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# SMART SCALE Typology Change Request

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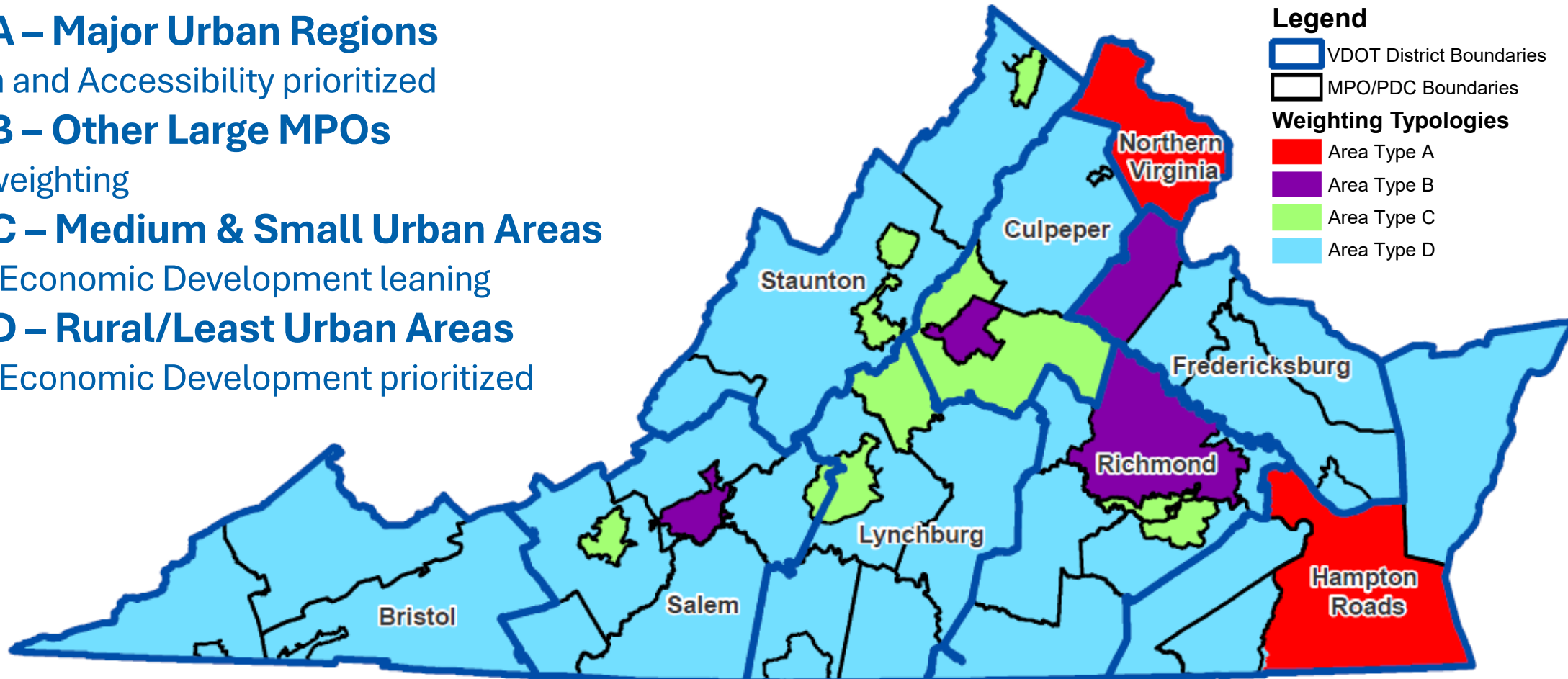


# Typology Background

- **Code of Virginia, § 33.2-214.1, requires the SMART SCALE prioritization process to consider different factor weightings by location (at a minimum, the district-level)**
- **Acknowledges the different needs and geography across the Commonwealth**
- **Several typology options were considered by the CTB, including:**
  - District-based weighting of factors (9 different area types)
  - Urban and rural weighting of factors (18 different area types)
  - PDC and MPO-based weighting of factors (35 different area types)
- **Staff recommended 4-6 typologies based on analysis of relevant factors across the Commonwealth, including population growth, density, safety, economic performance, and pollution**
  - Ultimately, four area types were adopted, and MPOs and PDCs collaborated on which of the four they would like to apply within their boundaries

# Current Typology

- **Area Type A – Major Urban Regions**  
Congestion and Accessibility prioritized
- **Area Type B – Other Large MPOs**  
Balanced weighting
- **Area Type C – Medium & Small Urban Areas**  
Safety and Economic Development leaning
- **Area Type D – Rural/Least Urban Areas**  
Safety and Economic Development prioritized



# Typology Change Request

- **Process to Change Typology**

1. Applicant Initiated
2. OIPI receives a formal request to change the Area Type.
  - Resolution of Support from the MPO or PDC is required
3. Request is presented to and acted on by the CTB

- **Historically, there have been three adopted changes**

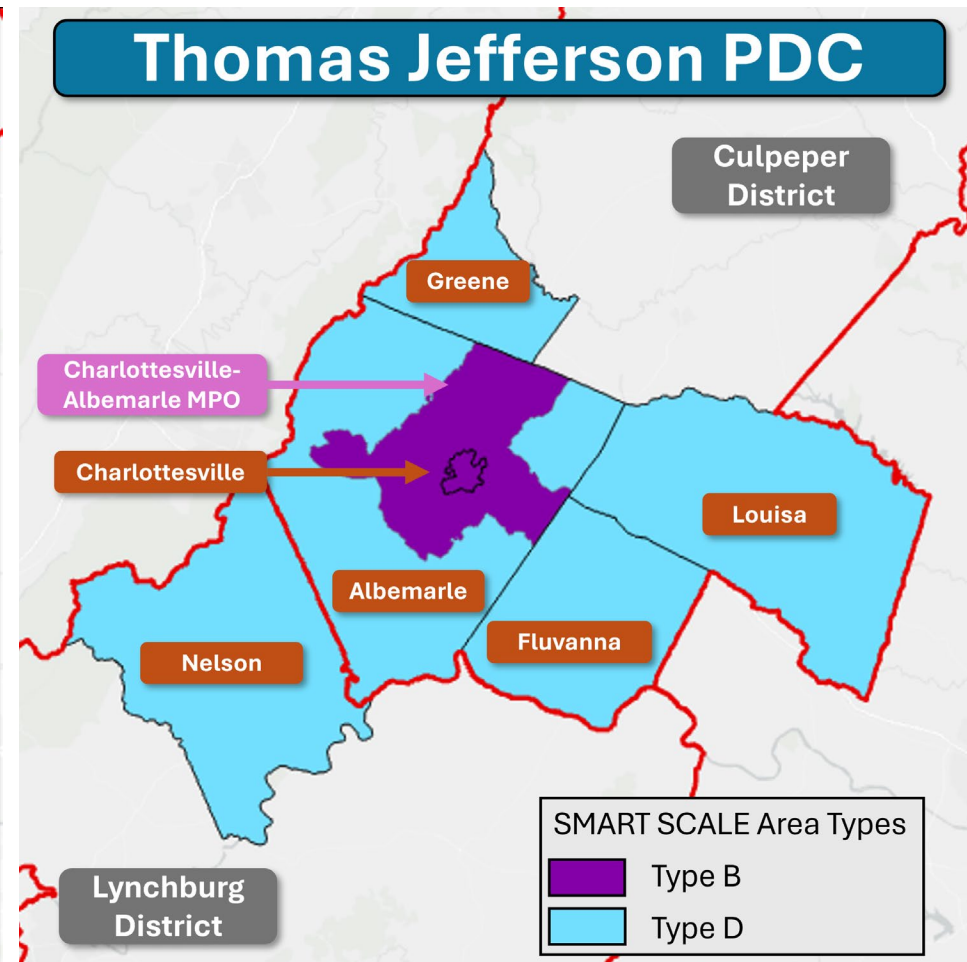
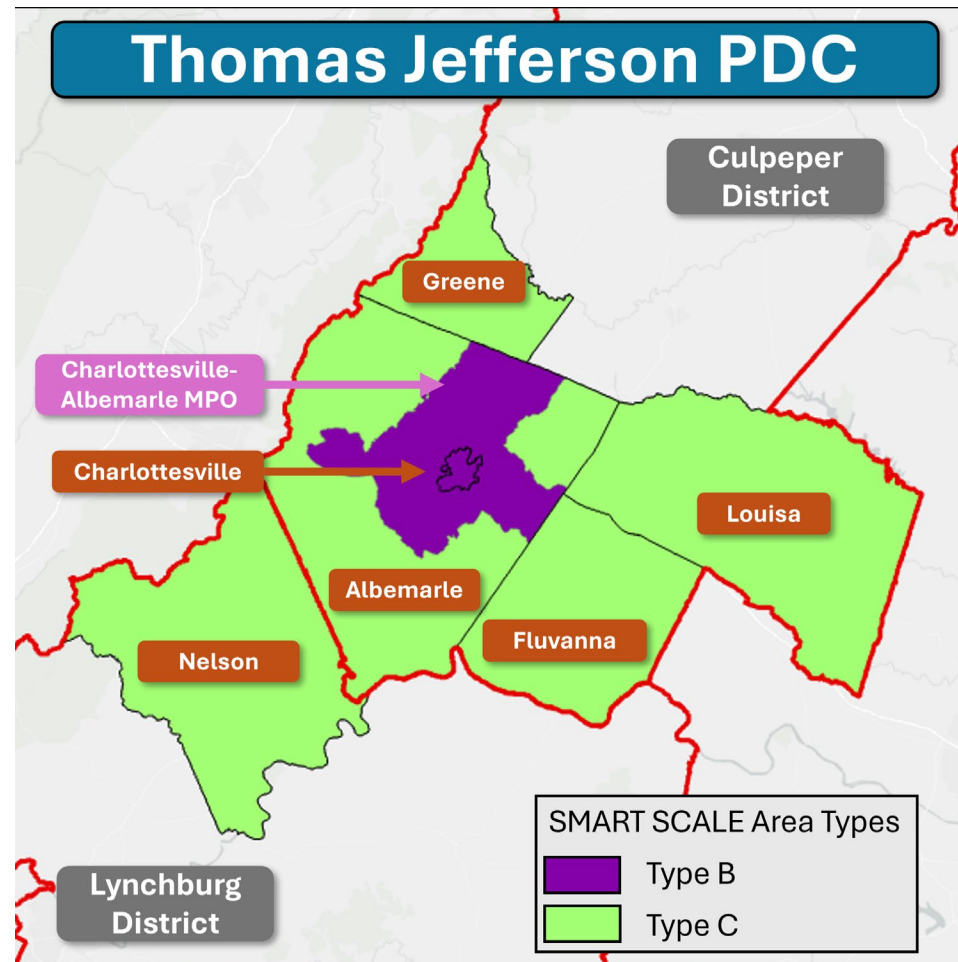
1. HRTPO - maintained Southampton County and City of Franklin as Area Type D, even as HRTPO Area Type A boundaries were expanded into the rural localities
2. Fredericksburg Area MPO (FAMPO) from Area Type A to B
3. New River Valley PDC from Area Type C to D

- **Thomas Jefferson PDC has requested a change from Area Type C to Area Type D**

- Requesting Alignment - Currently, TJPDC is the only rural PDC (defined as outside of an MPO) that is designated Area Type C. All others are currently Area Type D.



# Typology Change Request – Impacted Localities





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Thank you.

