# Virginia Transit Requity and Republic Modernization

STUDY

## **Key Study Elements**



### **Public Engagement**

Website, Focus Groups, Virtual Public Forums

Public participation includes eight focus groups with riders, advocacy groups, and stakeholders; a public forum with technical experts; and an ongoing, updated project website.



### **Technical Assessment**

Technical Work Groups

The technical assessment will establish baseline conditions throughout the Commonwealth to inform strategy and action development. Stakeholders and industry partners will advise and add expertise to technical findings in Technical Work Group meetings.



### **Emerging Technology**

The study will determine the best practices for transit electrification (e.g., zero-emission buses) and other emerging technologies in the industry to guide transit agencies across the state.



### **Transit Equity Committee**

The Committee will include transit agency executives and staff representing various Virginia transit agencies to provide advice throughout the life of the project.

### **Overview**

The Virginia Transit **Equity and Modernization Study**, led by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), is aimed at identifying opportunities to forward equitable transit within the Commonwealth. There has been a renewed focus in recent years on the advancement of equity, connection, and technology. The study team will explore a wide variety of topics and engage heavily with the public to create a proactive plan for equitable advancement and modernization of transit in the Commonwealth

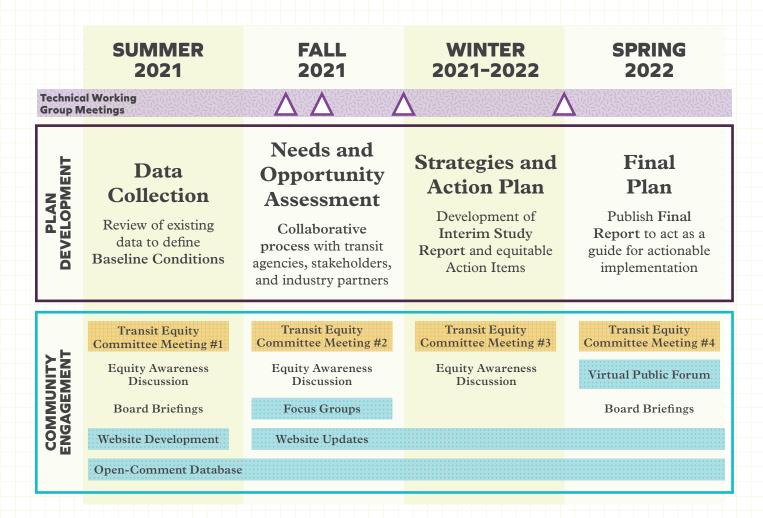
# What is Equitable Delivery of Transportation?

### Transportation equity

is the shared and just distribution of benefits and burdens when planning for transit delivery. This includes the importance of providing access to opportunities to employment, socializing with friends and family, connecting with the community, and meaningfully participating in our society.

# **Project Schedule/Process**

The Virginia Transit Equity and Modernization Study began in the Summer of 2021. Key deliverables throughout the study include interim reports in Winter 2021–2022 and the final report, which will likely be completed in mid-2022.



### **Get Involved**

Visit **www.vatransitequity.com** to learn more about the study and stay up-to-date on the latest involvement opportunities.

