Revamping VTrans' Project Selection & Prioritization Processes Update

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Agenda



- Review
- Overview of Current Processes / System
- VPSP2 Why are we doing it and what is it?
- VPSP2 Goals
- Project Overview
 - ✓ What has been done to date
- Reflection
 - ✓ Issues we've heard
- Future Direction







- Provide an update on Core Team activities.
- Develop your understanding of how the proposed processes will work.
- Receive feedback and comments, answer any questions.



Start with the End in Mind



- Update Legislature 2019
- Begin consideration of draft legislative language to support new processes, vet with stakeholders.
- Pilot the FY20 & FY21 Capital Program.
- Operational for FY22 Capital Program.



Let's Take a Step Back - Current System

Pavement Programs		Bridge Programs		Roadway Program		Traffic and Safety Program	
Regional Priority	20	Regional Priority	15	Regional Priority	20	Regional Priority	20
Pavement Condition Index	20	Bridge Condition	30	Hwy Sufficiency Rating	40	Intersection Capacity (LOS)	40
Benefit-Cost	60	Remaining Life	10	Cost per Vehicle Mile	20	Crash Rate	20
		Functionality	5	Project Momentum	20	Cost per Intersection Traffic Volume (AADT)	20
		Load Capacity and Use	15			Project Momentum	10
		Waterway Adequacy & Scour Susceptibility	10				
		Project Momentum	5				
		Asset-Benefit Cost	10				
Total	100		100		100		110

Why are we doing this?



- Asset-centric programs are using different criteria and different weights for similar criteria.
- Increasing demand for new projects with no defined project selection processes. FAQ – "How do we get a project on to the Capital Program?"
- 11 RPCs with 11 different methodologies.
- Focusing on selecting the right projects at the right time.



VPSP2 – What is it?



<u>Performance based</u> and <u>data driven</u> project selection and prioritization framework.



VPSP2 – What is it?



Review/Revamp/Revise the current processes to;

- Identify and define how ideas for transportation improvements can become transportation projects.
- Take advantage of "harmonization" opportunities to address transportation needs to deliver increased value through our transportation projects.



VPSP2 – Goals



- Develop a fair, consistent, reliable and standardized project selection and prioritization framework.
- Ensure alignment with statewide vision, goals, and objectives and national performance goals.
- Communicate "transportation" value and provide "best value" to our taxpayers.
- Move toward holistic corridor management & planning.



What have we been doing?



- Engaged a diverse group of stakeholders across the 5 modes.
- Developed set of 8 evaluation criteria based on current RPC focus areas, VTrans Strategic Plan, & Legislative direction.
- Weighted the 8 criteria in order of stakeholder importance.
- Transparent process to share project "scores".



Remember....



- 5 Modes: Highways, Walkways/Paths/Trails (WPT), Rail, Aviation, & Transit
- 8 Evaluation Criteria: Safety Mobility / Connectivity

Asset Condition

Resiliency

Community

Environment

Economic Access

Health Access







Evaluation Criteria	Actual Weighting	Final Weighting	
Safety	19.0%	20 %	
Asset Condition	16.2%	20 %	
Mobility & Connectivity	13.6%	15 %	
Economic Access	12.3%	10 %	
Resiliency	11.9%	10 %	
Community	10.8%	10 %	
Environment	9.1%	10 %	
Health Access	7.2%	5 %	



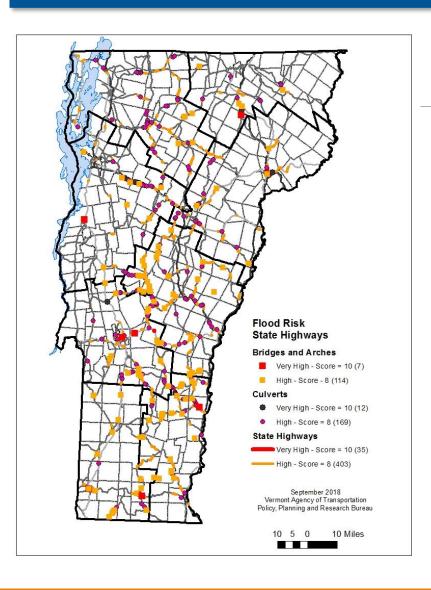
What else have we been doing?



- Developing performance measures to support evaluation criteria for the 5 modes (Highways, Walkways, Paths & Trails, Transit, Rail, and Aviation).
- Developing rules and processes to provide guidance on how we will execute project selection and prioritization moving forward.
- Considering the use of effective terminology.



Statewide Prioritization for Flood Resilience



Transportation Project Prioritization & Selection Criteria





Flood Resilience Scoring Framework

		Criticality Medium- 6 (.025 to 0.07)	Low - 2	Not Critical - o (< o.ooo7)
Flood Vulnerability High - 10 (Maxscore 9 and 10)	10	8	6	5
Vulnerability Medium - 6 (Maxsore 5-8)	8	6	4	3
Vulnerability Low - 2 (Maxscore 1-4)	6	4	2	1
Not Vulnerable - o	5	3	1	0

5 Paths to the Capital Program



- Asset Driven 80% system driven, 20% Regional Input
- Safety Driven Internally & Externally Driven and Short and Long-term Solutions.
- Grants Based i.e., Bike/Ped, Transportation Alternatives
- Regionally Driven Locally Driven (Ideas –> Needs –> Projects)
- Harmonization Moving towards holistic corridor management



How do you increase transportation value?

HARMONIZATION



Harmonization

- Harmonization is about looking around our project surroundings and understanding what other benefits can be returned back to the taxpayers for a minimum level of investment.
- Harmonization considers the type of work and the timing of the delivery of the work to the public.
- •VTrans' won't be able to do "everything" and needs to be strategic in applying and implementing harmonization concepts.



Harmonizing Process - Legend

Asset Driven

Safety Driven

Modernization & Expansion



Pvmt: Resurfacing



Pvmt: Level & Overlay



New Bridge



Bridge Rehab



Culvert Replacement



Culvert Lining



Resurface RR crossing



Guard Rail, Line Striping, Signs



Signal Upgrades



Intersection Improvements



Improve School Crossings



Pedestrian Improvements



Upgrade RR crossings



Pvmt: Reclaim



New Pedestrian Bridge



New Sidewalk



New Turn Lanes & Signals



Construct Gravel Wetland



New Stormwater Det. Pond



Park/Ride Facility Upgrades



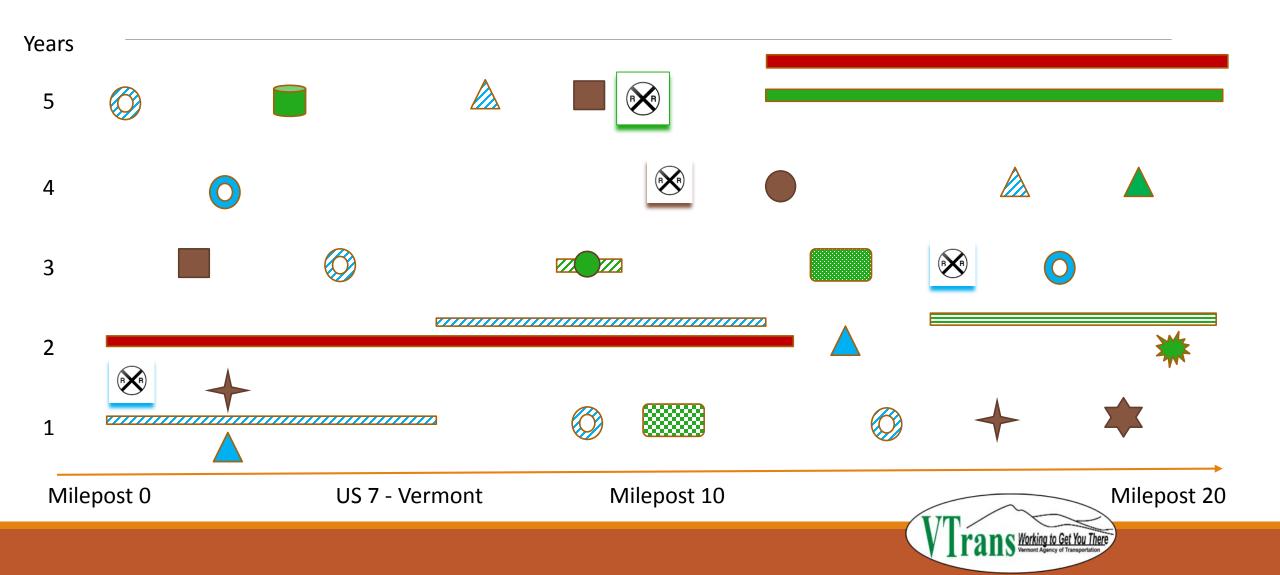
New Multimodal Facility



Lower RR tracks

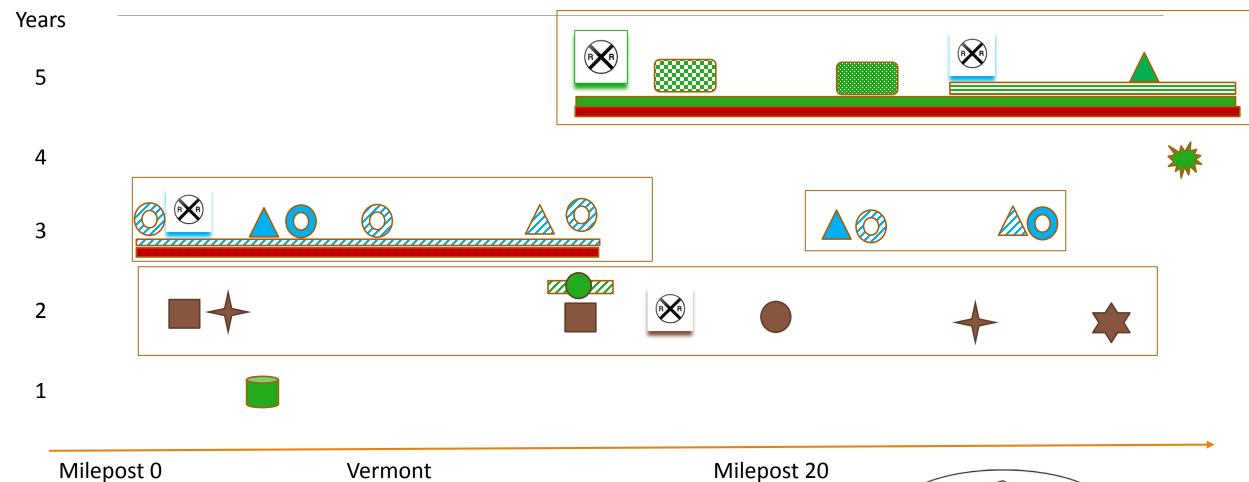
Harmonizing Process

Before Harmony



Harmonizing Process

After Harmony





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What else have we been doing?

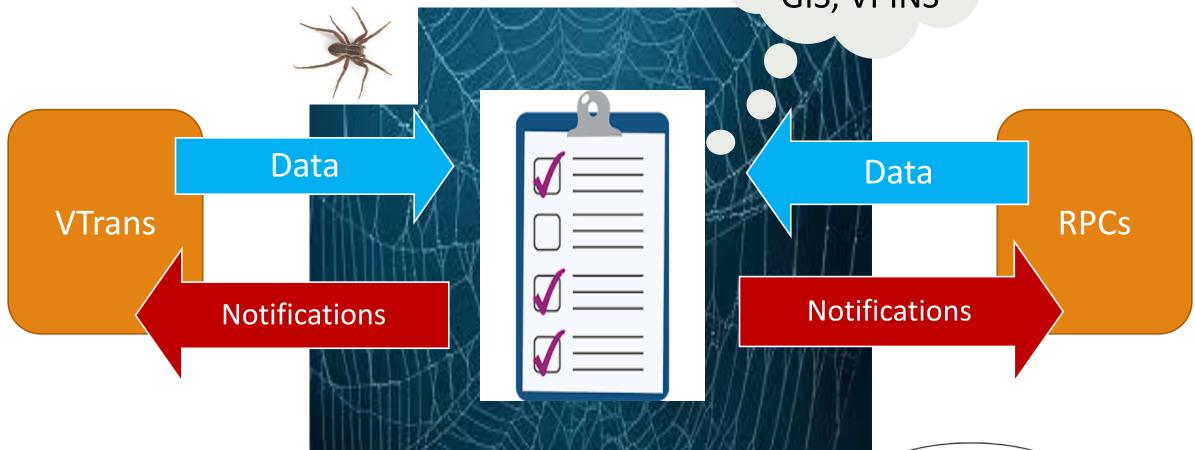


- Examining ways to communicate and ensure Regional Balance (geographic equity).
- Developing an on-line tool to assist and guide VTrans & RPC personnel to assess each project's transportation value.
- Working with internal teams to develop modal specific workbooks.
- Providing communication and updates



How will this work?

Automatic Data Imports GIS, VPINS



Work Left To Do



- Communication & Outreach (Training & Support)
 - Stakeholder updates
- Finalize and document new processes and process changes
- Pilot the new processes and compare to existing
- Achieve concurrence from RPCs
- Draft legislative language



Questions?





