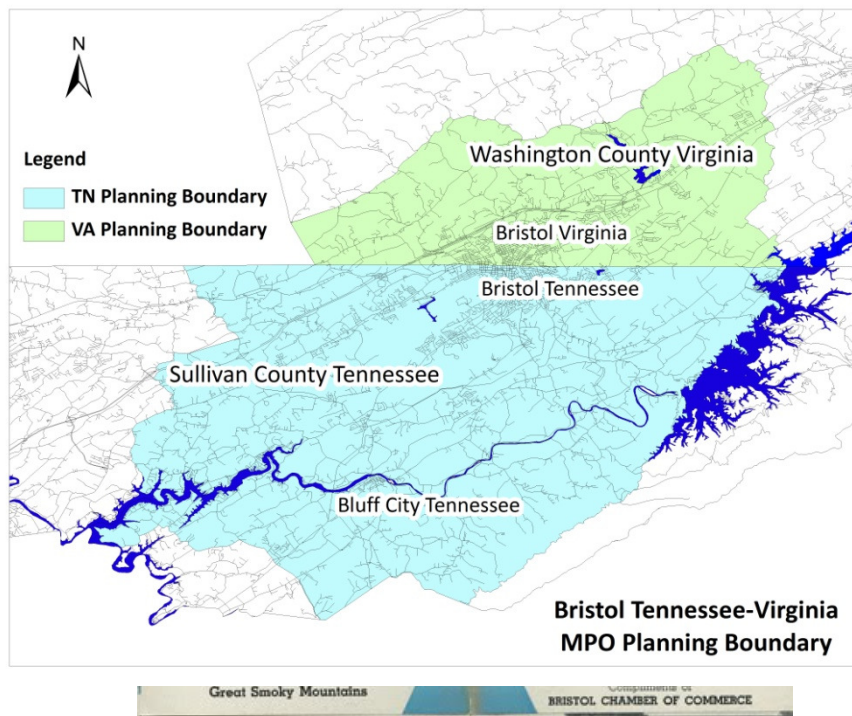


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At a Glance ...

- Bristol MPO was established in 1982.
- Bi-state MPO.
- Member Jurisdictions:
 - Bristol, VA.
 - Washington County, VA. (part)
 - Bristol, TN
 - Bluff City, TN
 - Sullivan County, TN. (part)
- Population of the current planning region approximately 90,000.

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At a Glance ...

- Corridors of Statewide significance, I-81, Route 11, and Route 58.
- Class I Railroad, Norfolk Southern Railway.
- Urban area served by Bristol Virginia Transit and Bristol Tennessee Transit. Rural area transit provided by District III Cooperative Government.
- Currently attainment status for air quality.
- Bristol Long-Range Transportation Plan Year 2035 was adopted in 2011. Next transportation plan update due in 2015.

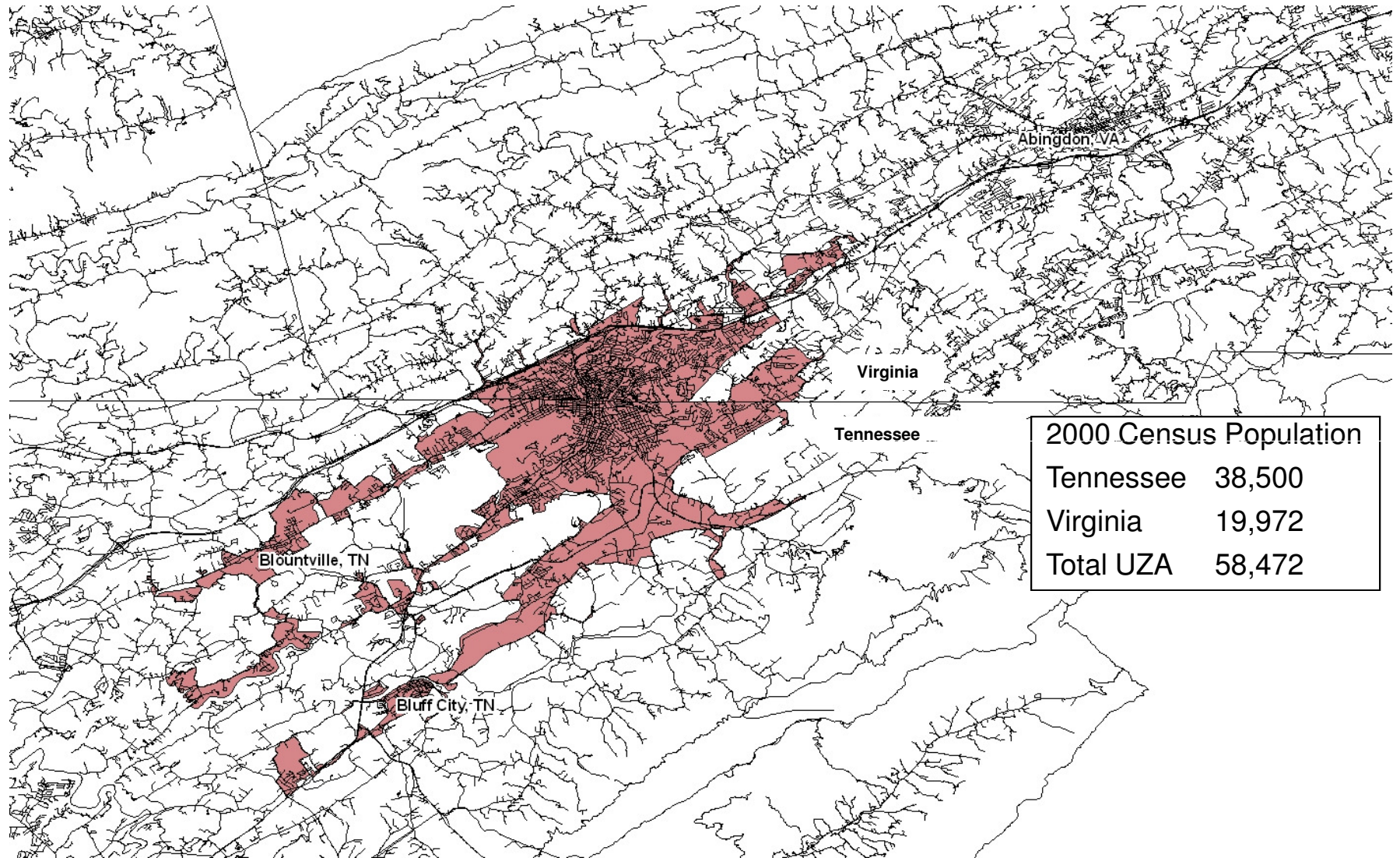


Census 2010 Urbanized Area Designations

- Significance of Urbanized Area (UZA) Designation
 - Requirement for establishing an MPO (UZA population greater than 50,000).
 - The UZA is the basis for defining the MPO's planning boundary.
 - Many Federal and State funding allocations are based on the UZA population.

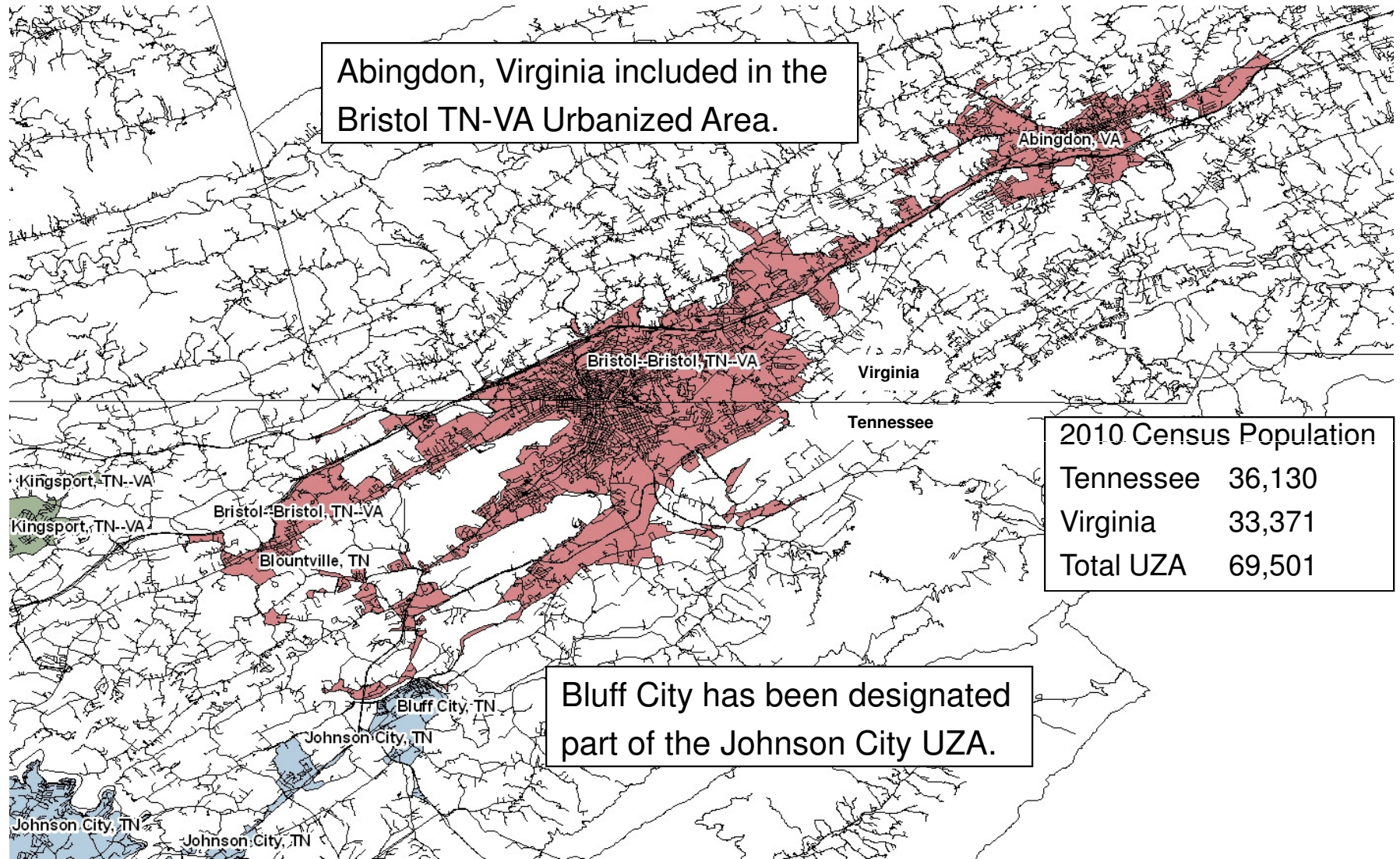
- Census 2010 Bristol Tennessee-Virginia Urbanized Area
 - Census 2000 UZA population 58,472.
 - Census 2010 UZA population 69,501.
 - Represents an 18.9% growth in population.
 - Significant impacts to the geography of the MPO planning area.

Census 2000 Bristol, TN–VA Urbanized Area



Census 2010 Bristol, TN-VA Urbanized Area

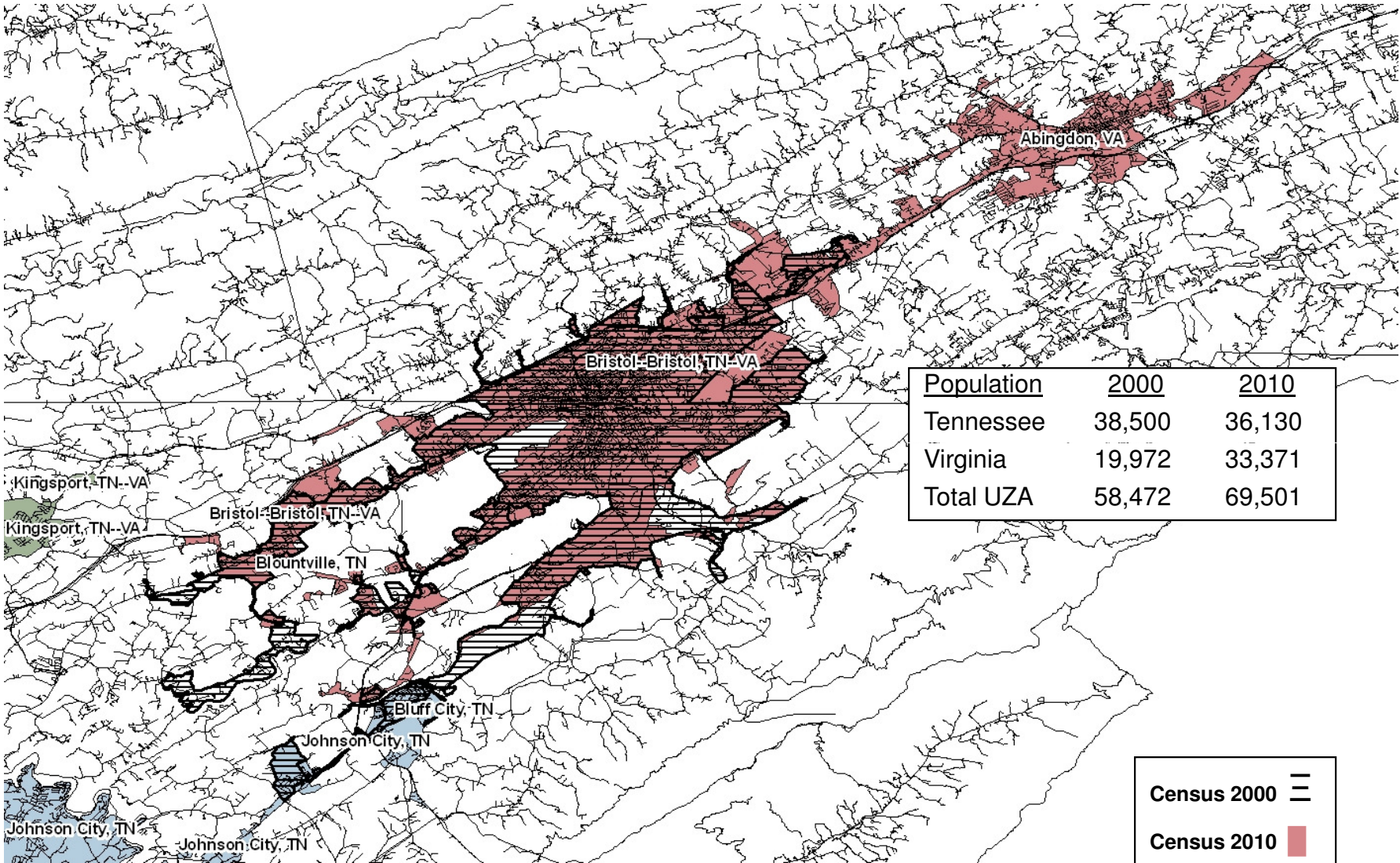
Abingdon, Virginia included in the Bristol TN-VA Urbanized Area.



2010 Census Population	
Tennessee	36,130
Virginia	33,371
Total UZA	69,501

Bluff City has been designated part of the Johnson City UZA.

Bristol, TN–VA Urbanized Area



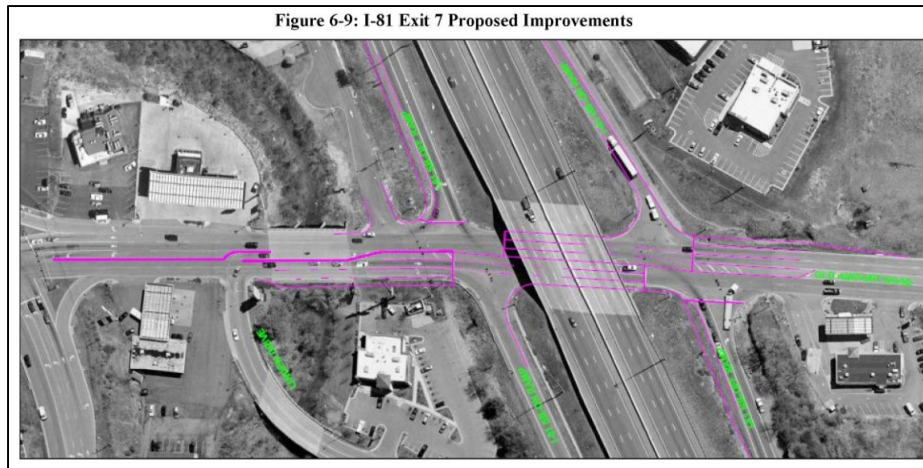
Census 2010 Urbanized Area Designations

- What's Next:
 - Coordination with State and local officials for establishing the MPO's Metropolitan Planning Boundary (At a minimum, the MPO planning boundary must include the entire urbanized area).
 - Reorganization of the MPO Executive Board and Technical Staff, MPO Prospectus, and By-laws.
 - Revisions to the Federal Functional Classification of Highways, and other Federally required planning documents.

- Timeframe for boundary adjustments:
 - Next required update of the long-range transportation plan, or
 - Four years from the Federal Register Notice (whichever is sooner).

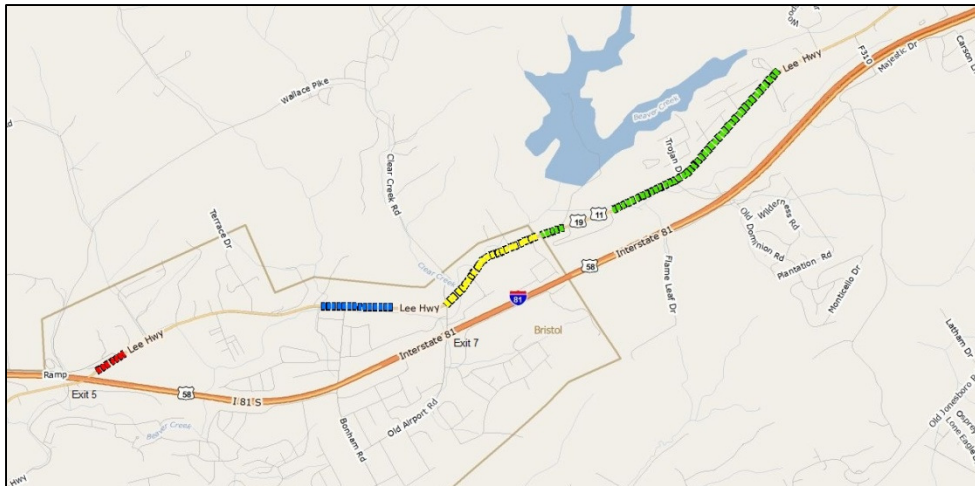
Existing Projects in the SYIP

- Interstate 81:
 - Bristol City – Interchange improvements at Exit 7
Scope: Reconstruction and added capacity.



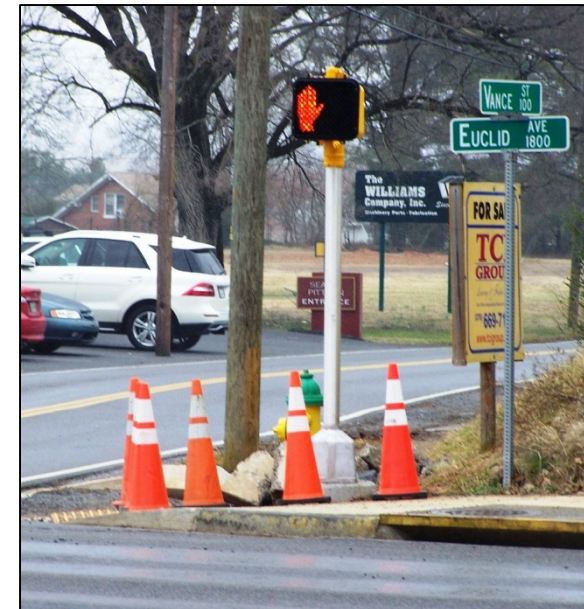
Existing Projects in the SYIP

- Route 11 (Lee Highway):
 - Scope: Reconstruction and added capacity
 - Bristol City – Island Rd (Exit 5) to Flannagan Dr (PE Only)
 - Bristol City – Alexis Dr to Old Airport Rd (PE Only)
 - Bristol City – Old Airport Road to N. City Limit
 - Washington Co. – North City Limits to Exit 10 (PE Only)



Existing Projects in the SYIP

- Highway Safety Improvement Program:
 - Scope: Bristol City – Signal upgrades
 - Euclid Ave and Vance Dr (under construction)
 - Commonwealth Ave and Euclid Ave
 - Lee Hwy and Valley Dr
 - Lee Hwy and Bonham Rd



Existing Projects in the SYIP

- Bonham Rd/Linden Dr and Lee Hwy/Alexis Dr:
 - Scope: Bristol City – Signalization and relocation of Lee Hwy/Alexis Dr intersection.



- Bristol Virginia Transit:
 - Rolling stock replacement.

Existing Projects in the SYIP



- Enhancement Grants
 - Historic Bristol Train Depot renovation
 - Decorative street lights in downtown Bristol



Priority Project Needs

- Route 11 (Lee Highway)
 - ROW and construction funding for on-going phases.
 - Project development for the Route 11 segment in Bristol not included in the current SYIP.
 - Continuation of Lee Highway improvements in Washington County to Abingdon.



Multimodal Project Needs

- Public Transportation

- Operating and capital assistance for the urban and rural transit providers.
- Capital funding for route expansion on the Lee Highway corridor.



- Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities

- Continue the inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian improvements with all construction/reconstruction projects, where feasible.

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***Thank You
Questions?***



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