EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

TRANSFORMING TRANSPORTATION
We need to adopt policies and make investments to develop a cleaner, balanced, and more equitable multi-modal transportation system that does more to protect our communities and our natural, historic, and scenic resources while focusing on accessibility to daily needs that are central to our economy and quality of life.

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FUNDING TRANSIT FOR A COMPETITIVE, SUSTAINABLE FUTURE
The next generation workforce and companies are looking for communities with excellent transit. Transit is essential for improving access to jobs, health care, and services for all Virginians, and provides important benefits in reducing vehicle trips and the emissions of greenhouse gases and other air pollutants from transportation. In short, Virginia's economic competitiveness, roads, and environment depend on action in 2020 and beyond to significantly increase the state's investment in transit.

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CURBING VEHICLE POLLUTION
Transportation is Virginia's largest source of carbon dioxide pollution and a key source of other harmful pollutants. We can no longer ignore these impacts. Virginia needs to accelerate the transition to cleaner transportation by adopting policies and making investments to provide more alternatives to driving and to promote electric vehicles.

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DEFENDING SMART SCALE
SMART SCALE is serving the Commonwealth's best interests by ensuring that transportation funding decisions are supported by objective project evaluation and that limited transportation dollars are wisely spent. Efforts to weaken the criteria or circumvent scoring altogether must be rejected, and transparency in the funding process must be maintained.

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ADOPTING SMART GROWTH TO SAVE MONEY, PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, AND ENHANCE ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS
Many fiscal conservatives and conservationists agree that the way we have grown in recent decades is costly for taxpayers and results in more traffic and air and water pollution, loss of farms and habitat, and a lower quality of life. Reversing this trend and steering our communities back toward smart growth—efficient, compact, walkable communities with good public transit—is essential to meet the evolving needs of Virginia residents and businesses, and protect our communities and environment.

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ADDRESSING SEA LEVEL RISE AND A CHANGING CLIMATE
Virginia has acknowledged the impact of sea level rise and climate change on coastal communities. Numerous studies have made recommendations on actions for Virginia to address sea level rise and mitigate the impacts of a changing climate. The state needs targeted and coordinated response for state programs and explicit guidance for action by Virginia's localities.

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BUILDING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES