

## Background and Purpose of the Study

*The study is examining cross-river traffic and movement demand at existing crossings from Point of Rocks in Virginia to Route 301 in Maryland. This effort is expected to be completed in the spring, and is engaging with the D.C. Department of Transportation and the Maryland Department of Transportation. The study is developing a common set of data from which Virginia, D.C. and Maryland can discuss approaches to ease congestion and increase multi-modal mobility among the three jurisdictions. The study will define the problem, not recommend the solution. The next step after the study will be for the jurisdictions to develop a collaborative and mutually beneficial strategy to address the problem*

## Study Setup

- Funded by Virginia's Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI)
- Managed by Virginia Department of Transportation (Northern Virginia District Office)
- VDOT assisted by consultants (Lead - Michael Baker Jr., Inc.; assisted by Delcan Corp. and others)

## Study Scope of Work

- Identify and summarize relevant previous studies.
- Document existing travel demand and patterns across the bridges crossing the Potomac River.
- Forecast travel demand and patterns across the bridges crossing the Potomac River in 2040 (using National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's model and inputs from the CLRP).
- Establish and maintain a project website.
- Prepare technical memoranda and a final report.

## Study Oversight

- Regional Partnership Committee (RPC) - policy-level representatives of the three cooperating jurisdictions (Maryland, Washington, D.C. and Virginia), also including FHWA.
- Technical Working Group (TWG) – technical staffs from the three state DOTs.

## Study Status

- Counts on all crossings (highway and transit) have been compiled and / or updated.
- Highway speeds on all bridges have been collected.
- Origin-Destination data has been compiled for all bridges.
- Preliminary travel forecast data has been prepared for all bridges.
- All data produced by the project is currently under review by staff of the three states prior to posting on the website.

## Study Schedule

- Initial meetings of the RPC and TWG have been held
- Additional meetings of the RPC and TWG are to be held in the March-April period
- Current schedule envisions submission of a Draft Final Report by April, 2014