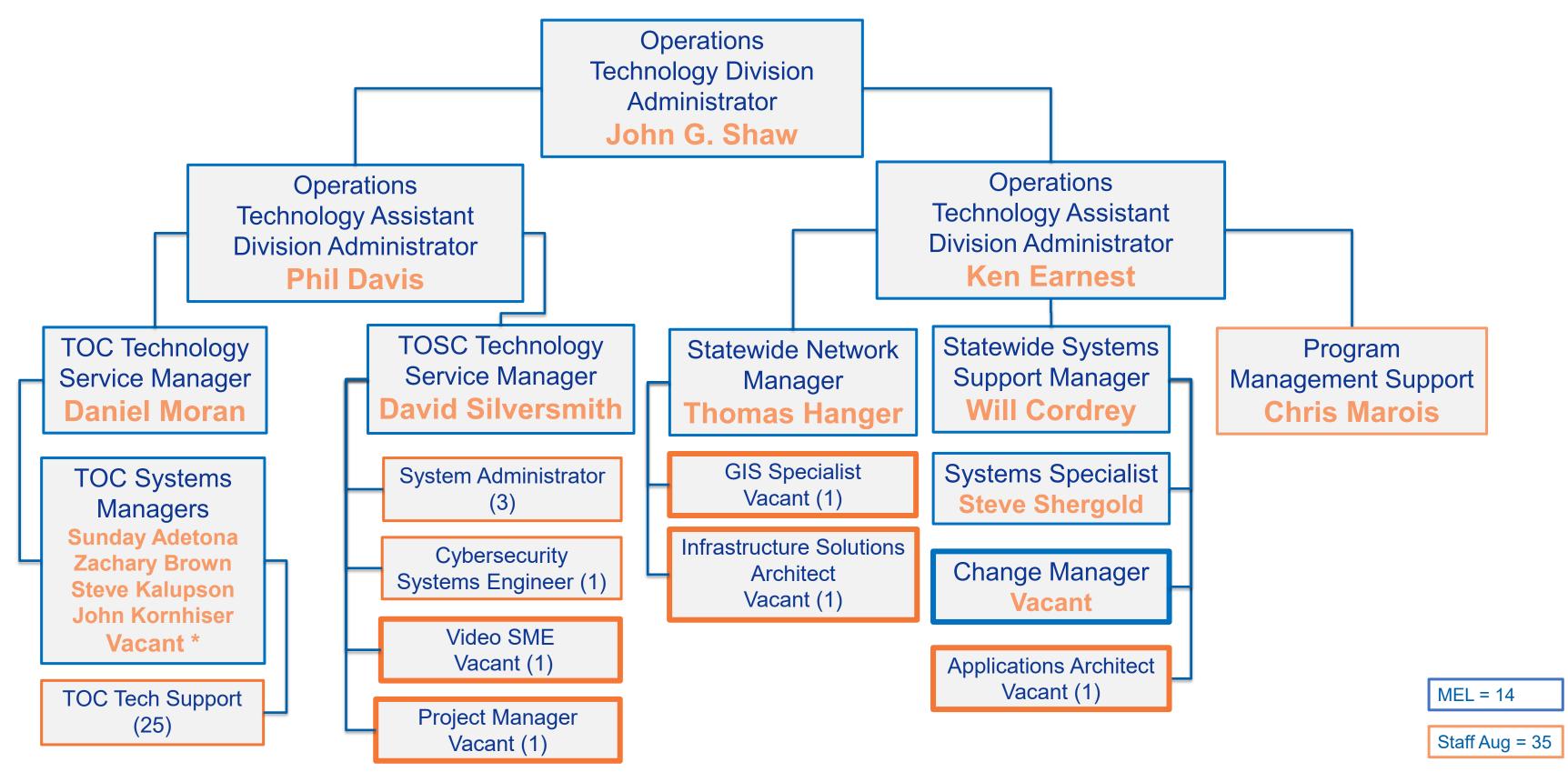




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# Operations Technology Division Administrator Update





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- What is Operations Technology?
- **Operations Technology Division**
- Everything that is not traditional IT
- Strictly Command and control
  - No User Email
  - > No Open Internet for Users
  - Least Privilege 101

- Formed in late 2022
- VITA Oversight (Delegated authority MOU)
- VDOT Office of Information Security
  - Cabinet Hardening Security Standards
  - > OTD approves all new network segment and device types

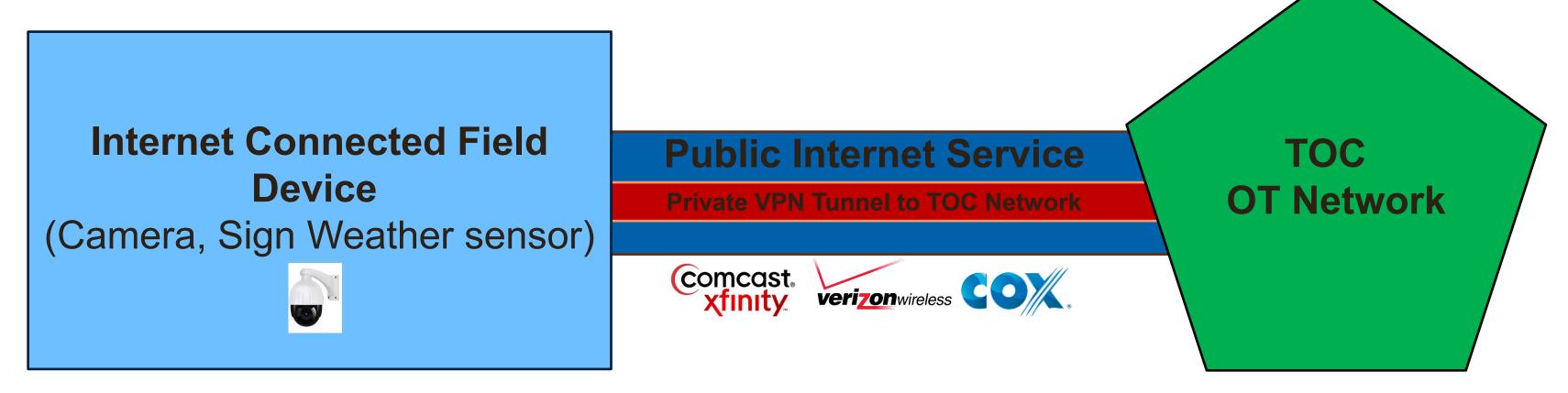


# **Trust No One**

- OTD vets every new proposed device type
- Leverage investments in Cybersecurity tools
  - What are we looking for?
    - External (back door) connections
    - Unexpected device behavior
    - Known vulnerabilities



- Roughly 60% field devices currently connected with fiber
- Leased Internet services for the balance
  - Cost effective if managed properly
  - IP-SEC VPN tunnels are a requirement





- **Benefits of IP-SEC VPN** 
  - Meets VITA data encryption requirement
  - Best practice from NIST
  - Prevents loss of data integrity in motion
  - Prevents Man in the middle attacks
    - Mature protocol
    - **➤ Most modern routers support IP-SEC**
    - > Simple to deploy
    - > No known compromises



### **Opportunity costs**

- Manual effort to create each new tunnel
- 18% overhead to network throughput







# DISTRICT OPERATIONS UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

ROBB ALEXANDER, RICHMOND DISTRICT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS DIRECTOR MATT SHILEY, STAUNTON DISTRICT TRAFFIC OPERATIONS DIRECTOR



# **Key Organizational Updates**



Dean Neff
Hampton Roads District Operations
Traffic Operation Program
Administrator (TOPA)



Sunil Gyawali
Richmond District Traffic Operations
Signal and Freeway Operations
Engineer (SFOE)



Kamal Suliman
Northern Virginia District Operations
District Traffic Operations Director
Retiring as of March 1st, 2024



David Routt, Jr

Northern Virginia District Operations
District Operations Maintenance
Manager

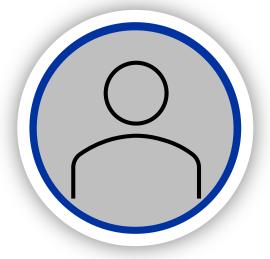


Siavash Mousavizadeh,
P.E., PTOE

Northern Virginia District Operations
Assistant District Traffic Engineer



Peter Hedrich
Fredericksburg District Operations
District Traffic Engineer
Retiring as of July 1st, 2024



Floyd "Boots" Ellmore
Fredericksburg District Operations
Incident Management Coordinator



**Jizhan Gou, P.E.**Fredericksburg District Operations

Fredericksburg District Operations
Signal and Freeway Operations
Engineer (SFOE)



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# **Business Opportunities – Districts**

### **Hampton Roads**

- UPC 123794, Jamestown-Scotland Ferry Electronic Throttle Control for Surry, Williamsburg Vessels, \$610K, Fall 2024 Ad
- UPC 124645, District Wide On Call Sign Replacement, \$1M, Summer 2024 Ad
- UPC 124646, District Wide On Call Signal Support, \$2M, Summer 2024 Ad

### **Northern Virginia**

- 195 CIP Detour Rte 1 Communication upgrades Fairfax and Prince William Counties \$4.3M, Construction Division, Spring 2024 Ad
- Traffic Signal Communications Network Support Services multi-term (1-year term with option of four 1-year renewals), \$950K/term, ASD, Spring 2024 Ad
- Two Lane Rural Road Traffic Safety Countermeasures \$1.2M Construction Division, Summer 2024 Ad
- On-Call Districtwide Pavement Marking Retrace Contract Currently in final term, \$3.4M/term, estimated early 2025 Ad



# **Business Opportunities – Districts**

### **Fredericksburg**

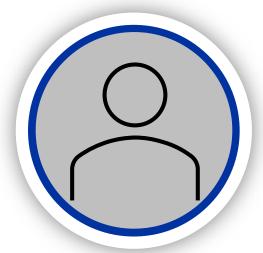
- UPC 118601: On-call pavement marking and marker lens replacement. Currently in last term – Ends August 2024. Expect to advertise replacement contract March 2024
- UPC 124366: Two Lane Rural Road Safety Improvements \$5.3M Construction Division, Late 2024 Advertisement

### Richmond

- Traffic Signal and ITS Construction Roundtable February 29, 2024
  - \$37.7M to advertise in 2024
- UPC 119760 I-64 west fiber optic & ITS project \$7.1M, April 9, 2024 advertisement
- UPC 116726 I-95 CCTV \$5.4M July 9, 2024 advertisement
- UPC 122147 Rt. 288 Hard Shoulder Running project total \$39.5M, Fall 2025 advertisement



# **Key Organizational Updates**



**Under Recruitment** 

Staunton District Operations
Operations Technology (OT)
Maintenance Manager (New Position)



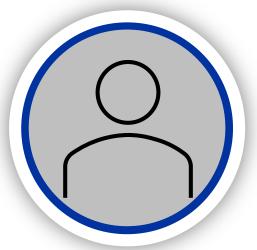
**Chris Powell** 

Culpeper District Operations
Incident Management Coordinator



**Chris Stone** 

Culpeper District Operations ITS Specialist



### **Caroline Awua-Mensah**

Culpeper District Operations
Operations Project
Management/Delivery



**Greg O'Berry** 

Lynchburg District Operations
Incident Management Coordinator



**Under Recruitment** 

Lynchburg District Operations
District Traffic Engineer



# Soon to be Under Recruitment

Lynchburg District Operations
Signal Freeway Operations
Engineer



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# **Key Organizational Updates**



**Tim Robinson** 

Bristol District Operations
Signal Freeway Operations
Engineer (SFOE)



Nathan O'Kane, P.E.

Salem District Operations
District Traffic Operations
Manager



**Andrew Nichols, Ph.D., P.E.** 

Salem District Operations
Signal and Freeway Operations
Engineer (SFOE)



**Katie McGowan** 

Salem District Operations
Traffic Operations Center
Manager



# **Business Opportunities – Districts**

#### Salem

- UPC 120368 On Call Pavement Markings/Marker Contract
  - Currently in 2nd (1 year) Term Ends 11/30/2024; Can renew 1 more time for 1 year term

#### **Bristol**

- UPC 120541: On-call district wide markings retrace contract; Currently in last term Ends January 2025. We will be developing a new contract for advertisement soon.
- UPC 119381: On-call district wide ADA curb ramp improvements; Currently in last term Ends December 2024. We will be developing a new contract for advertisement soon.

### Lynchburg

- UPC 119408 High Water Monitoring System PE Phase, high water monitoring system for several flood prone areas in our District. Ad early 2025, est.
- UPC 121775 ATSPM Operations Evaluation PE Phase, improving travel time by reducing congestion and improving reliability on several corridors in the District. Ad early 2025, est.
- Multiple UPCs Intersection Control Warning Systems, Flashing Yellow Arrow Installation, Rumble Strips. Ads within the next 12 months.



# **Business Opportunities – Districts**

#### **Staunton**

- VDOT Staunton TOC facility expansion; anticipated ad is Fall 2024
- UPC 115128 Route 55 east; Park-n-Ride metering/vacancy system/CMS \$1.6 M, Dec 2025 advertisement
- UPC 119659 Route 340 traffic/ped signal upgrades & system re-timing at 9 intersections -\$1.5 M, 2024/25 advertisement
- UPC 123072 Districtwide install of FYAs with pole structural mods. \$1M, 2026 advertisement.
- UPC 119663 Route 340/522 corridor signals advanced detection upgrades, turn lanes, signs/markings \$1.6M, 2025/26 advertisement.

### Culpeper

- District RPM Maintenance Contract to be advertised late Spring/early Summer 2024
- 3 Signal corridor coordination/ATSPM development projects Summer/Fall 2024

#### **Combined District Contracts**

- UPC 123945 On Call Regional Signal Contract Bristol, Lynchburg, and Salem Districts;
   Salem administered
  - Ad Closes 3/27/2024; 1-year initial term; Can renew 2 more times for 1-year terms
- UPC 120329 On Call Guardrail Contract Lynchburg and Salem Districts; Currently in 1st (2 year) Term Ends 7/31/2024; Can renew 2 more times for 1-year terms; Salem administered





### **EMERGING TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES**

ITSVA Update

Hari Sripathi, P.E.

### **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning**

- All Al work should conform to Executive Directive 30, VITA policy standard and VITA EA standard.
- SB 487 moved to the House

https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/eo/EO-30.pdf

https://www.vita.virginia.gov/artificial-intelligence/

- Developing VDOT internal controls and governance policies to conform to the above.
- Large Language Models The next big thing
- UVA exploratory project to see the value and understand the boundaries.
   Testing with 2,000 VTRC reports. UVA report expected in June
- Preparing for Microsoft Copilot
- Lessons learned will guide the next steps



### **Low Earth Orbit Satellite Communications**

- Adds significant capabilities to communicate with people and devices in the areas with no cellular or broadband
- Both stationary and Mobile options available
- A few options have been added to the VITA contract (Starlink, OneWeb and SuperGIG)
- Emergency priority option available in the contract
- Working with OSSEM and developing a plan for pilot deployment
- Need to have a good justification as costs are higher
- Lessons learned will guide the next steps

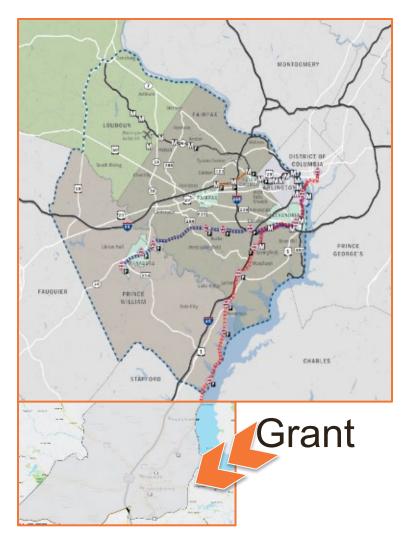


### Regional Multi-Modal Mobility Program (RM3P)

- Funded via the Innovative Technology and Transportation Fund, ATCMTD grant & I-95 CIP
- Collaborative use of real-time data by Virginia's public and private sectors in Northern Virginia
  - Improve safety, reliability + mobility
  - Provide tools to make more informed travel choices
  - Advance four activities
    - Data Exchange Platform Implemented (See rm3p.ritis.org)
    - Al Decision Support System In Development
    - Al Commuter Parking System UNDER PROCUREMENT
    - Dynamic Incentivization UNDER PROCUREMENT



### RM3PVirginia.org





Virginia Department of Transportation

### Solar (Backup) powered traffic signal - testing

- TOD-OSI-Nova district partnership
- Solar panels and Li-Iron batteries
- Nova district TFO test intersection in Manassas
- Continuously operated on solar majority of the time (exception of snow days)
- Preliminary data shows the battery lasting 32 hours but testing is continuing
- Testing will continue for few more months to cover various scenarios







### VDOT's View of Digital Twins

#### **VDOT Design and VDOT Planning Engineering Strategic Planning** Preliminary design **Transportation Planning** Detailed design Surveying Simulation & analysis Data Management Workflow coordination **WHAT A DIGITAL TWIN SUPPORTS THROUGH THE ASSET LIFECYCLE VDOT Operations and VDOT Construction and Maintenance** Commissioning Asset management **4D** Construction Inspections / data collection Project management Condition monitoring & analysis Performance management Maintenance planning Field management Compliance

# Digital Twins Focus Areas

Environmental	Structure and Bridge	Maintenance	Traffic Operations	Design and Construction
Ensuring resilient infrastructure through informed decisions.	Developing the scope of the project/work.	Building a Proof of Concept and developing a roadmap.	Addressing the fundamentals – data conflation tool.	Identifying data needs to be transferred to maintenance; build a Proof of Concept; develop a policy to implement; build a roadmap.
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# QUESTIONS?



