



Paths Connecting to the Virginia Capital Trail



Regional Environmental Committee

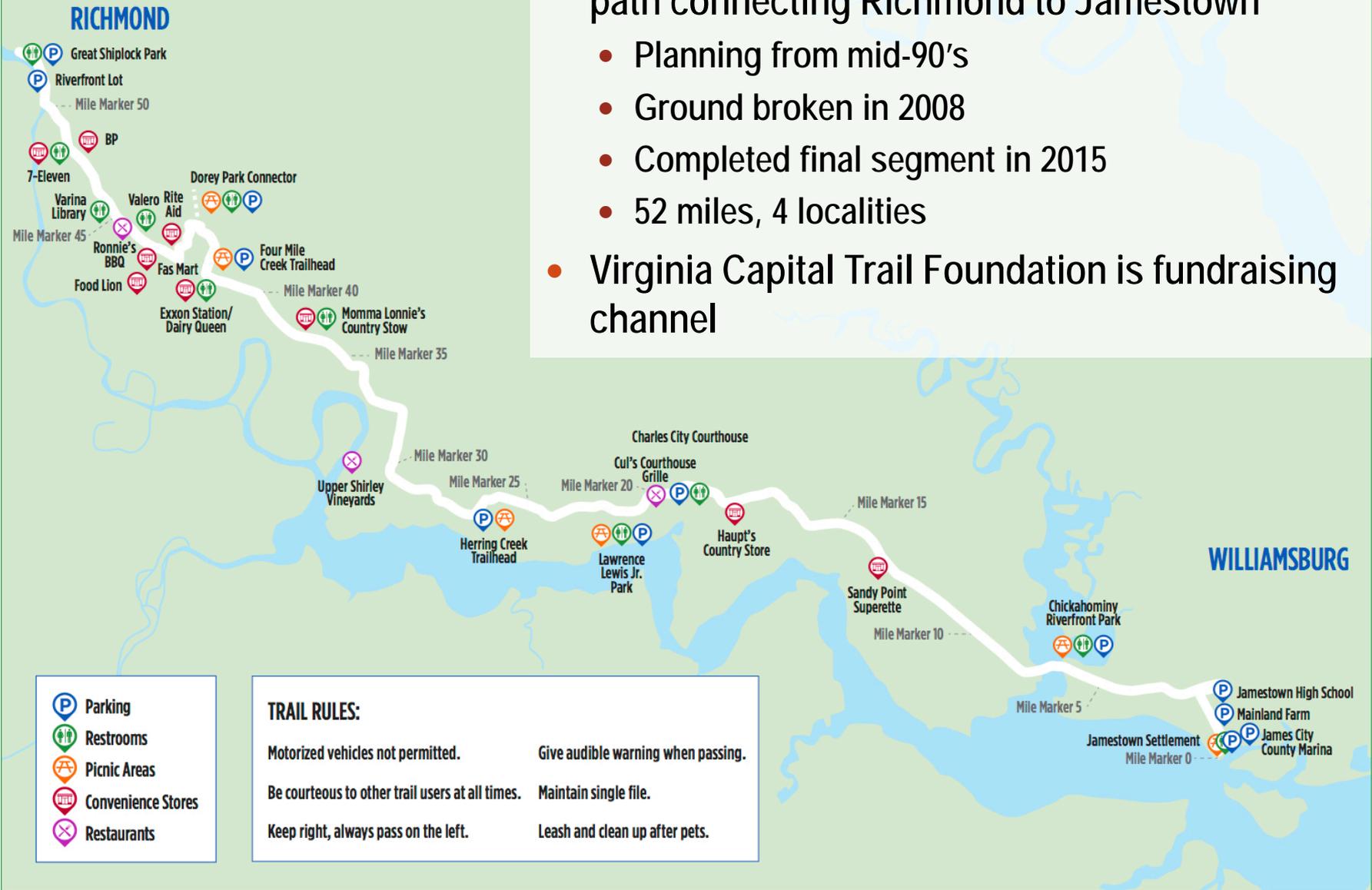
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VIRGINIA CAPITAL TRAIL

VirginiaCapitalTrail.org

- Multi-year effort to develop off-road, multi-use path connecting Richmond to Jamestown
 - Planning from mid-90's
 - Ground broken in 2008
 - Completed final segment in 2015
 - 52 miles, 4 localities
- Virginia Capital Trail Foundation is fundraising channel



Getting Started

- Is a connection to the VCT feasible? What would it take to achieve that?
- HRTPO formed an ad-hoc subcommittee of the TTAC to consider this idea
- Meeting since April 2016
 - Stakeholders: local planners, bicycle advocates, PDC staff, VDOT, VCTF

TTAC Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

- Develop vision for trail
- Identify potential routes
 - Link to existing or proposed trails
 - South Hampton Roads Trail
 - Beaches to Bluegrass
 - East Coast Greenway
 - US Bike Route 76 (TransAmerica Trail)
 - Local trails

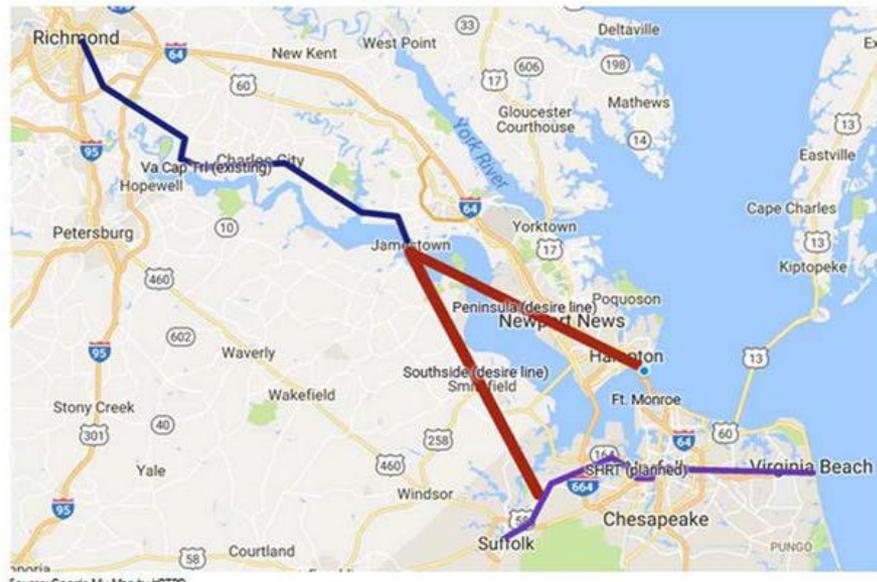
TTAC Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

- Group decided to pursue one alignment for the Peninsula and one for the Southside
- Changed committee name to “Paths Connecting to the Virginia Capital Trail”



Vision Statement

The ad-hoc TTAC committee seeks to develop and achieve the vision of two 30-mile paths connecting the South Hampton Roads Trail and Fort Monroe to Jamestown and the Virginia Capital Trail.



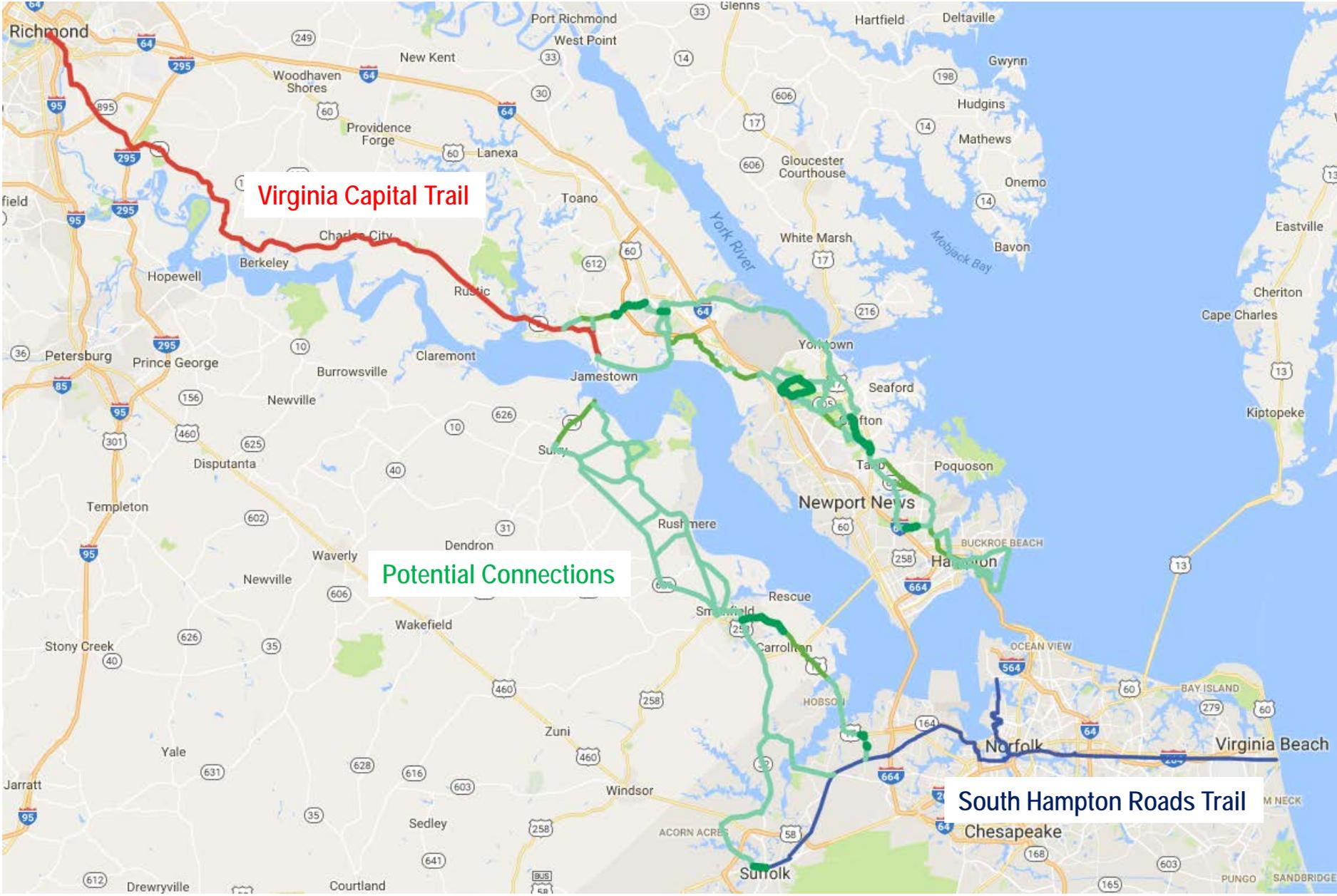
Alignment Study

- VDOT tasked on-call consultant to develop a trail extension analysis, evaluating possible alignments
- Collect existing/planned/proposed trails
- PCVCT committee provided input
 - Strengths, opportunities, aspirations, constraints, options
 - Sketching on maps
- Currently finalizing all input from committee members to develop two major alternative for each path
 - Analyze/prioritize them with several variables

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Potential Connections

South Hampton Roads Trail



Alignment Study

- Next up: Developing a public input process
 - Preliminary survey
 - Destination-based
- No name chosen yet
- Final report – July 2017

More Info

- <http://hrtpo.org/page/paths-connecting-to-the-va.-capital-trail/>
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