



# REGIONAL CONNECTORS STUDY

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## JOINT STEERING (POLICY) COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP MEETING

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# Vision

“This study should establish a regional long-term vision that investigates **21<sup>st</sup> century transportation options** that **connect** the Peninsula and the Southside across the Hampton Roads Harbor that **enhance economic vitality** and **improve the quality of life** in the region.”

## Goals

Economic  
Vitality



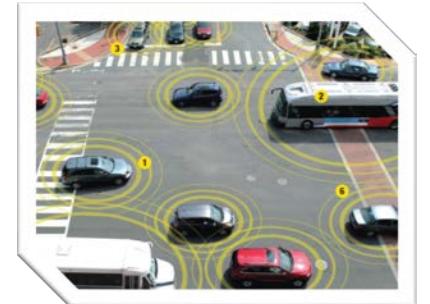
Sustainability:  
Equity, Community  
& Environmental



Connectivity  
&  
Accessibility

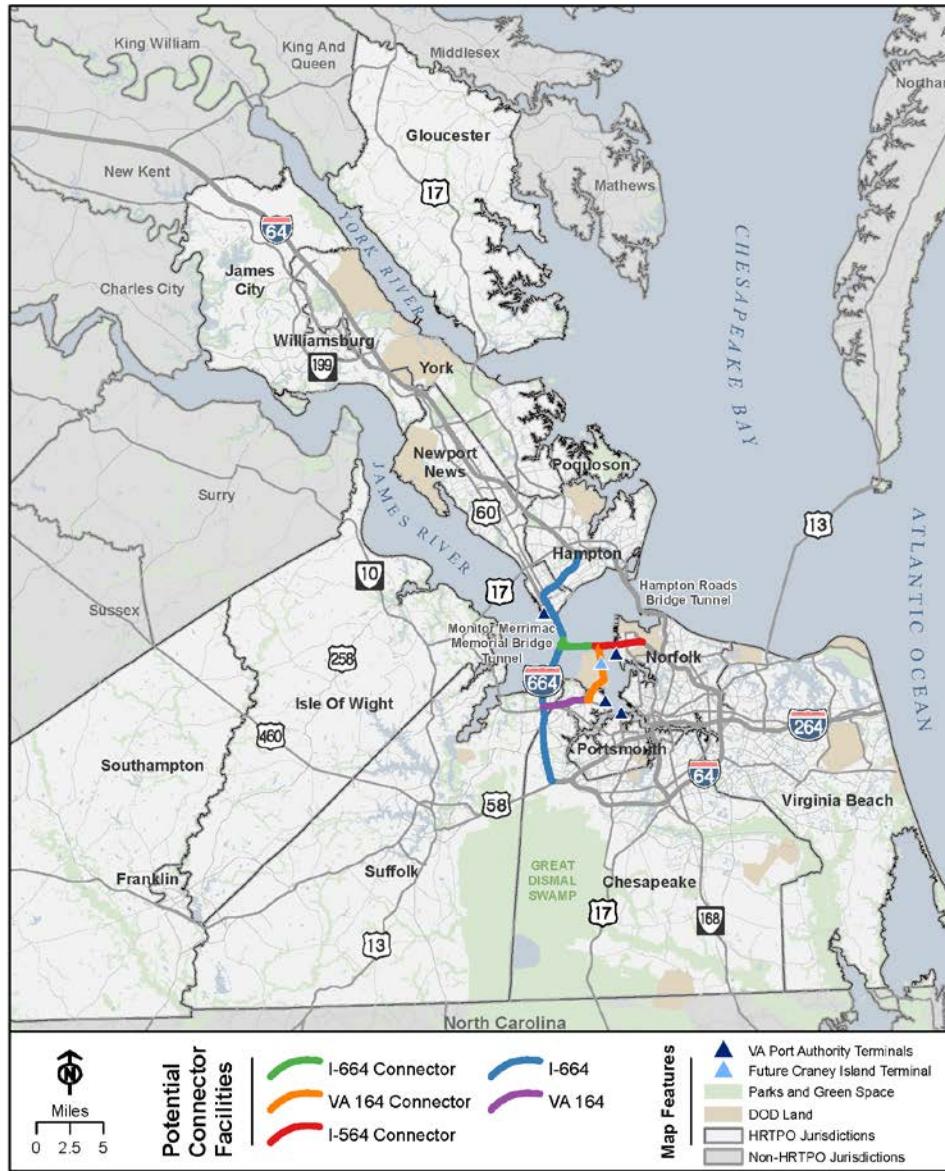


Safety,  
Resiliency, &  
Innovation



# Study Area

Hampton Roads Regional Connectors Study



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# Study Phases

- Phase 1 – Existing Conditions, Stakeholder interviews, Regional Survey
- Phase 2 – Scenario Planning
- Phase 3 – Public Engagement, Alternatives Development, Alternatives Assessment, and Recommendation



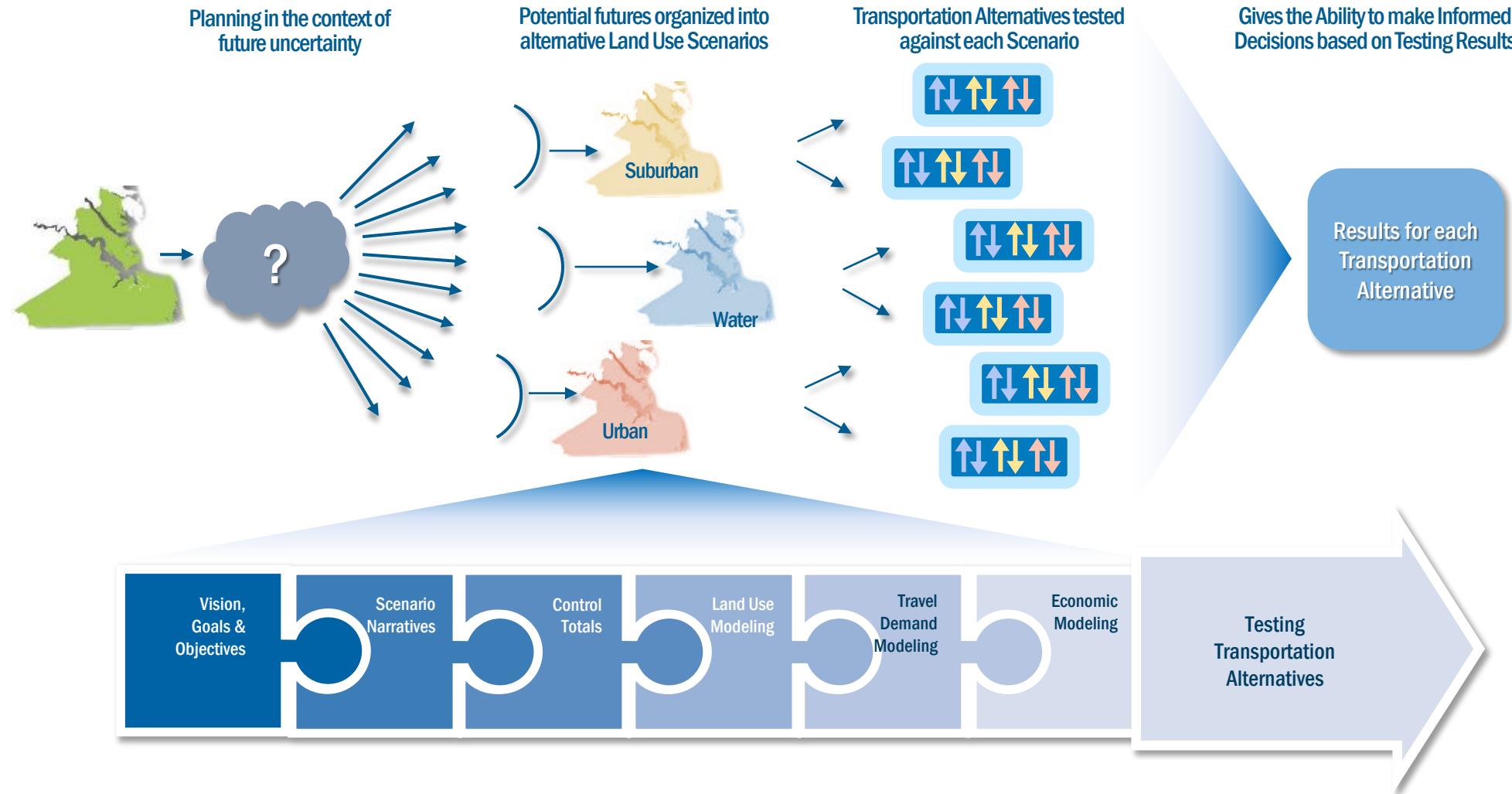
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### PHASE 2 - SCENARIO PLANNING UPDATE

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# Scenario Planning Process



# Scenario Narratives

## Greater Growth on the Water

Growth in water-oriented activity. Port of Virginia becomes even more competitive with freight more multimodal. More dispersed housing locations. Moderate assumptions for CAV adoption and network adaptation.

## Greater Growth in Urban Centers

Significant economic diversification. Low space requirements per job. Large role for “digital port.” New professionals prefer to live/work in urban settings. High level of CV adoption and low auto ownership/high TNC mode.

## Greater Suburban/Greenfield Growth

Growth is suburban/ exurban, but growth includes walkable mixed-use centers. Port of Virginia becomes even more competitive. “Digital port” brings additional jobs. Housing is more suburban. High level of AV adoption and network adaptation.

WHAT THESE WILL HELP US TEST

Test greater cross-harbor travel in particular.

Test more urban and multimodal travel patterns.

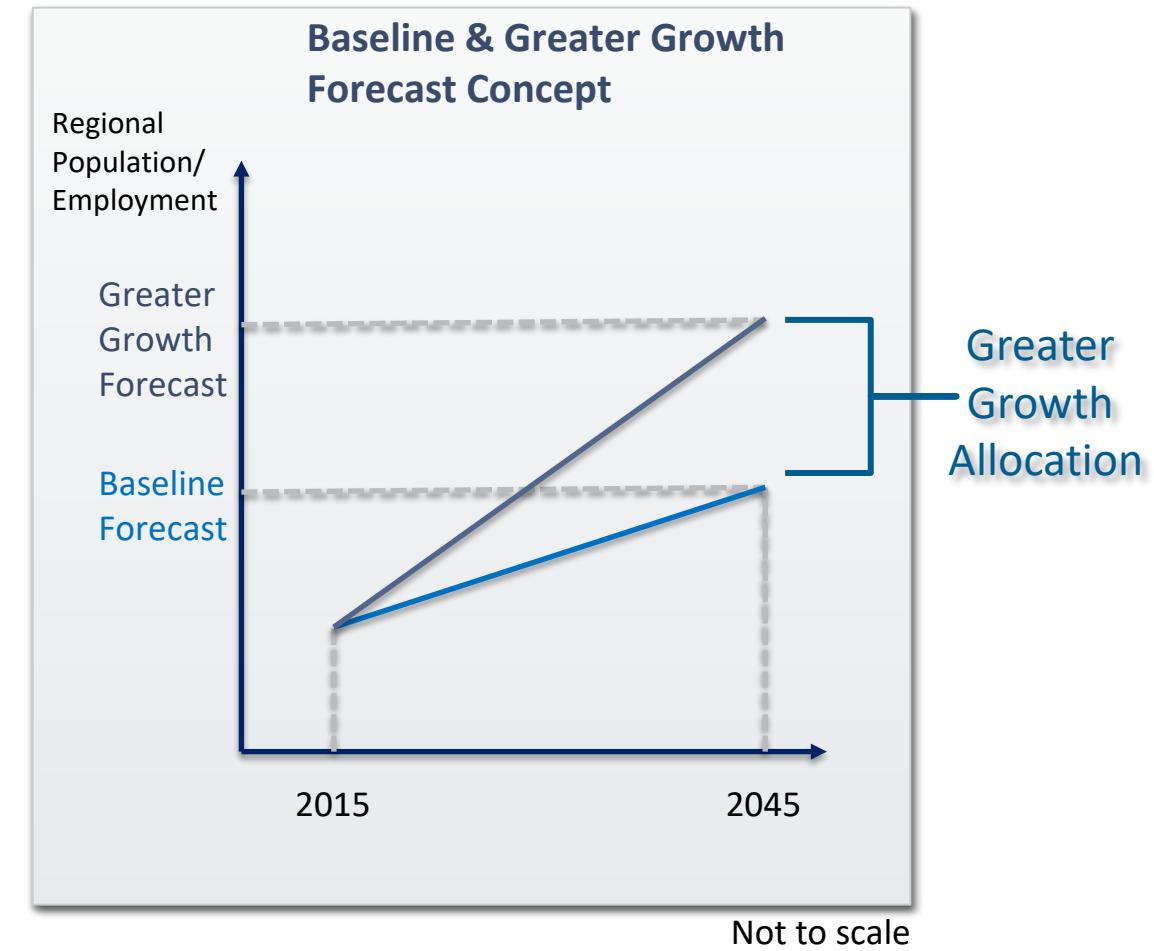
Test more overall regional travel.

NOTE: Sea Level Rise assumed as 3 ft. in all Scenarios

# Greater Growth Control Totals

- Agreed on 16% employment growth from 2015-2045
  - Additional 82,972 jobs
- HRPDC provided population growth control total using regional REMI model
  - Additional 110,460 population

Growth Rates		
	Employment	Population
2015-2045	7.90%	17.29%
Greater Growth	7.51%	5.48%





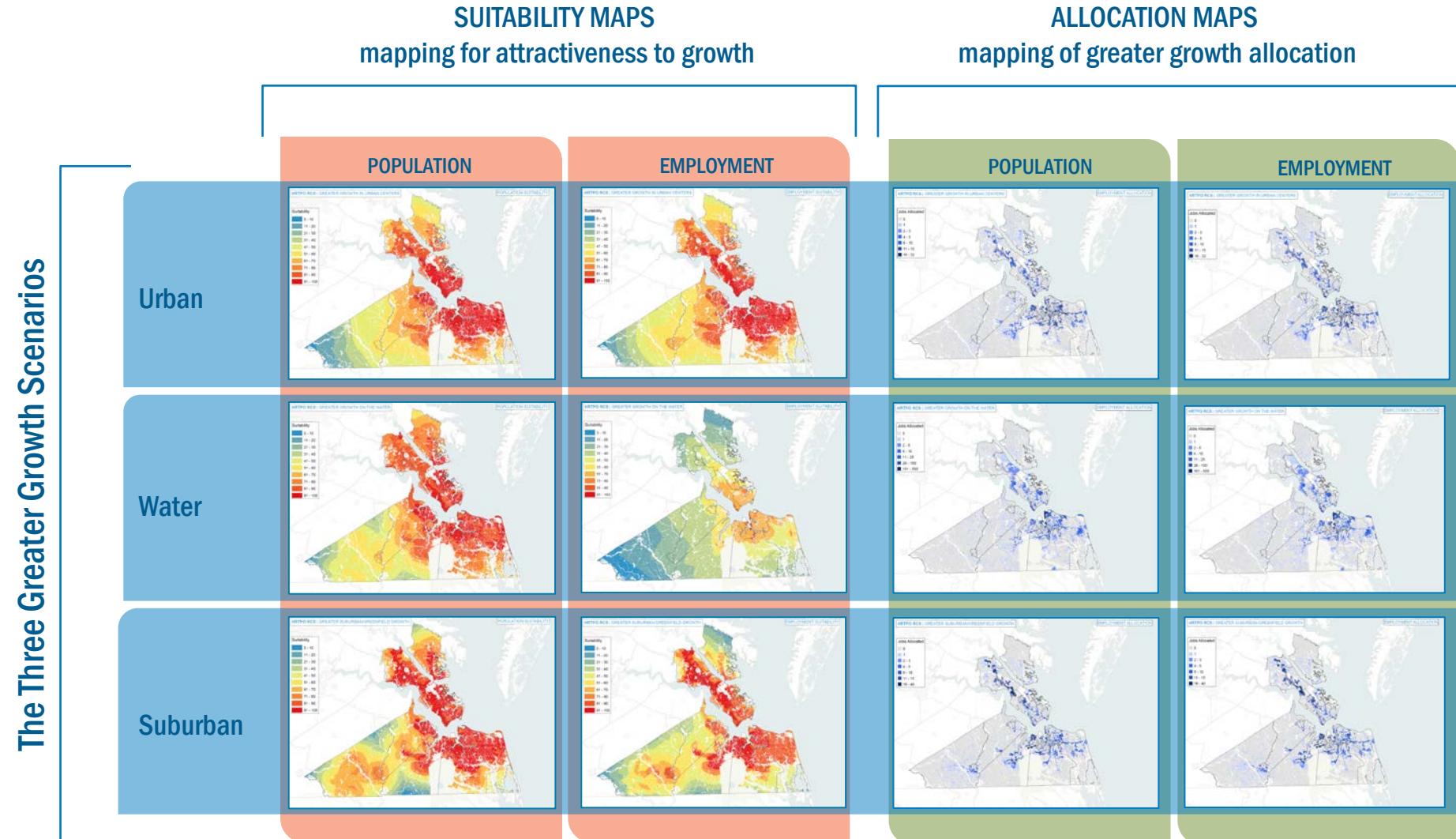
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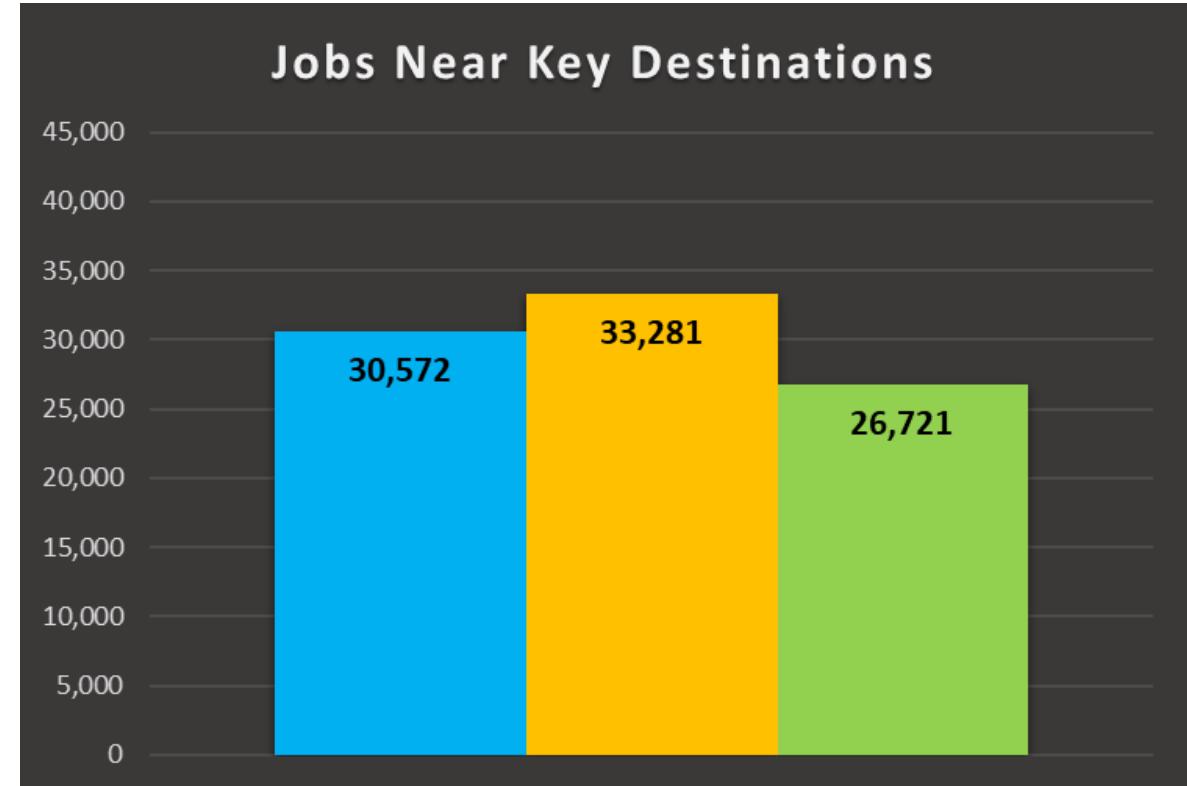
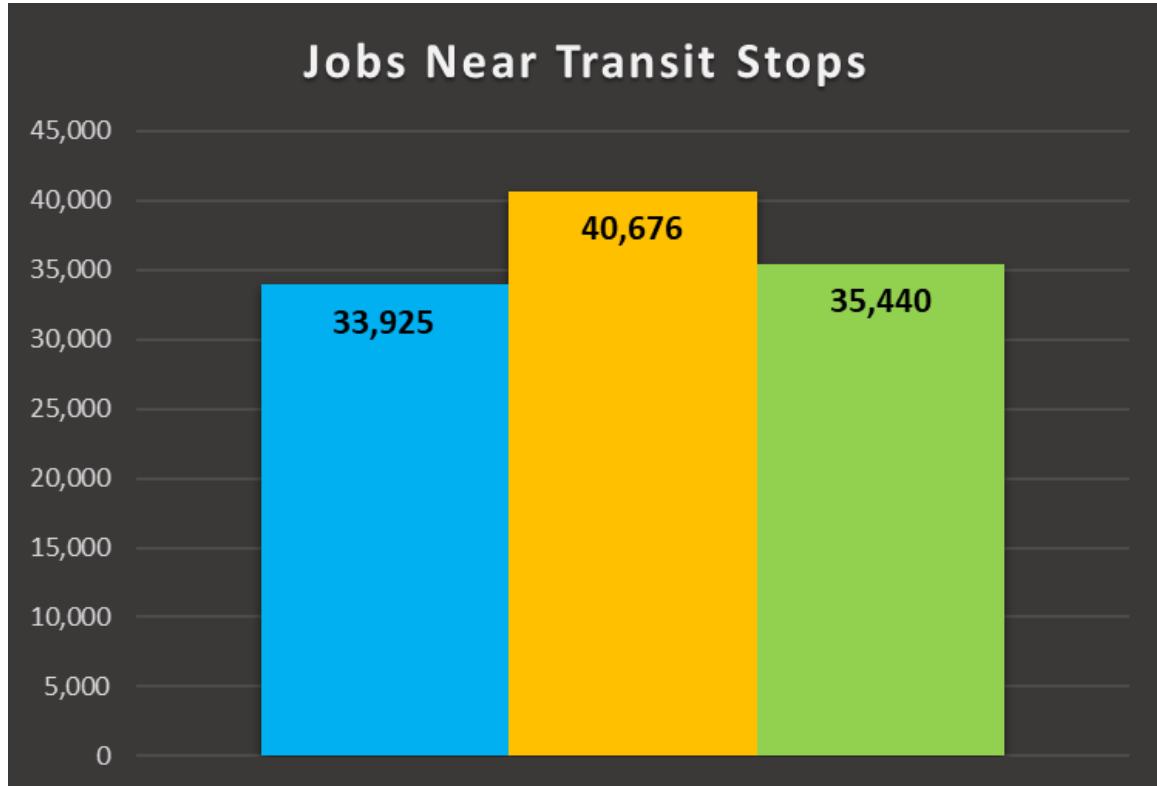
### LAND USE MODELING

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# Results of the Land Use modeling



# Results of Allocations



2045 Baseline w/ Tech

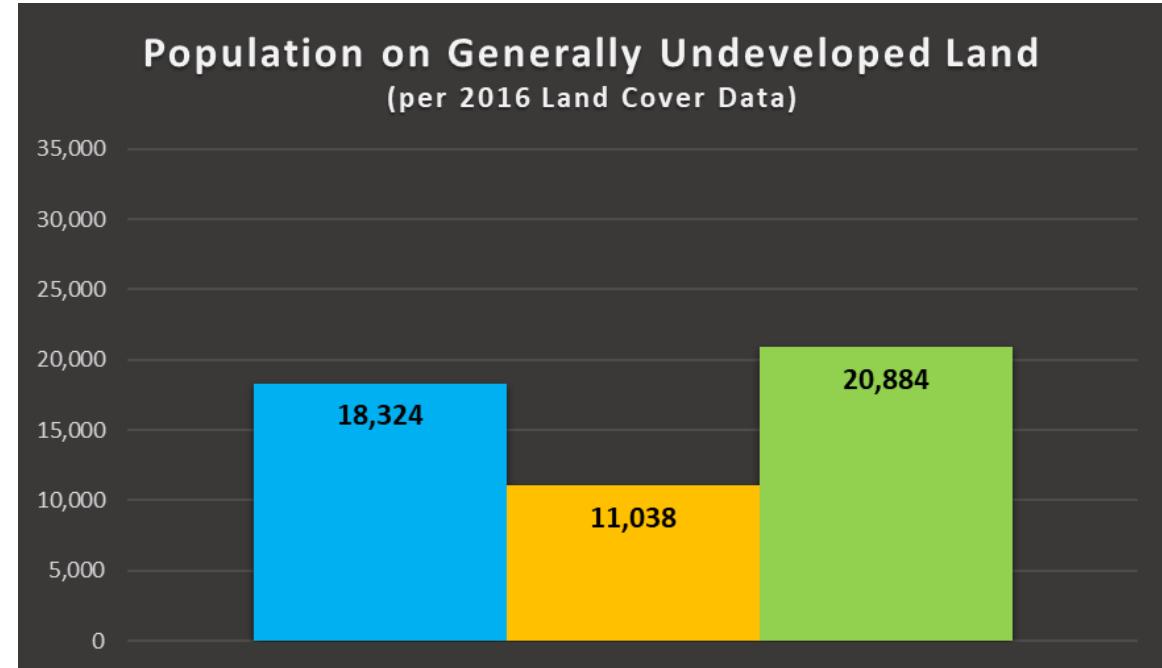
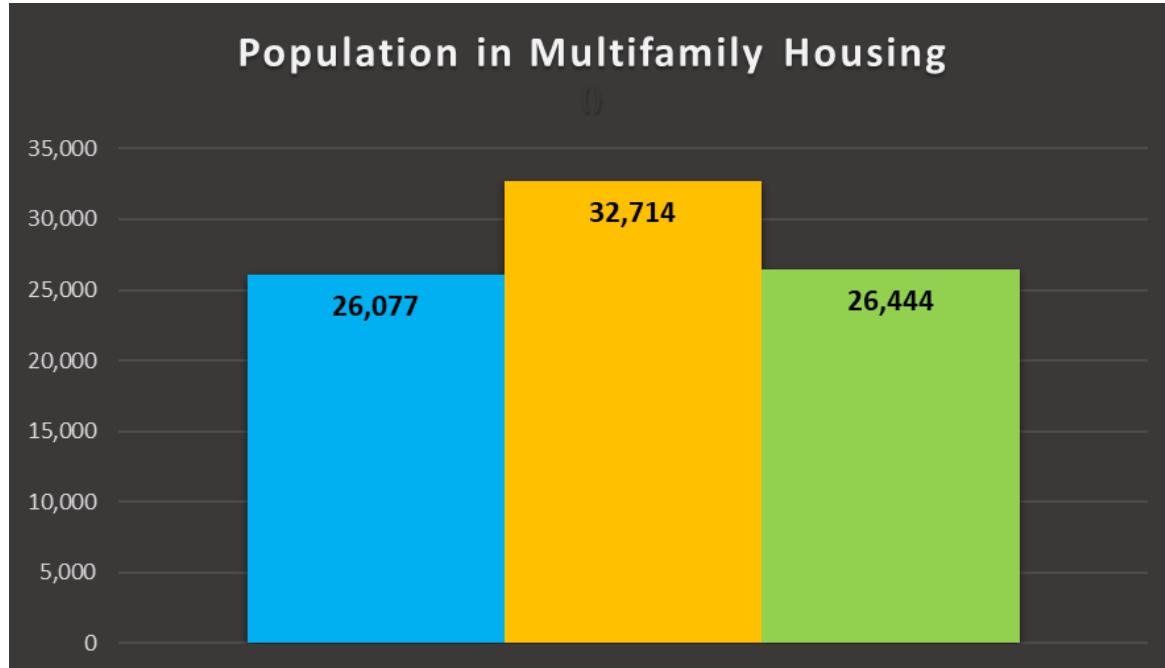
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# Land Use Modeling Conclusions

- The patterns of land use and growth for each of the Greater Growth Scenarios generally matched the Scenario Narratives
- The land use modeling results showed good differentiation between the Greater Growth Scenarios and a plausible range of alternate futures for the region
- The three Greater Growth Scenarios provided a good platform for travel demand model testing and for resilience testing of the transportation alternatives



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### TRAVEL DEMAND MODELING

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# Validation – Cross Harbor Travel

Screenline (2017)	Count	Model	Error	Criteria *
<b>HAMPTON ROADS HARBOR</b>	<b>194,391</b>	<b>204,620</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>+/-6%</b>

\*-Travel Demand Modeling Policies and Procedures, Version 2.00, Virginia Department of Transportation, June 2014

# Validation - Regional Roadway Network (Daily)

Description	2017 Base Year	2045 Baseline w/Tech*	Change**
Vehicle-Miles Traveled	42,225,948	52,106,565	+23.4%
Vehicle-Hours Traveled	1,173,533	1,538,821	+31.1%
Delay (Hours)	221,122	365,076	+65.1%
Average Free-flow Speed (mph)	44.3	44.4	+0.2%
Average Congested Speed (mph)	36.0	33.9	-5.8%

\* includes Mobility as a Service

\*\*compared with 2017 Base Year

# Validation - Regional Roadway Network (Daily)

Description	2045 Baseline w/Tech	2045 Greater Growth Scenario - Water	Change *	2045 Greater Growth Scenario - Urban	Change*	2045 Greater Growth Scenario - Suburban	Change *
Vehicle-Miles Traveled	52,106,565	55,576,661	+6.6%	56,351,507	+8.2%	61,889,830	+18.8%
Vehicle-Hours Traveled	1,538,821	1,708,757	+11.0%	1,569,875	+2.0%	1,922,009	+25.0%
Delay (Hours)	365,076	450,519	+23.4%	291,644	-20.1%	496,414	+36.0%
Average Free-flow Speed (mph)	44.4	44.2	-0.4%	44.1	-0.7%	43.4	-2.3%
Average Congested Speed (mph)	33.9	32.5	-4.1%	35.9	+5.9%	32.2	-5.0%

\*compared with 2045 Baseline w/ Tech

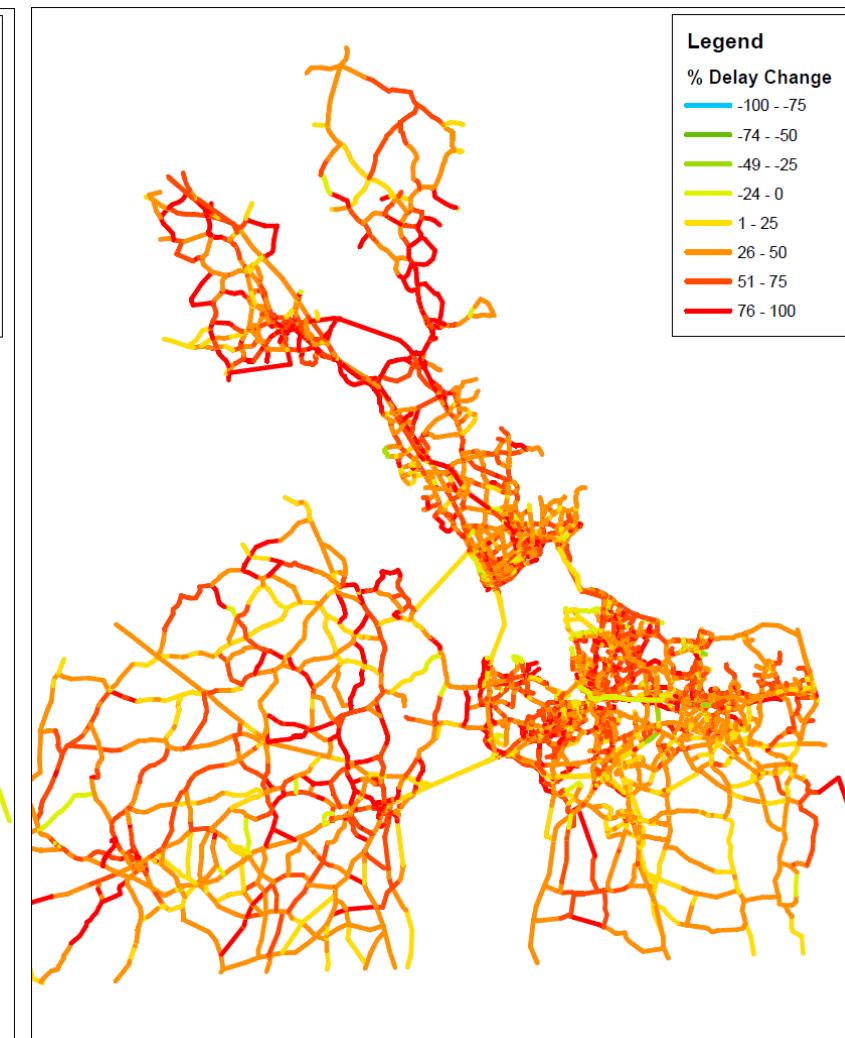
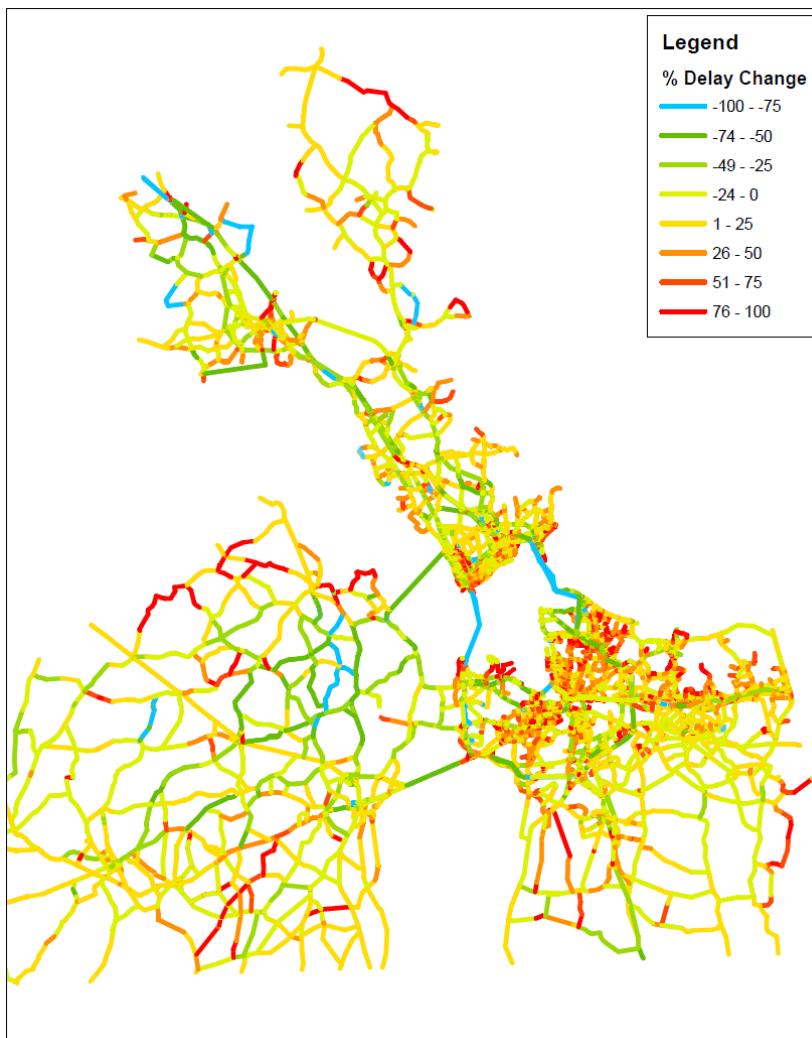
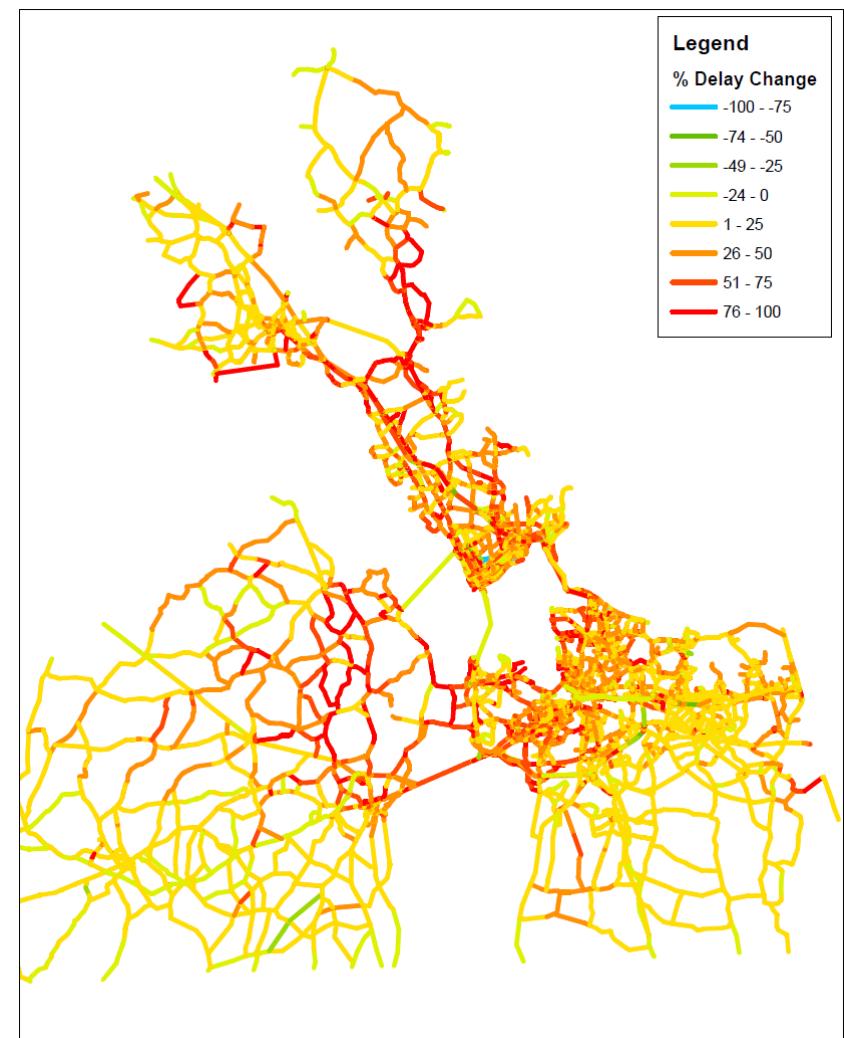
# Change in Daily Delay Due to Congestion

(Compared with 2045 Baseline w/Tech)

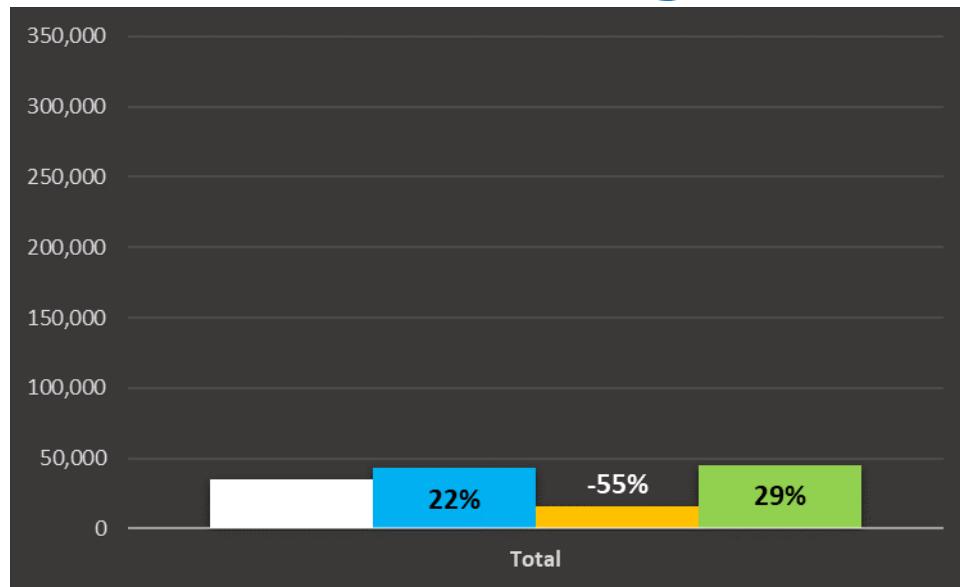
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# 2045 Daily Delay\* on Harbor Crossings



**xx %** – percent change in daily delay  
compared with 2045 Baseline w/Tech  
\* units in hours

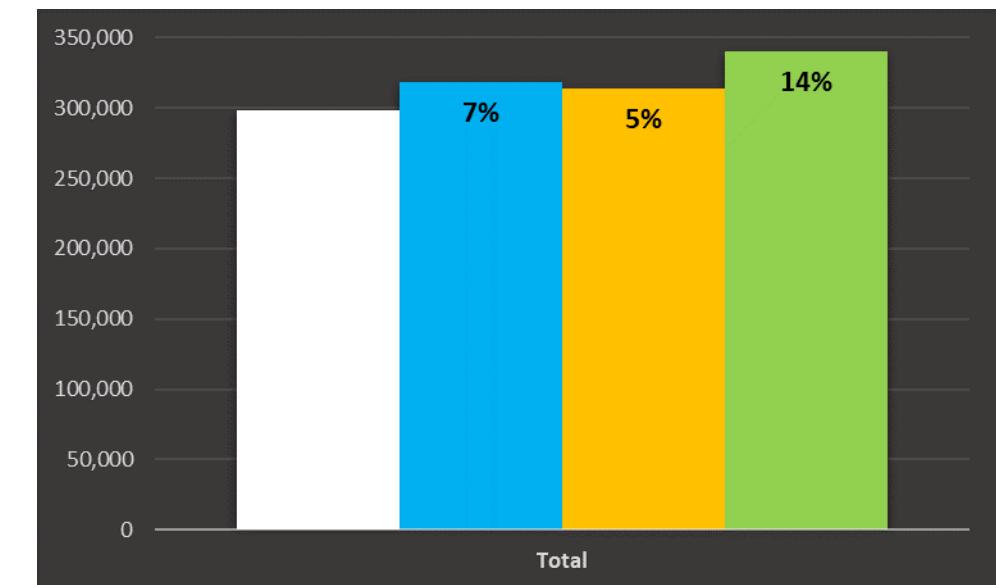
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# 2045 Daily Vehicle Volume on Harbor Crossings



**xx %** – percent change in daily  
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### ECONOMIC MODELING

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# Assessing Economic Performance

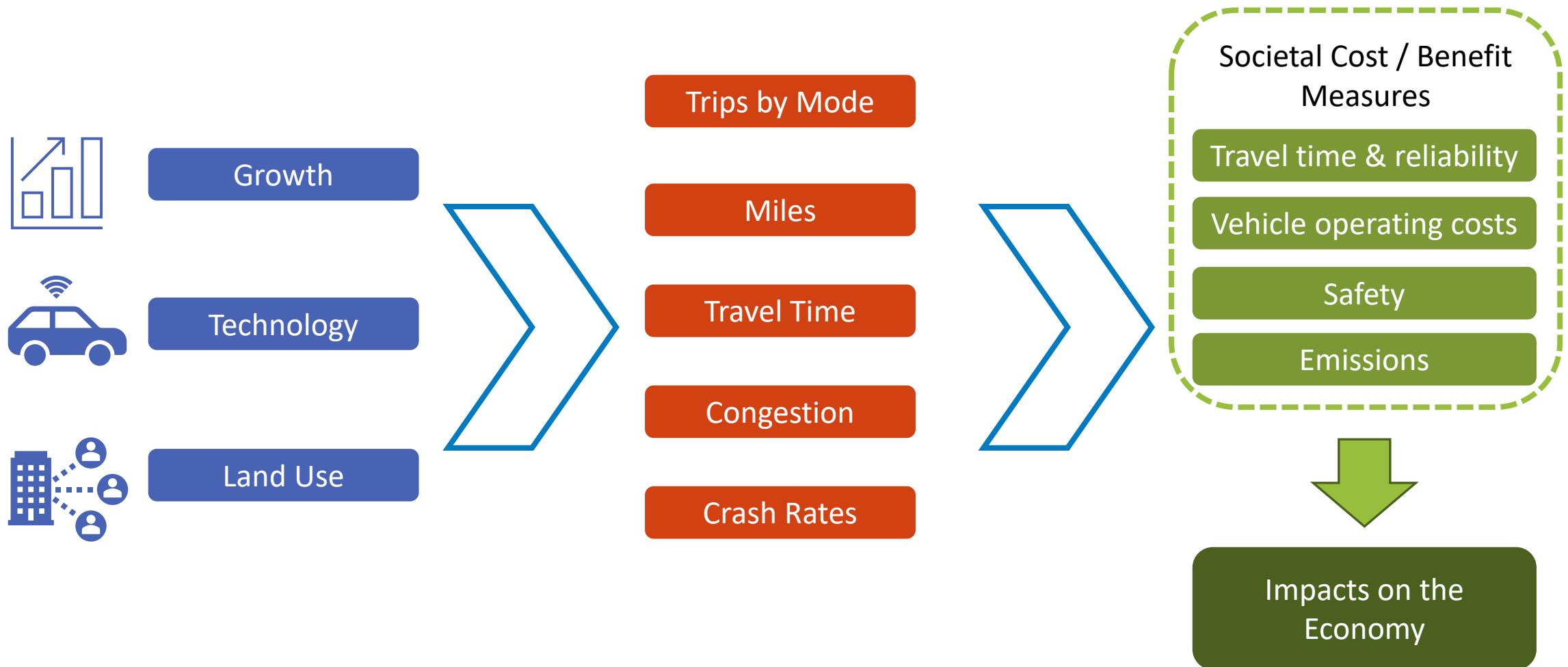
- **Today's Focus - Scenario Evaluation:** How do the characteristics of the Greater Growth Scenarios change the relative efficiency of trips in the Hampton Roads region and what does this mean in terms of societal costs and impacts on the regional economy?  
→ Compares 3 Greater Growth Scenarios to the 2045 Baseline

# Drivers of Economic Results

- Relative to the 2045 Baseline with Tech:

Performance	Greater Growth Scenario - Water	Greater Growth Scenario - Urban	Greater Growth Scenario - Suburban
Trip Length	↓	↓	↑
Speed	↓	↑	↓
Congestion	↑	↓	↑
Crash Rates (CAVs)	--	↓	↓↓
Fuel Consumption and Emissions (Electric CAVs)	--	↓	↓↓
Vehicle Occupancy	↓	↑	↑

# Findings Start with Performance Changes



# Focus on Travel Efficiency in Scenarios

To understand the relative efficiency of scenarios, we focus the economic analysis on trips that would be made in both the 2045 Baseline Scenario and in the Greater Growth Scenarios.

The analysis is performed in the TREDIS model – the most widely used model for transportation economic analysis

# Economic Results – Societal Costs of Travel in 2045 (Annual, \$M)

<u>All \$ in Millions</u>		Societal Costs of Travel (Components and Total)					Change in Cost from 2045 Baseline
Scenario	Emissions	Safety	Vehicle Operating Cost	Travel Time & Reliability	TOTAL COST		
Baseline	\$4,215	\$4,151	\$9,464	\$17,284	<b>\$35,114</b>	--	
Water	\$4,148	\$4,155	\$9,392	\$18,090	<b>\$35,786</b>	<b>\$672</b>	
Urban	\$3,657	\$3,511	\$8,717	\$14,180	<b>\$30,064</b>	<b>-\$5,050</b>	
Suburban	\$3,643	\$2,425	\$9,284	\$17,370	<b>\$32,722</b>	<b>-\$2,392</b>	

*Note: Scenario totals include only the trips that would be made in both the baseline and in the scenarios*

# Economic Results – Impacts on the Economy in 2045 (Annual, \$M)

Greater Growth Scenario	Economic Impact (Relative to 2045 Baseline with Tech)	
	Value Added (GRP) in \$M	
Water		-\$6
Urban		\$893
Suburban		\$59

GRP – Gross Regional Product (total value of production minus intermediate goods and services)

*Note: Results include only the impact of trips that would be made in both the baseline and in the scenarios  
Economic impacts from performance improvements are evaluated by comparing scenarios*

# Economic Analysis Summary

## Economic Efficiency – Significant Variation Across Greater Growth Scenarios

- **Water:** Mostly negative outcomes – except for environmental benefits and operating costs savings from minor reductions in trip length
- **Urban:** Positive outcomes – travel is more efficient (time, cost), safer, and less environmentally harmful
- **Suburban:** Mixed outcomes – worsening congestion counteracted by safer and “greener” travel with widespread adoption of electric CAVs

# Phase 2 - Deliverables

- Scenario Planning Methodology White Paper – Complete
- Memo Summarizing Economic Trends and Opportunities – Complete
- Memo Summarizing Travel Behavior Data Review – Mid-November
- Memo Summarizing Travel Demand Model Evaluation – Mid-November
- Tech Memo on Drivers, Spatial Assumptions, and Travel Parameters – Complete
- Tech Memo on Performance Measures – Complete
- Technical Guide on Scenario Evaluation – Early-December

# RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Agenda Item 5 – Steering (Policy) Committee approval of Phase 2 completion, including Greater Growth Scenario Planning differentiation and travel demand modeling performance measures.



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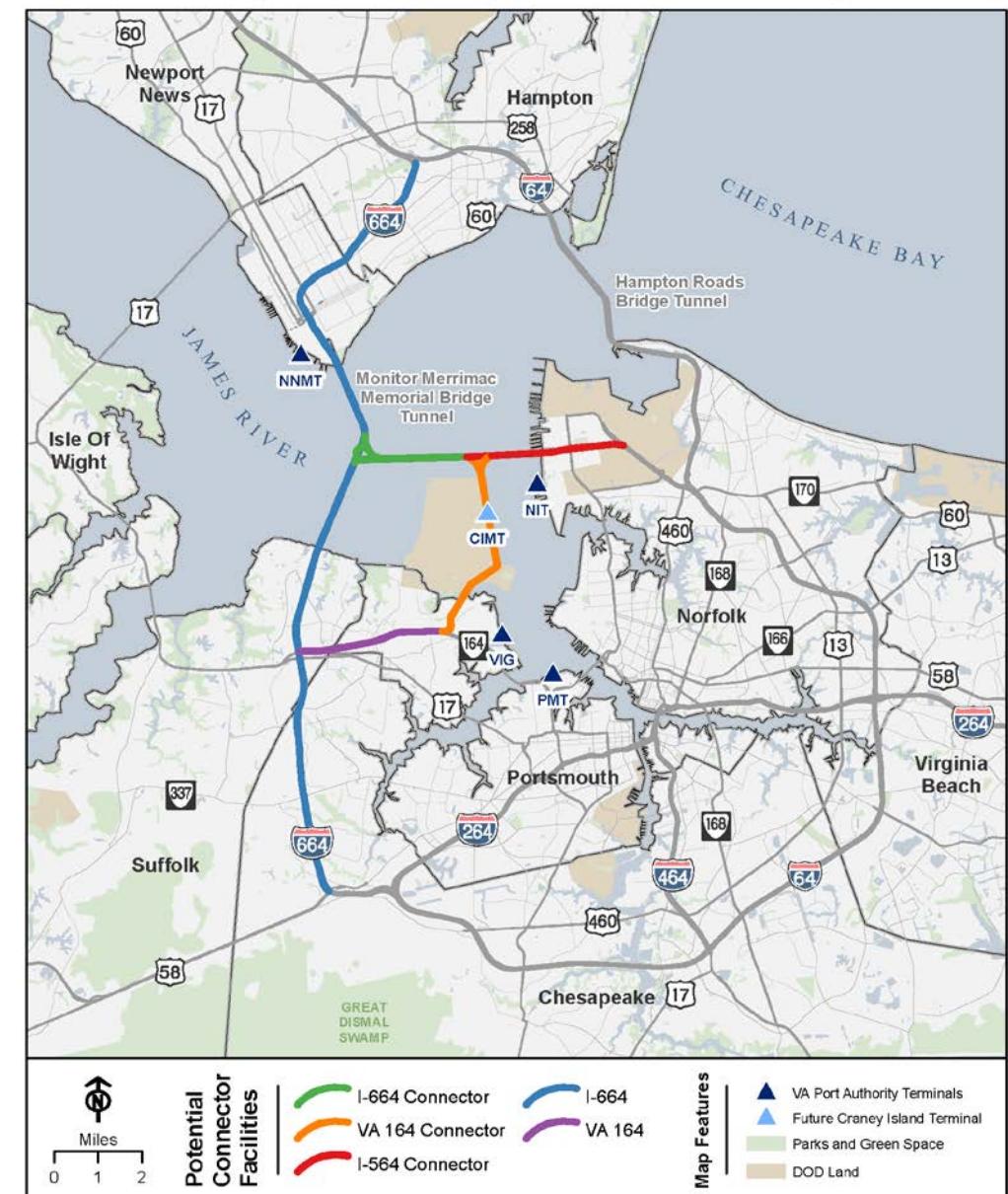
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### MANDATED AND OTHER POTENTIAL SEGMENTS

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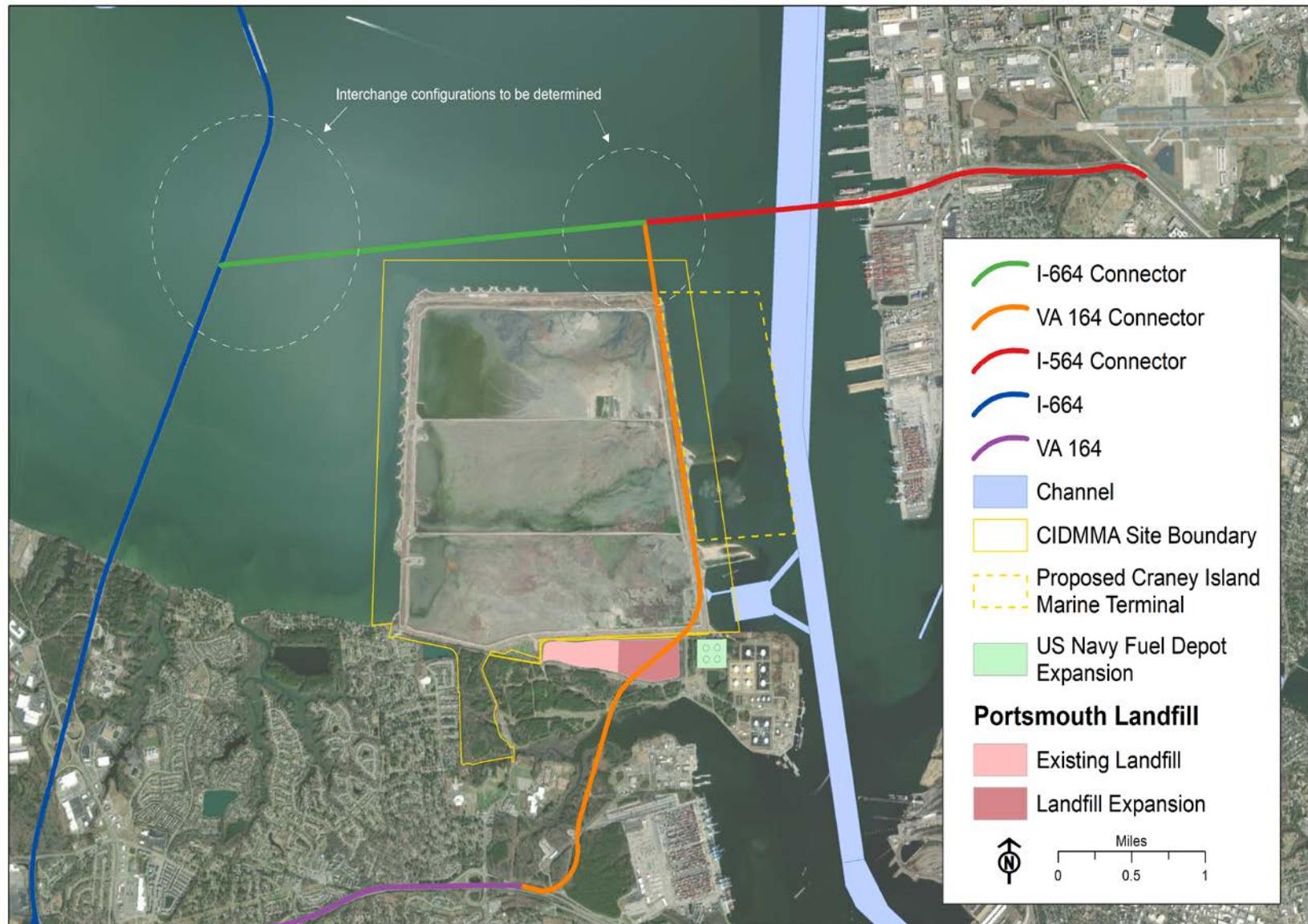
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# CONSTRAINTS

Following field visits to Craney Island and the Navy Fuel Depot the following constraints were identified:

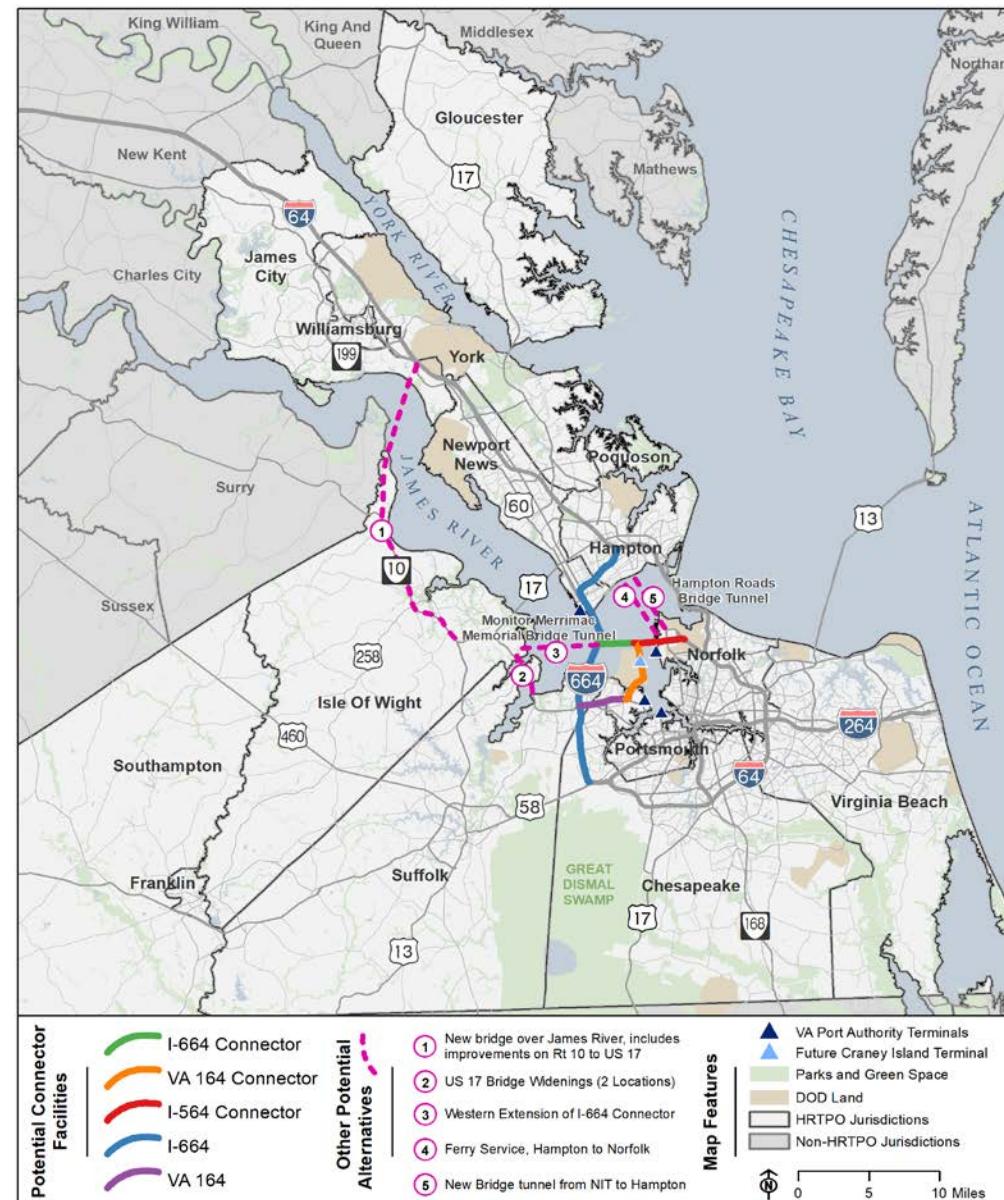
- Craney Island operations and shy distance requirements
- Navy Fuel Depot operations requirements and planned expansion
- City of Portsmouth land fill location and future expansion plans
- Proposed Craney Island Marine Terminal



# POTENTIAL SEGMENTS

Working Group has previously decided that the following potential segments be eliminated from consideration:

- Segment 1 – New bridge over James River, includes improvements to Rte 10 and US 17
- Segment 4 – Ferry service, Hampton to Norfolk
- Segment 5 – New bridge tunnel from NIT to Hampton



# RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Agenda Item 6 – Steering (Policy) Committee selection of segments to be carried forward for evaluation in the Phase 3 Alternatives Development Task



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### PHASE 3 – STUDY COMPLETION

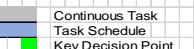
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# Phase 3 - Scope

- Public Engagement
- Alternatives Development
- Alternatives Assessment and Recommendation
- Summary Report

**26-month schedule (Dec 2022)**

# Phase 3 Draft Schedule



# Phase 3 - Deliverables

- Public Engagement Meeting Materials
- Roadway cross sections, alignment plans and costs
- Alternatives Evaluation Matrix
- Summary of Candidate Alternatives
- Scenario Planning Report
- Study Summary Report

# Funding Status (Approved Nov 2019)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget/Cost</u>
Phase 1	\$359,497
Phase 1 - Supplement	\$3,784
Phase 2 - Interim	\$779,199
Phase 2 - Supplement	\$709,637
Phase 2 - Supplement Omission	\$96,746
Phase 3	\$4,062,710
<u>Contract Subtotal (Consultant)</u>	<u>\$6,011,573</u>
Available Contingency (subsequently authorized)	\$80,638
Total Amount (Consultant)	\$6,092,211
RCS Project Coordinator	\$322,000
HRTPO expenses	\$535,756
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$6,949,967</b>

Funded by HRTAC, Administered by HRTPO

# Next Steps

- Determine alternatives (combination of segments)
- Evaluate alternatives
- Recommend alternative



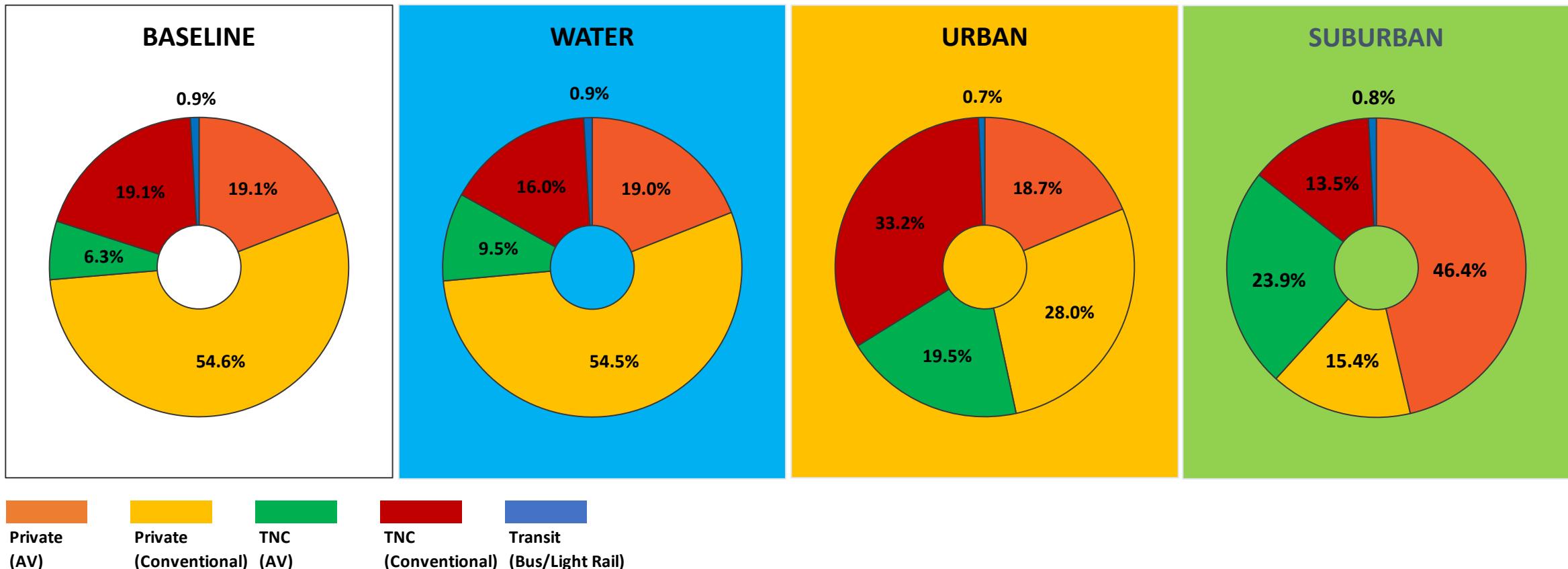
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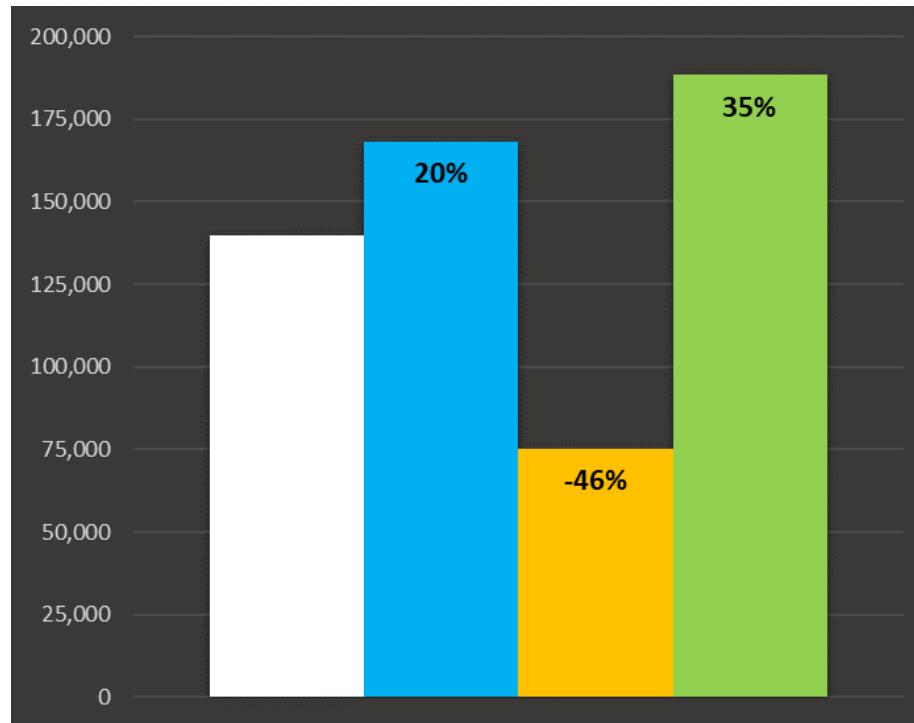
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# Performance of the Freight Network



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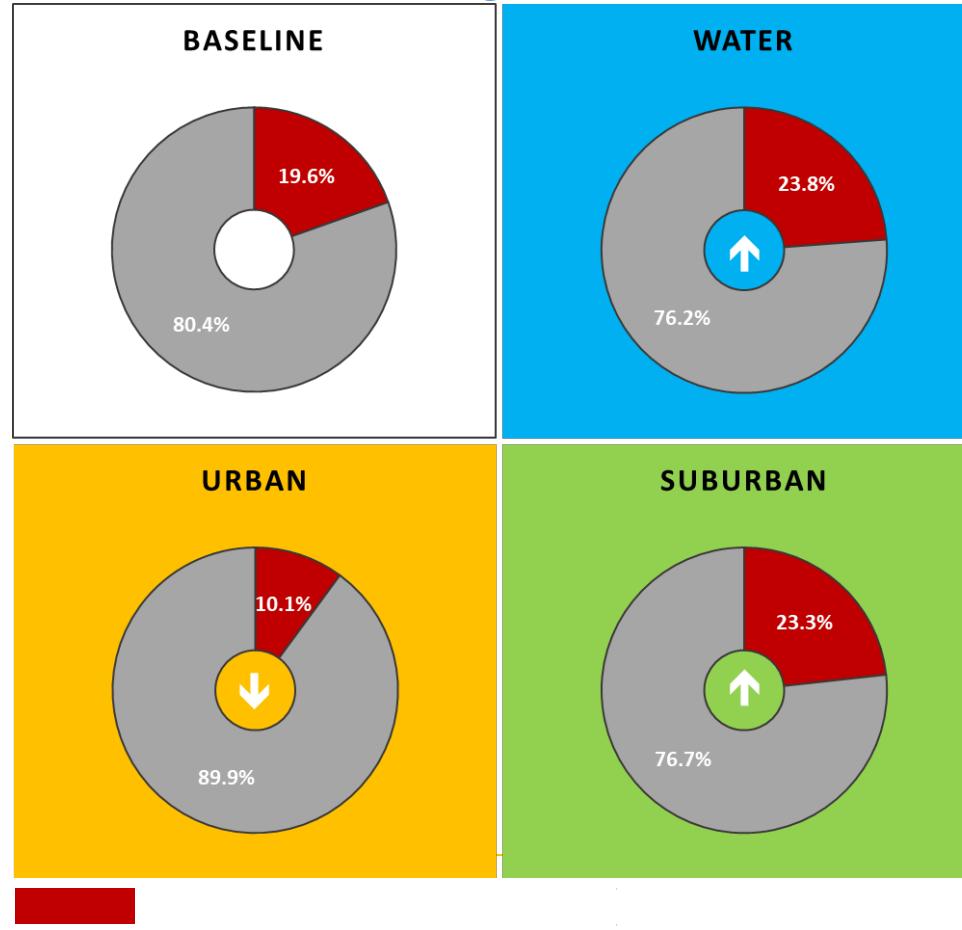
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# Bottlenecks on Military Routes

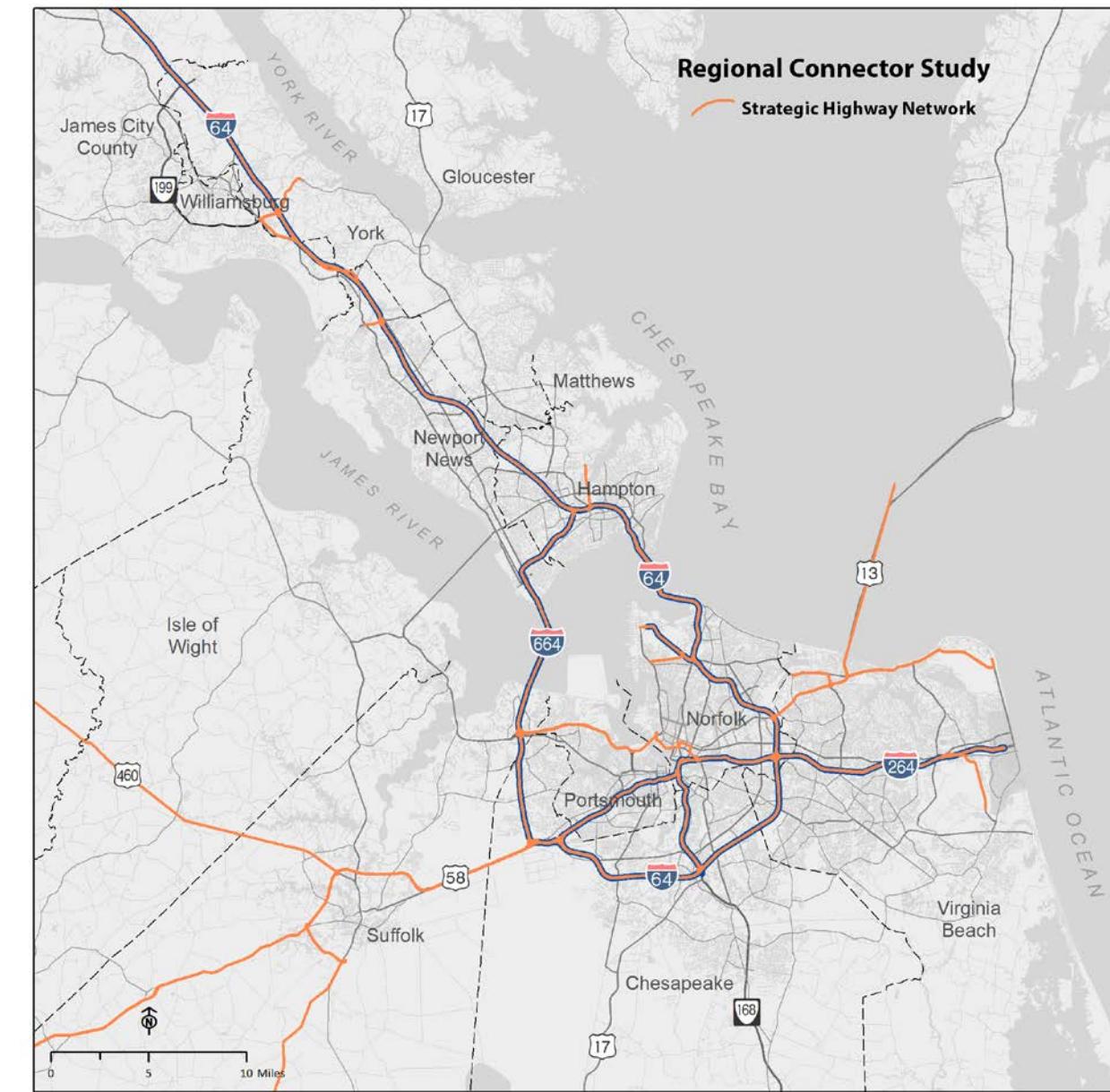


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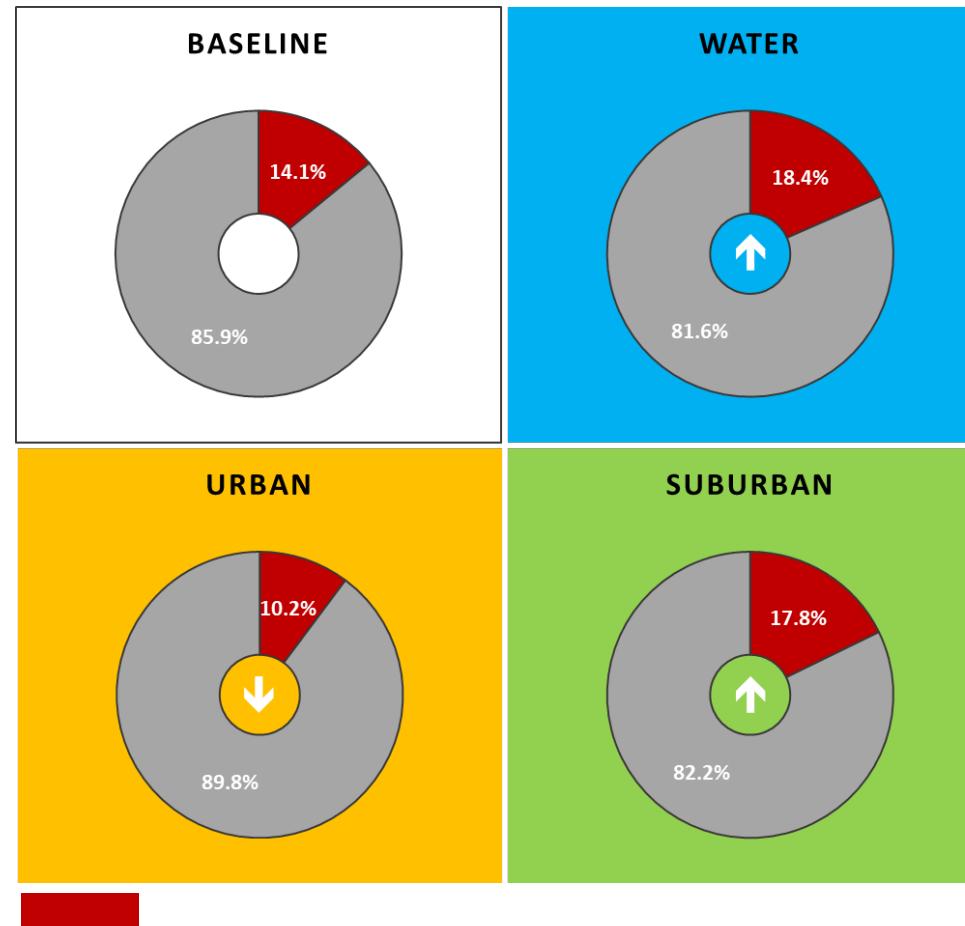
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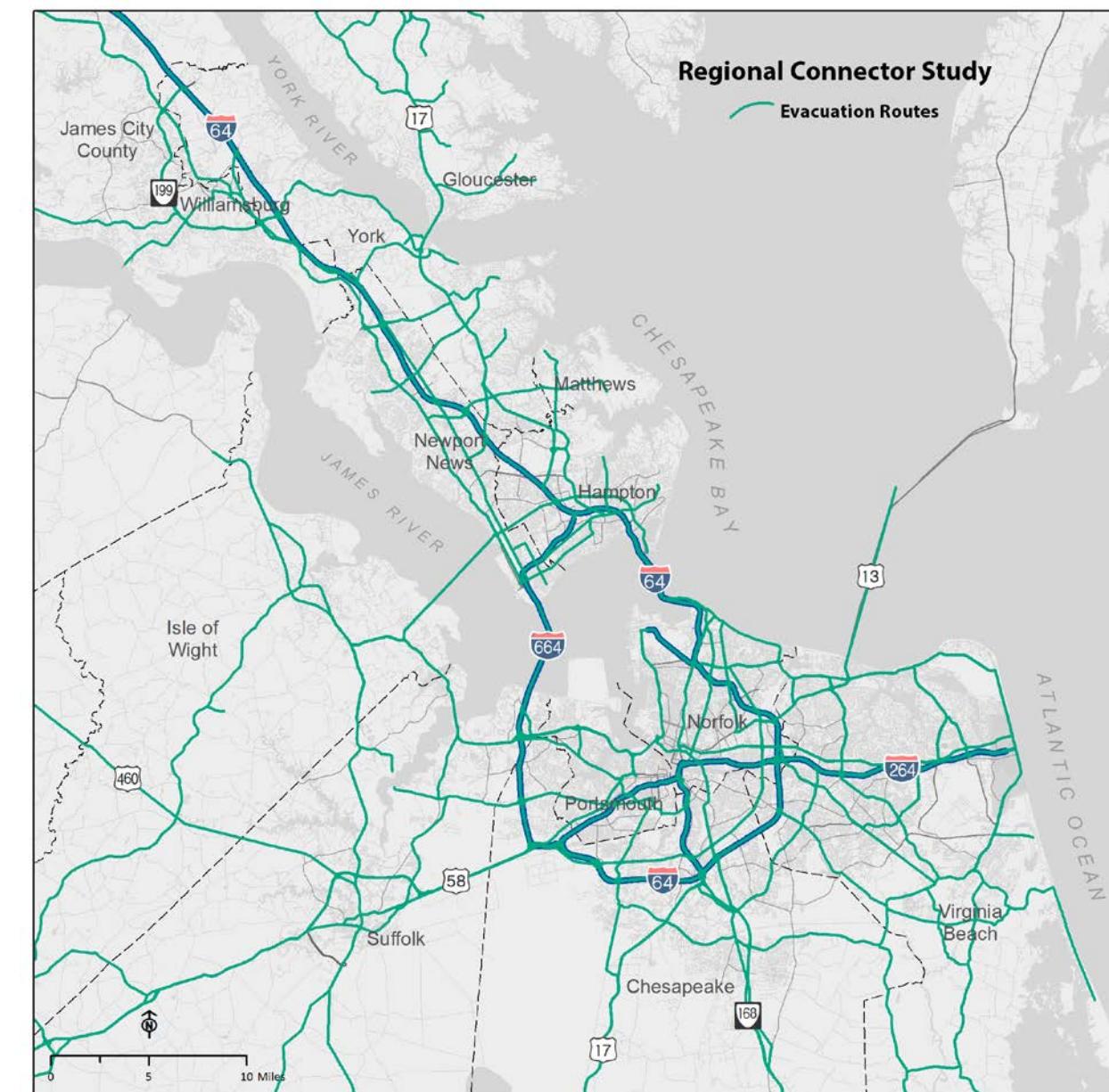


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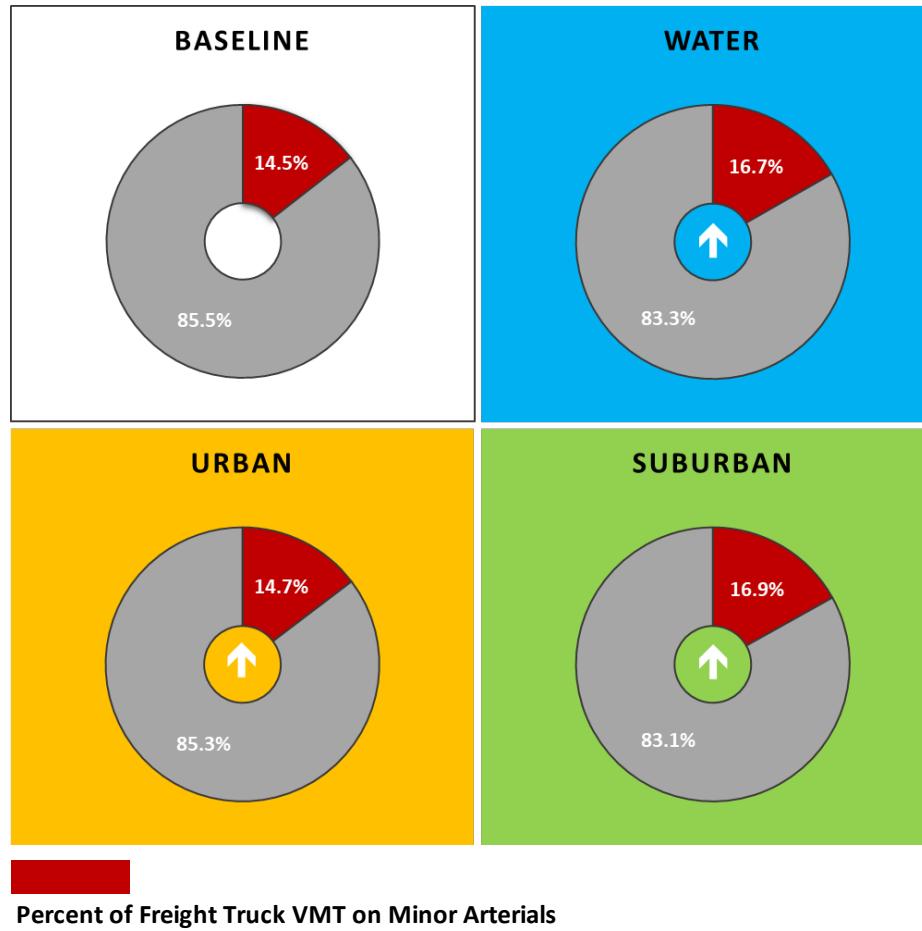
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# Freight Truck Traffic on Secondary Streets



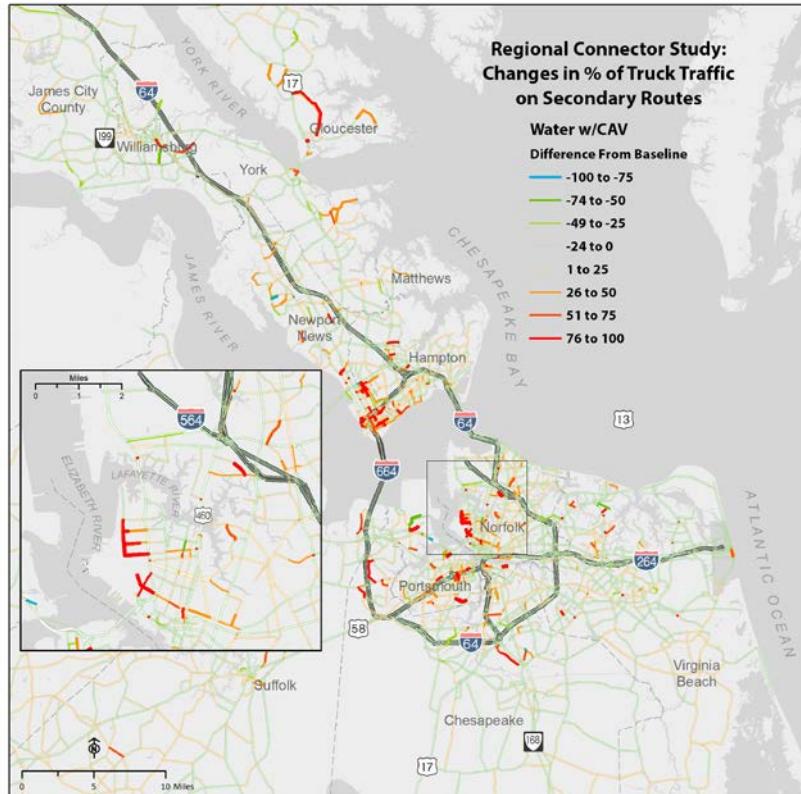
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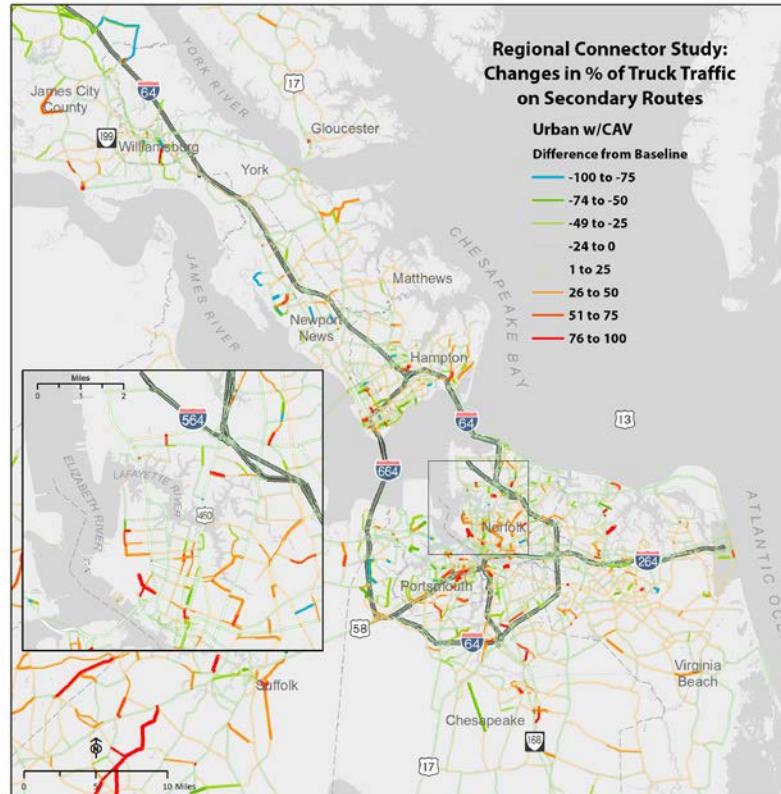
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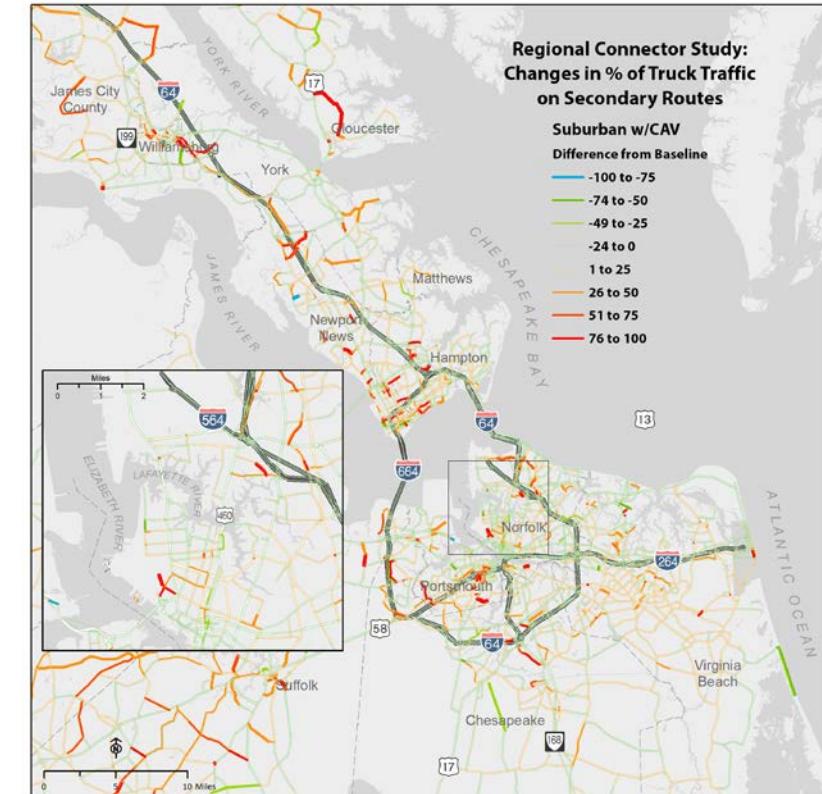
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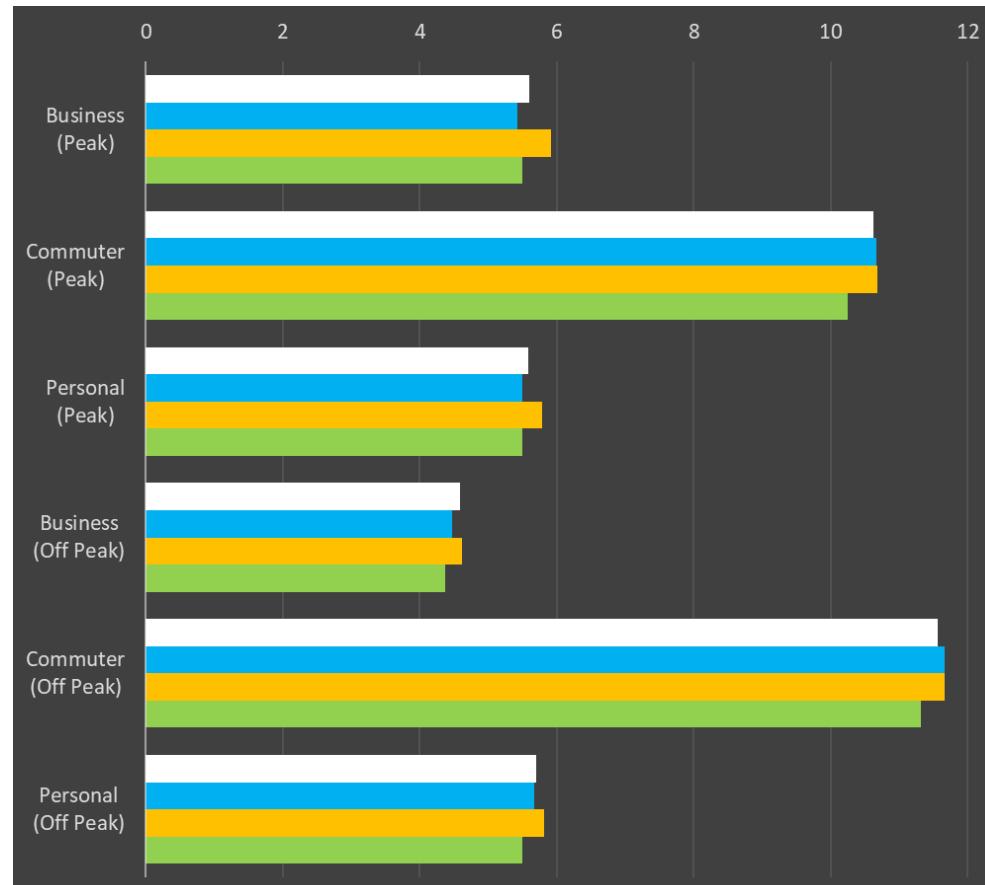


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# Average Trip Length



\* units in miles

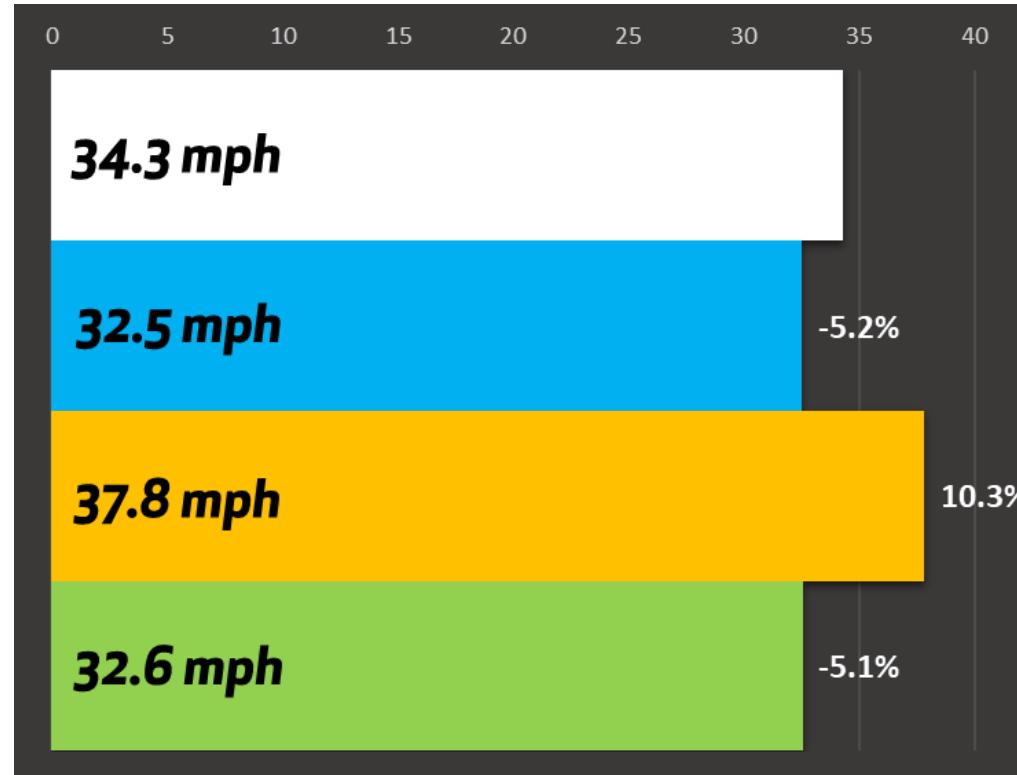
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# Performance of the Transit-Serving Roadway Network



xx % – percent change in average speed compared with 2045 Baseline w/Tech

\* units in miles per hour

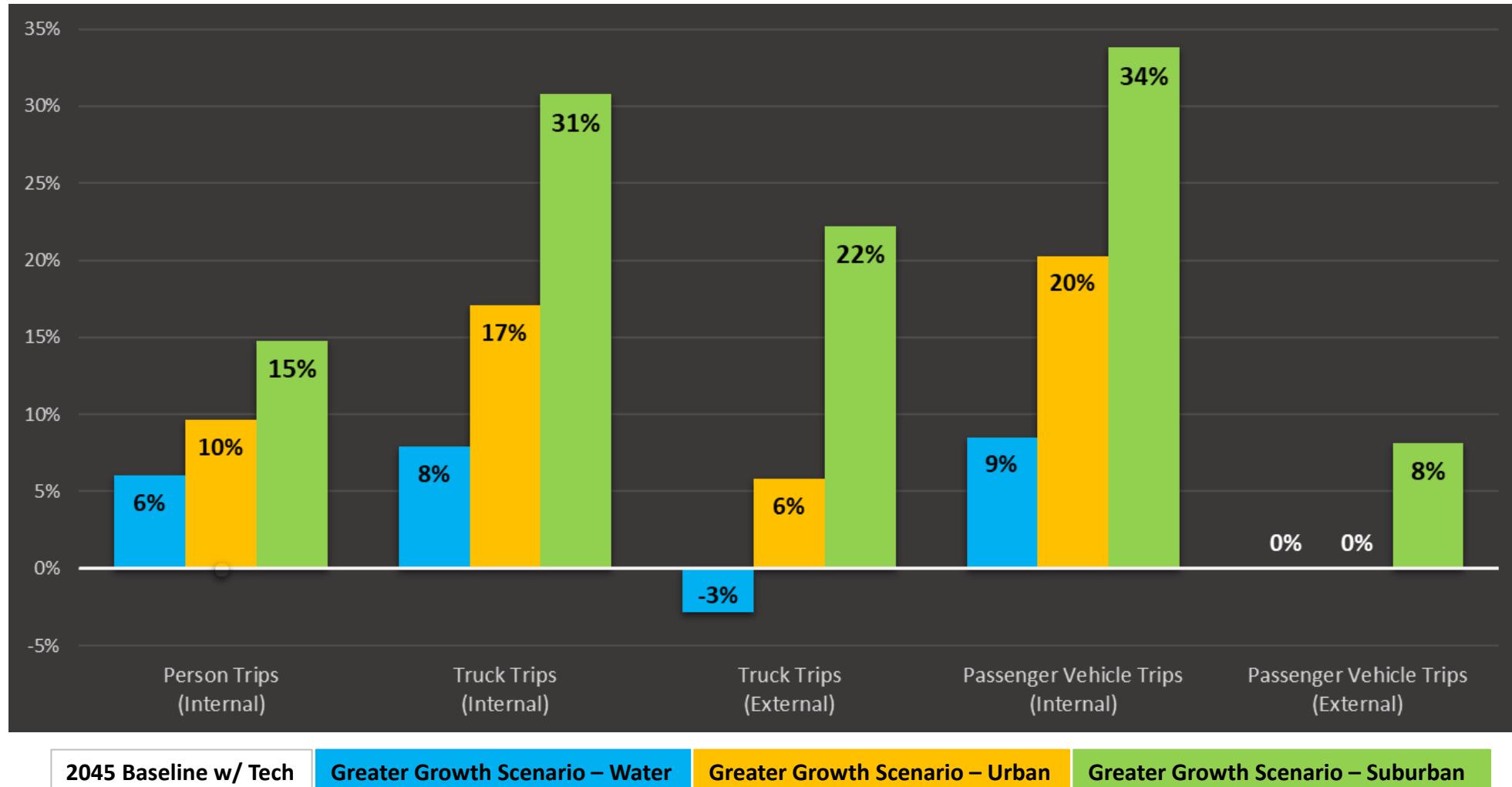
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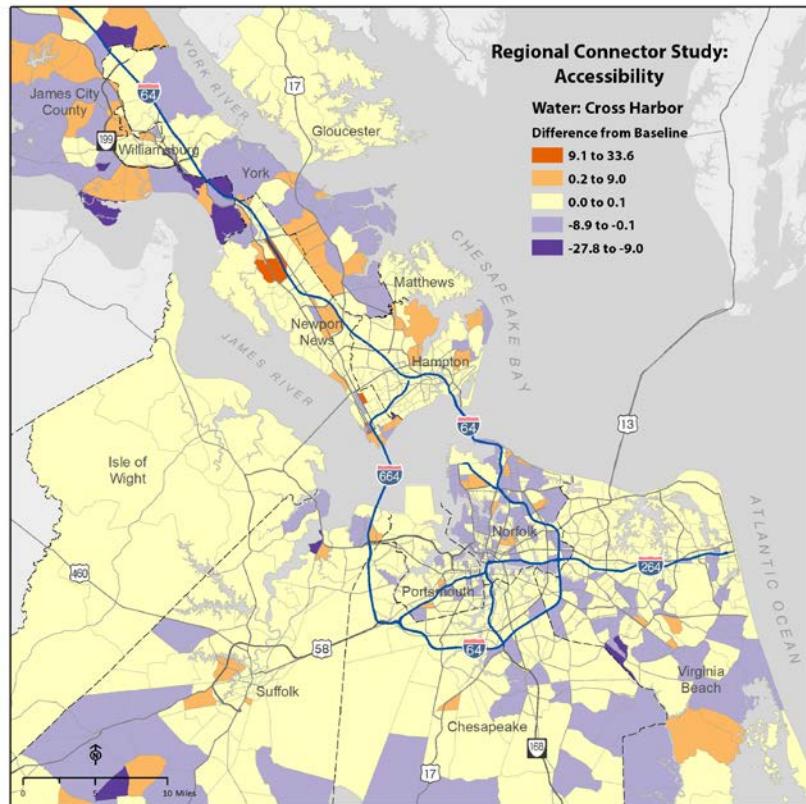
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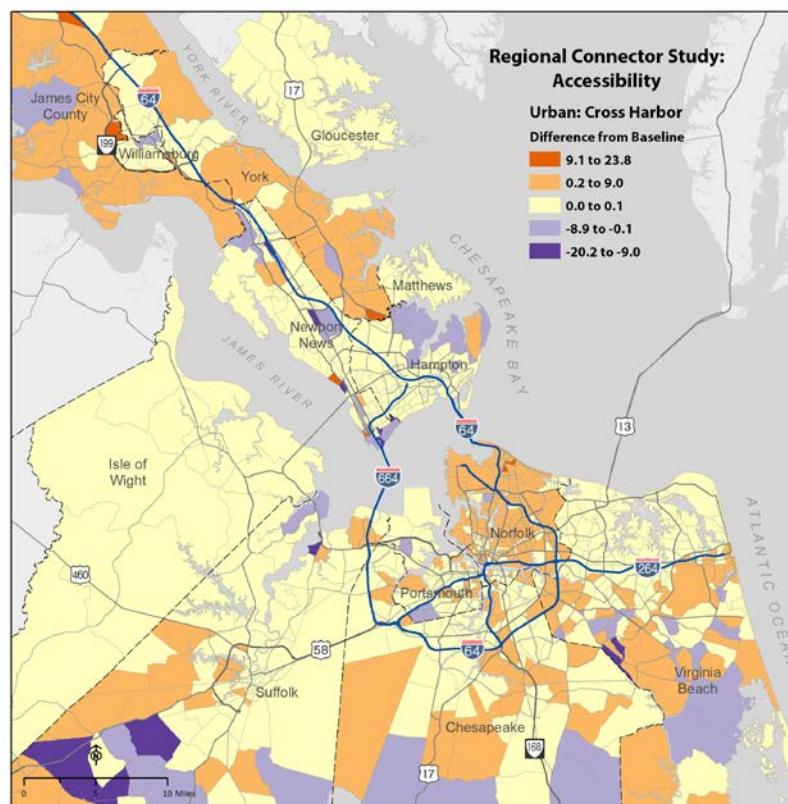
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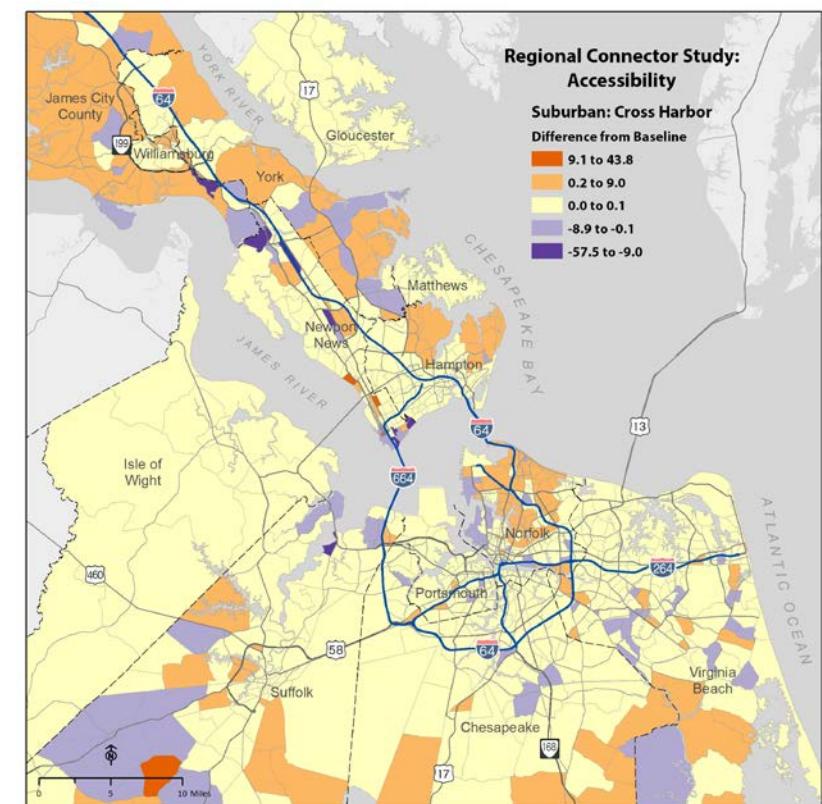
# Cross-Harbor Accessibility



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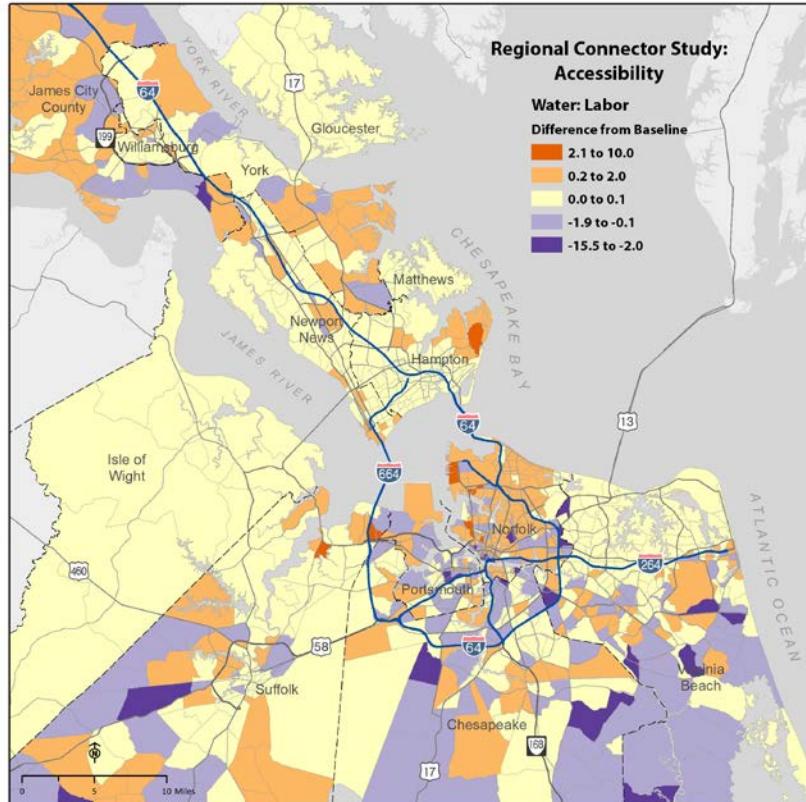


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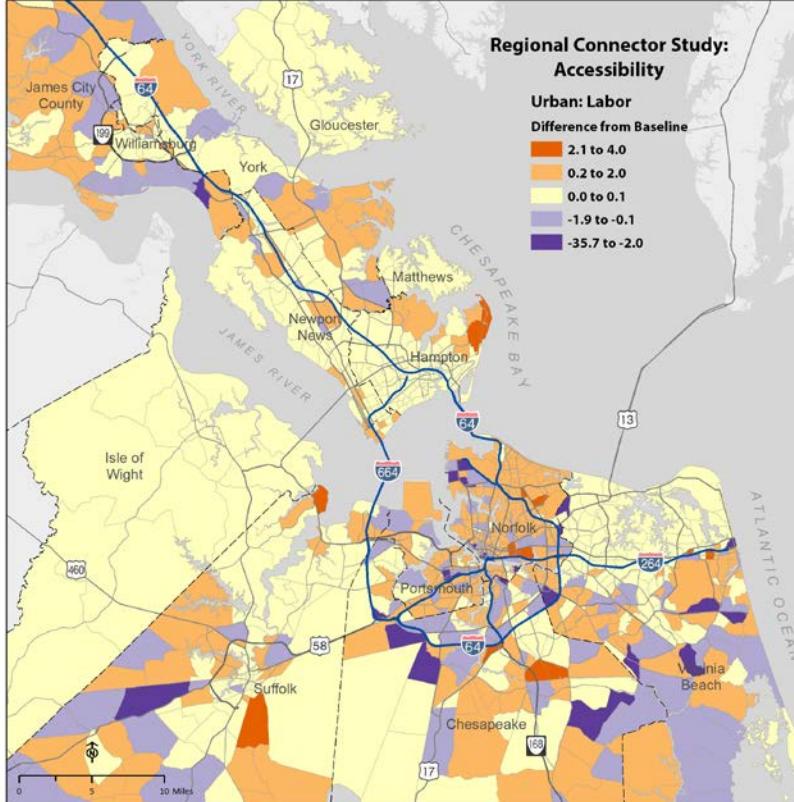


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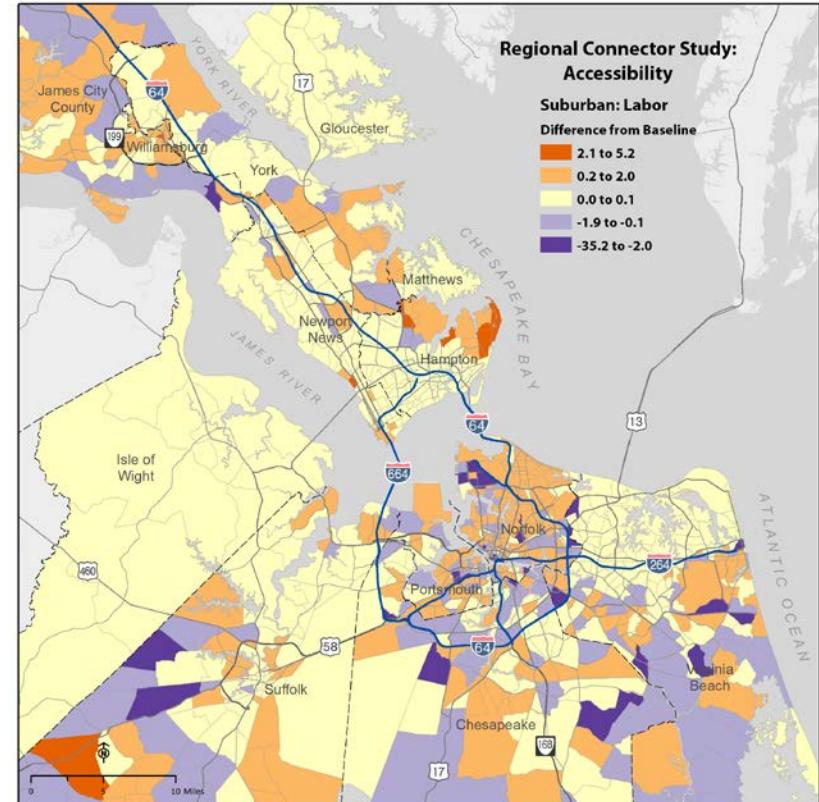
# Labor Accessibility



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