

**New FY 06 TPI Work Plan Task
Revised July 1, 2005**

RAIL— IDENTIFICATION OF MARKETABLE AND DEVELOPABLE PROPERTY
ADJACENT TO RAILROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY THROUGHOUT THE STATE

TASK: The Regional Planning Commissions will engage in the first phase of identifying, cataloging and mapping properties along active rail corridors which could be likely sites for development that would be compatible with and enhance rail use, such as rail dependent business or industry, freight transfer, multi modal facilities, sidings, and commercial and/or industrial buildings or facilities.

NEED: It is recognized that there are properties along rail lines that are being developed for non-rail-related uses where they might better serve the State in more rail freight-related capacities. Such locations might be more suitable for trans-load or multi-modal facilities, or as development sites for companies that will use rail. A final goal of this multi-year task would be to have these parcels consciously marketed to industries that could maximize transportation use by taking advantage of the adjacent rail network.

PROCESS: A first step toward identifying potential marketable and developable property adjacent to railroad rights-of-way would be to perform a preliminary screening of properties along the rail lines. This screening would involve mapping of resource constraints along the rail corridors and identifying parcel size, current use and other related information concerning properties adjacent to the rail lines. Part of the effort will include the regional GIS planners working together to develop the template that would be used by RPCs and MPO. Estimated time for completing the task is two to three work days.

In addition, several RPC directors who are members of the VAPDA Transportation Committee will be asked to work with representatives from VTrans, ACCD, RDCs, and the operating railroads to develop the next phase(s) of this task for FY2007.

DELIVERABLES: By June 1, 2006, each RPC will provide a map or maps by town or subregion with a database that includes the following information related to the buffer around active railroads:

- Identification of all parcels abutting the railroad [in towns with parcel data],
- Identification whether the parcel is vacant or with a structure [using E911 data and, where available, commercial and industrial sites surveys],
- Identification of the use of the structure [using E911 data],
- Identification of information about structure [if commercial and industrial site survey completed],
- Identification of zoning designation [where zoning regulations exists and information is filed with RPC],
- Identification of all natural resource constraints [using previously prepared natural resource constraint maps], and
- Identification of other types of information that may be easily available to obtain and map.

The information will be displayed on the map(s) in the format decided on by the regional GIS planners.

By May 1, 2006 the VAPDA representatives will have assisted in developing the scope of work for future phases, and agreed upon the extent of the work to be performed as part of the FY 07 TPI.