

AGENDA
2025 Governor’s Transportation Conference
Looking Back, Looking Forward
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October 16 -17, 2025
Richmond Marriott

Day/Time		
Wednesday October 15		
1:00 – 3:00	MPO Quarterly Meeting (Hosted by Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment)	Marriott

Day/Time	Session Title/Description	Speakers
Thursday October 16		
7:00 – 9:00	Breakfast	
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome and Color Guard	Secretary Miller
9:30 – 10:00	Conference Opening Remarks	Introduction by Secretary Miller Arch “Beaver” Aplin Buc-ee’s CEO
10:00 – 11:20	Agency Head Fireside Chat “Managing through Change”, what are significant challenges?	Commissioner Steve Brich Commissioner Gerald Lackey Director Stephen Edwards Director Ted Mercer Director Greg Campbell Director Tiffany Robinson Director DJ Stadtler Moderator: Secretary Miller
11:20 - 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 12:00*	Reauthorization and the Future of Transportation Policy	Susan Howard, Policy/Gov’t Relations Director, AASHTO DJ Gribbin, Founder, Madrus
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch	
1:15 – 2:45	The Importance of Collaboration in Disaster Recovery	John Scrivani, Acting State Coordinator, VDEM Jack Potter, President and CEO MWAA Bill Burket, Director of the Maritime Incident Response Team (POV/MIRT) Co-Moderators: Garrison Coward, Virginia Chief Transformation Officer and Jennifer Homendy, Chairwoman NTSB
2:45 – 3:00	Break	

3:00 – 4:00	Supporting Economic Development through Transportation Investments	Emily Kilroy, Albermarle Econ Dev Director Jim Fox, SVP Americas Supply Operations, AstraZeneca Eric Jehu – Vice President Logistics, VEDP Moderator: Michael Dreilling, Vice President Real Estate, VEDP
5:00 – 7:00	Opening Reception	Marriott – GTC Exhibit Hall

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Friday October 17		
7:00-8:30	Breakfast	
8:30 – 9:00	Remarks from Governor Youngkin	
9:00-10:00	Local Perspectives on Transportation	Monica Backmon, CEO NVT Paula Melester, Director of Transportation, CSPDC Gary Larrowe, County Administrator Botetourt County Moderator: Angel Deem, Chief of Policy, VDOT
	9:30 Joint Committee on Transportation, Virginia General Assembly	
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 11:15	Transportation Funding PPTA's, MBUF's, creative financing	Role of PPTAs - Catherine Reddick, VP Mercator Advisors Baruch Feigenbaum, Senior Managing Director Reason.Org Moderator: Trish Hendren, Executive Director TETC
11:15 – 11:45	Transportation Technology – What does the future hold? Where are we headed as it relates to driving	Laura Chace, CEO, ITS America Matt Walsh, Head of Regional & State Government Relations, Waymo
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 – 2:30	Major Project Updates	I-64 Gap – Eric Thornton, VDOT Long Bridge, NRV and sidings – Rob Pinckney, VPRA Projects at Virginia Spaceport – Debra Bryan I-81 - Dave Covington, VDOT
2:30	Closing Remarks	Secretary Miller