

# WELCOME!

Welcome to the public meeting for the Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study. The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Introduce the study
- Solicit your input on active transportation (walking or jogging, biking, and human powered transportation) needs in the study area
- Find out where you walk, bike, or would like to walk or bike for work or recreation
- Identify important criteria to consider during VDOT's development and evaluation of potential multi-use trail corridors



# WHAT IS THE ASHLAND TO PETERSBURG TRAIL STUDY?

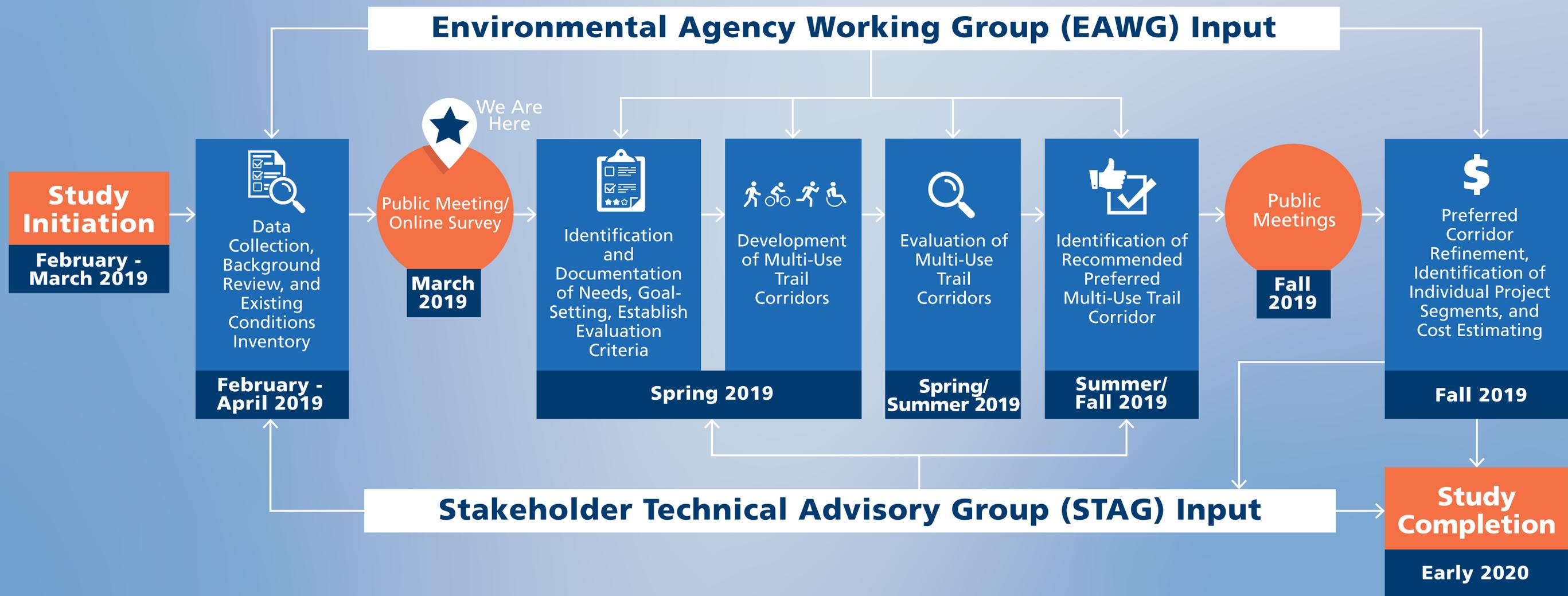
The Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study involves collaborative planning among local, state, and federal government agencies as well as interested stakeholders, with input from the public, to identify a multi-use trail corridor between Ashland and Petersburg, a distance of approximately 40 miles



- Identify a multi-use trail corridor that is locally and regionally preferred
- Identify opportunities, constraints, and project costs to connect people and places across the Richmond metropolitan region
- Strengthen collaborative planning among local, state, and federal government agencies as well as interested stakeholders and the public
- Inform development of future active transportation projects in the Richmond metropolitan region



# STUDY PROCESS



## WHAT IS THE PROJECT PURPOSE?

The Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study will identify a preferred corridor for multi-use trail segments with the purpose to address active transportation needs in the Richmond metropolitan region

Please place a sticker next to the needs that are important to you

Enhanced Connectivity

Improved Safety

Consistency with State,  
Regional, and Local Planning

Others? Please Provide  
Your Feedback!

# TYPES OF TRAILS

The type of facility and design guidelines for bicyclists, pedestrians, and other active transportation users are customized and characterized by their surrounding environment and how they fit into the community

Examples of possible types of trails are shown below:

## Urban

Accommodated Users



### Description

- Within urban core and integrated into roadway infrastructure
- Very constrained in rights-of-way
- Can be mix of facility types including on street bike facility, sidewalk, or combination
- Include ample connections to multiple destinations



## Suburban

Accommodated Users



### Description

- In developed areas with less right-of-way constraints
- Often connecting parks, schools and residential neighborhoods



## Rural/Riparian

Accommodated Users



### Description

- Remote facility with limited connections
- Often agricultural or stream valley route
- Can provide unique pastoral experience
- Often constrained by development and permitting constraints



## Rail

Accommodated Users



### Description

- Can be urban, suburban or rural
- Can be a rail-to-trail project along an abandoned rail corridor, or a rail-with-trail adjacent to an active rail corridor



# HANDS-ON MAP STATION

Your valuable feedback is a critical component of the study development process. Please review the roll maps at the meeting and mark areas where you want to provide input on specific destinations of interest or corridor locations to consider



# CORRIDOR EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS

As part of the study process, evaluation criteria are important for developing the preferred corridor for a multi-use trail. These evaluation criteria may include:



Please provide your input to help determine which evaluation criteria are most important to the community or if there are other criteria that should be considered



# HOW TO STAY INVOLVED

Thank you for participating at tonight's meeting. Written or verbal comments may be submitted at the meeting or by mail or email to the contact information provided below.



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Also, you are invited to review the meeting materials from tonight's meeting hosted in a digital format, complete a study survey, and provide feedback on interactive study area mapping online at [www.ATPTrailStudy.org](http://www.ATPTrailStudy.org).

**Comments and feedback must be received by APRIL 9, 2019.**

Additional opportunities for public involvement, in addition to agency and stakeholder coordination, will be incorporated as part of the overall study process.

# THANK YOU!

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has initiated the Ashland to Petersburg Trail Study to identify a preferred corridor for a multi-use trail within the counties of Chesterfield, Hanover and Henrico, cities of Colonial Heights, Petersburg and Richmond, and the Town of Ashland.

This survey is intended to provide input to VDOT on active transportation needs in the study area (walking or jogging, biking, and human powered transportation), as well as help with identification of potential multi-use trail corridor locations, destinations of interest (such as residential and recreational areas and places of work), and important criteria to consider during VDOT's development and evaluation of multi-use trail corridors. This survey can also be completed online at: [www.ATPTrailStudy.org](http://www.ATPTrailStudy.org), where you are also invited to review an informational video and provide feedback on interactive study area mapping.

**General Information**

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Please identify your gender (optional):  Male  Female

Please identify your age group (optional – please circle one response).

15 and under 16 to 21 22 to 25 26 to 35 36 to 45 46 to 55 56 to 65 66 and older

**Active Transportation Needs and Multi-Use Trail Corridor Development Survey**

1. Do you use active transportation, including walking or jogging, biking, and human powered transportation (check one)?  
 Yes  No

2. How often do you use the following modes of active transportation?

Improvement	Daily	Weekly	A few times a year	Never
Walking or Jogging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small-wheeled transports (wheelchair, scooter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify): _____				

3. What types of trips do you primarily use active transportation for?  
 Primary transportation (work, school, etc.)  Exercise  
 Recreation  Shopping  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

4. On average, how many miles do you travel on active transportation trips?  
 Less than 4 miles  Less than 5 miles  
 5 to 10 miles  11 to 20 miles  
 20 to 40 miles  More than 40 miles

