

Welcome!

to our conversation on:

**TRANSPORTATION:
WHY IT MATTERS & WHAT YOU CAN DO**



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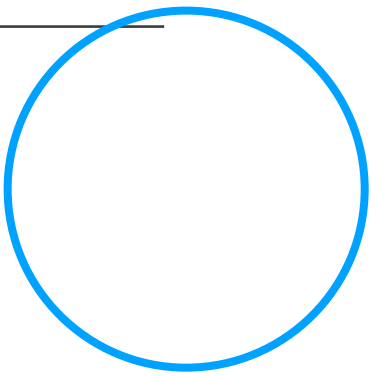
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Why does transportation matter?

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Transportation is essential for human civilization and plays a significant role in various aspects of our lives. Here are some reasons why transportation matters:

Accessibility: Transportation provides access to goods, services, education, employment, and healthcare. It allows people to move around and reach places they need to go, increasing their opportunities and improving their quality of life.

Economic growth: Transportation is a vital component of economic growth and development. It enables the movement of goods and people, which facilitates trade and commerce. It also provides employment opportunities in various sectors, such as transportation, logistics, and manufacturing.

Social connectivity: Transportation helps people connect and interact with one another. It brings families, friends, and communities together, fostering social cohesion and reducing social isolation.

Environmental impact: Transportation also has environmental impacts, both positive and negative. For example, public transportation systems can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution by reducing the number of private cars on the road. However, transportation can also contribute to pollution, traffic congestion, and climate change.

Safety: Safe and reliable transportation is essential for personal safety and security. It allows emergency services to respond quickly to accidents and disasters, and it helps people avoid dangerous situations, such as walking on busy highways or driving in hazardous weather conditions.

In summary, transportation matters because it enables accessibility, drives economic growth, connects people, impacts the environment, and affects personal safety and security.



TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS EVERYONE ALL THE TIME

- Moving around your neighborhood
- Getting to local services
- School and work trips
- Regional destinations
- Day trips
- Long distance





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- *US Department of Transportation*





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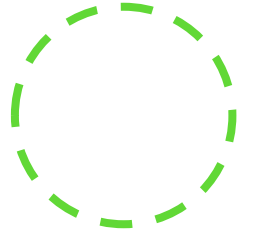


TRANSPORTATION INCLUDES...

- Walking on sidewalks
- Walking and riding on trails
- Riding on buses
- Scooting on scooters
- Riding trains
- Driving on highways
- Riding in airplanes
- Piloting boats
- What else?



A GOOD TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IS...



Safe

Efficient

Equitable

Accessible

Environmentally friendly

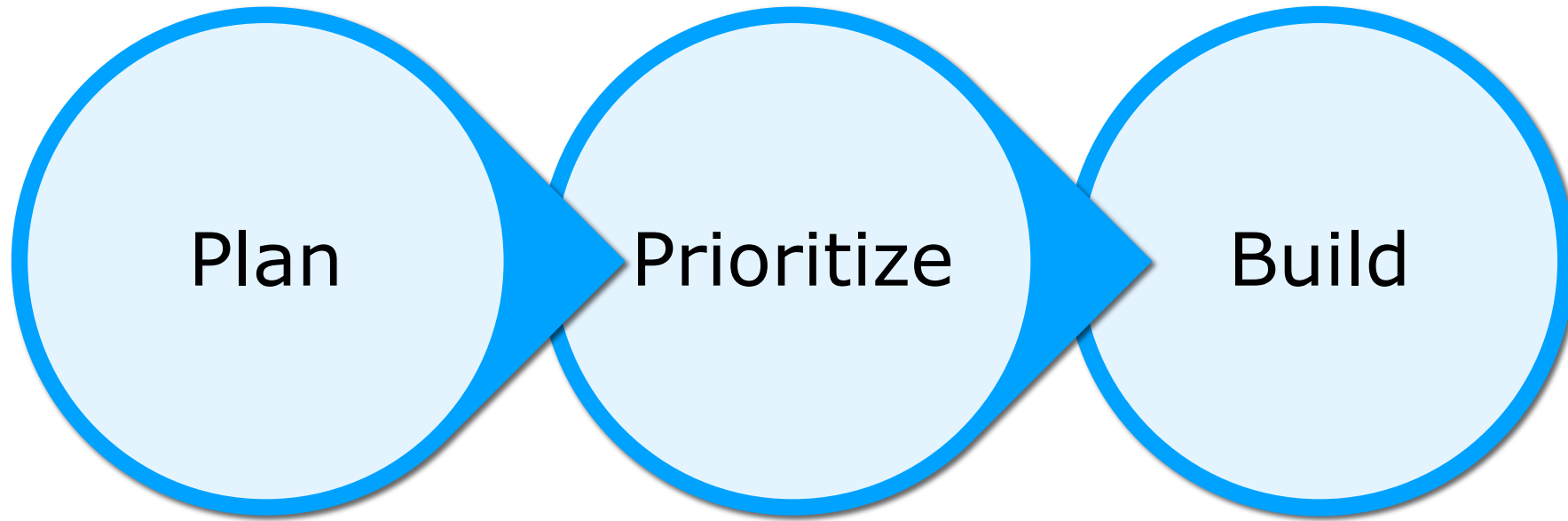
Affordable

Reliable

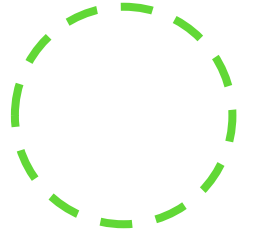
Comfortable



TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



HOW DO WE MAKE THINGS HAPPEN?



- 01 Plans
- 02 Finances
- 03 Engineering
- 04 Property
- 05 Construction





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TRANSPORTATION PLANNING



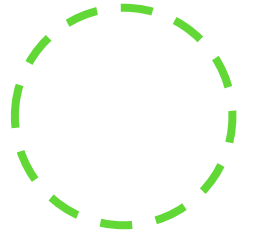
Responsible party: Local, Regional, State, Federal

Scale of project: From sidewalk to superhighway

Timeframe: Months to years

Partnerships: Single source to multiple partners





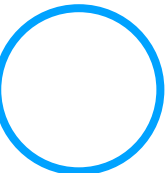
TRANSPORTATION FINANCING

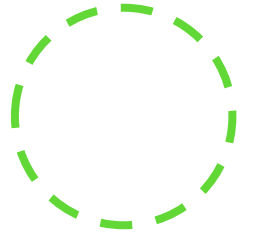
Understand the scale: Complexity and impact

General cost: Order of magnitude

Source(s) of funds: From HOA to Congress

Availability of funds: When is money needed?





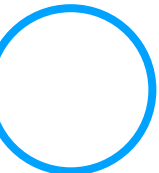
TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING

Plans: Develop detailed plans

Detailed cost: Get reliable estimates

Materials: Inventory and source materials

Timeframe: Phasing and real-world timeframe





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TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY

Impacts: What will the project do to nearby property?

Method: Agreements, easements, purchase

Negotiation: Proper compensation for land value

Acquisition: Control the land for construction





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TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION

Mobilization: Get equipment and materials in place

Traffic control: Have a plan to reroute traffic

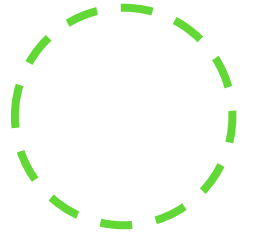
Construction: Actually build the project

Opening: Close out and open for use





QUESTIONS?



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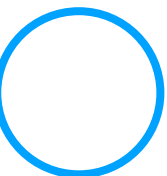
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In his own words – a community bus rider



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- The romance of train travel
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“ Being in the Academy helped me to learn and understand how to “show up” - in advocating not only for the safety of biking and walking, but for my community to have the same developments and opportunities as any other community. Learning about disparities and how we can be better allies for our community is another big take away. It pushed me to educate my community and elected leaders and make them aware of policies that are really in our best interest. ”



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2018 Bike Walk RVA Academy Champion