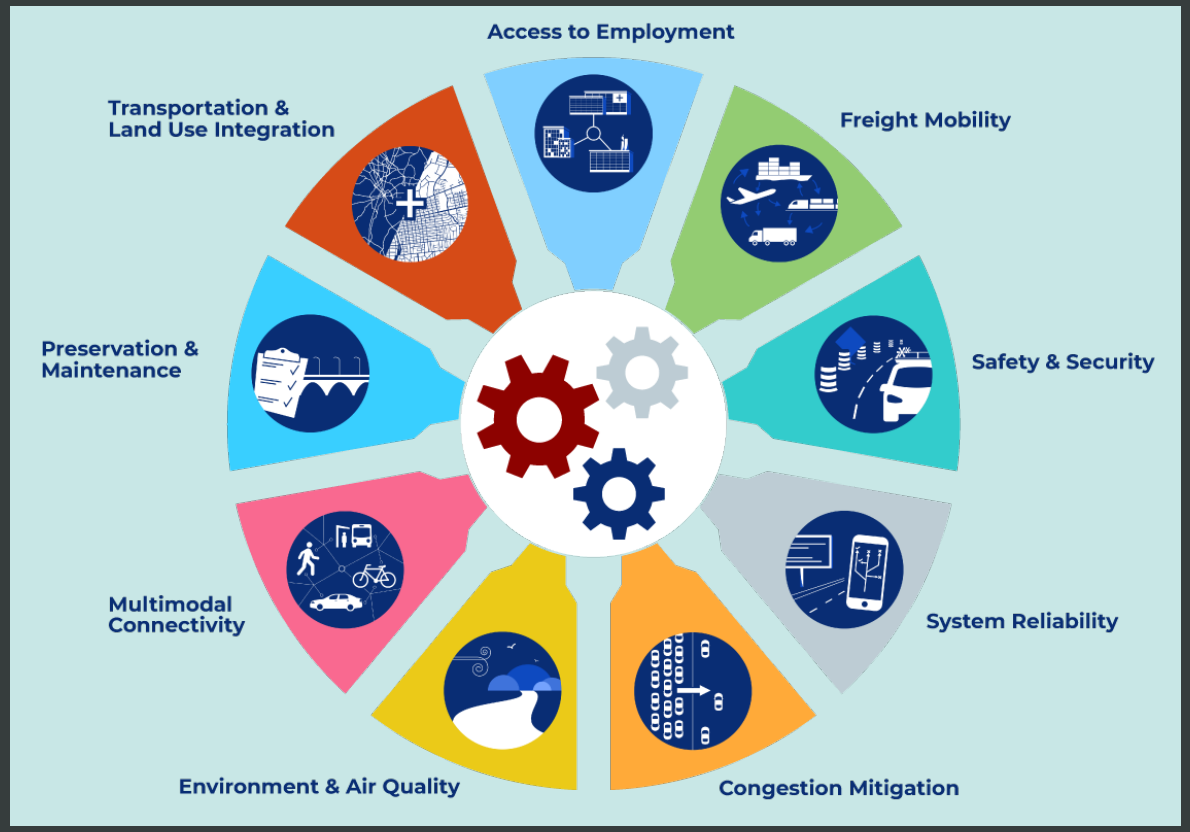
Regional Transportation Planning in Virginia

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What is Transportation Planning?

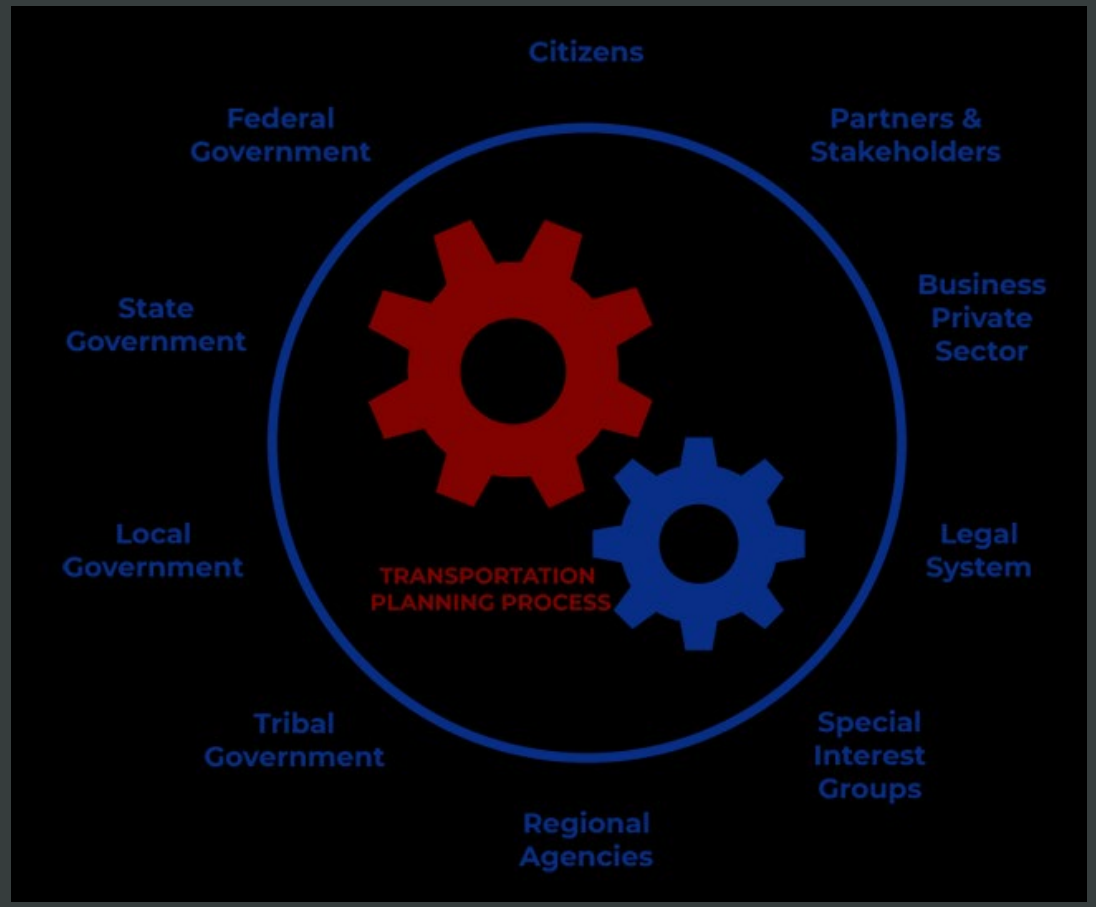
The process of looking at the current state of transportation in the region, designing for future transportation needs, and combining all of that with the elements of budgets, goals and policies. It helps shape how a community or city grows by evaluating everything from streets and highways to cargo ships, sidewalks and public transit to airports.

- PlanRVA (https://planrva.org/transportation/what-is-transportation-planning/)



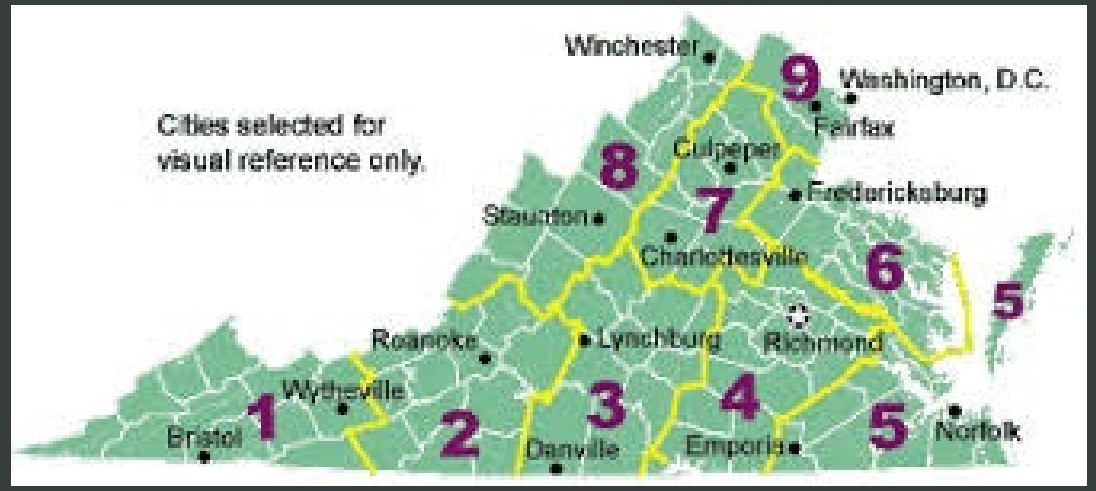
What is a Metropolitan Planning Organization?

- Created by the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962 to decentralize planning.
- A Comprehensive, Cooperative, and Continuing process is required for initiatives to be eligible for Federal transportation funding in metro areas >50,000 population.
- MPO Policy Committee consists of local elected and appointed officials who plan and prioritize projects.
- PDCs house 10 of Virginia's 15 MPOs.



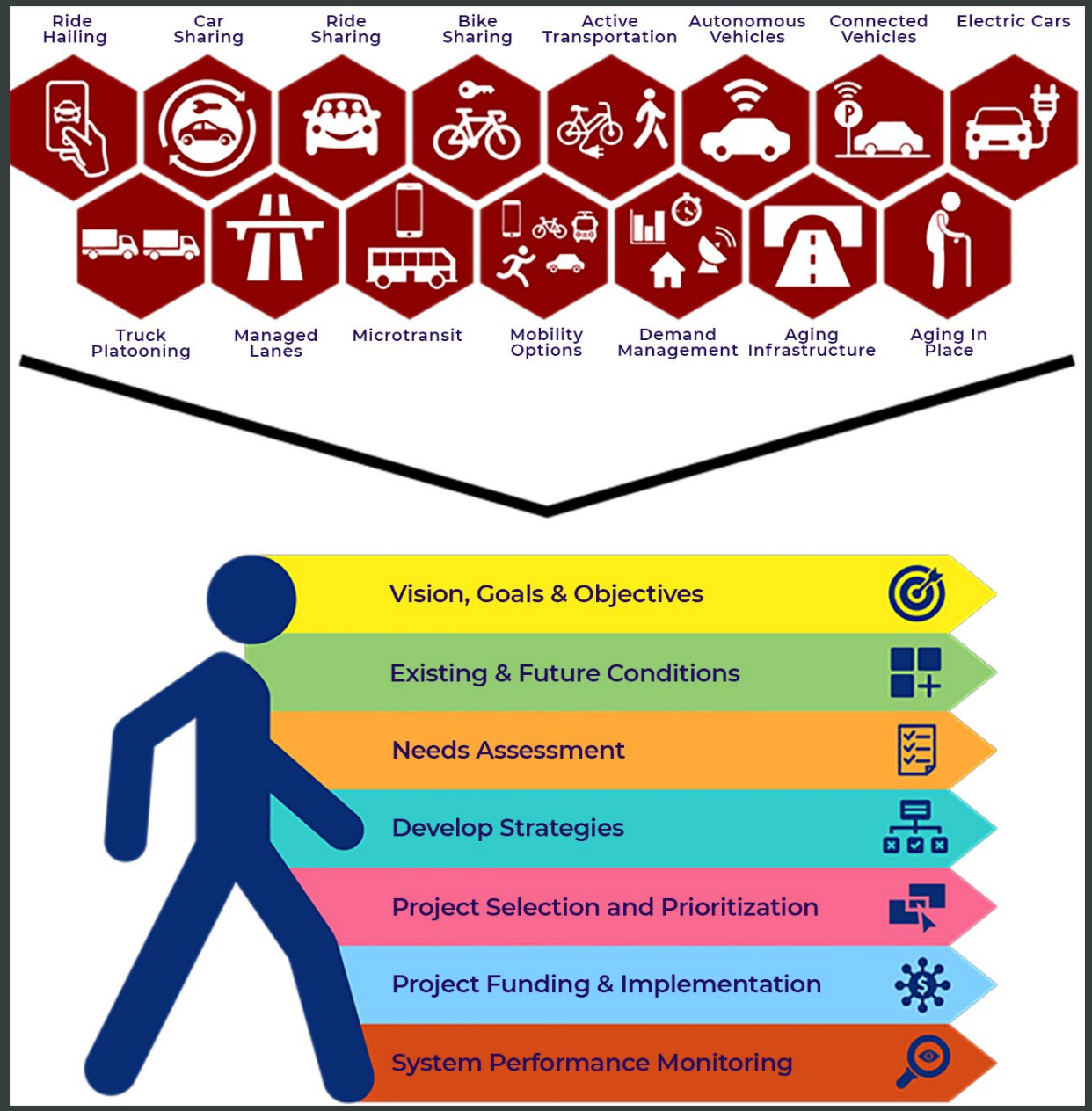
Transportation in Virginia

- Led by the Commonwealth Transportation Board of 17 appointees.
- CTB chair is the Secretary of Transportation.
- Transportation Secretariat includes OIPI, VDOT, DRPT, VPRA, Port of Virginia, et al.
- VDOT maintains 59,672 miles of roads (~70%) – 3rd most in USA in 9 “districts.”
- Each district houses a planner employed by Central Office.
- VDOT suballocates ~17% of its federal revenue to localities, MPOs, PDCs, etc.



MPO Core Products

- Long-Range Transportation Plan
- Metropolitan Transportation Improvements Program
- Public Participation Plan
- Unified Planning Work Program



Trending MPO Issues

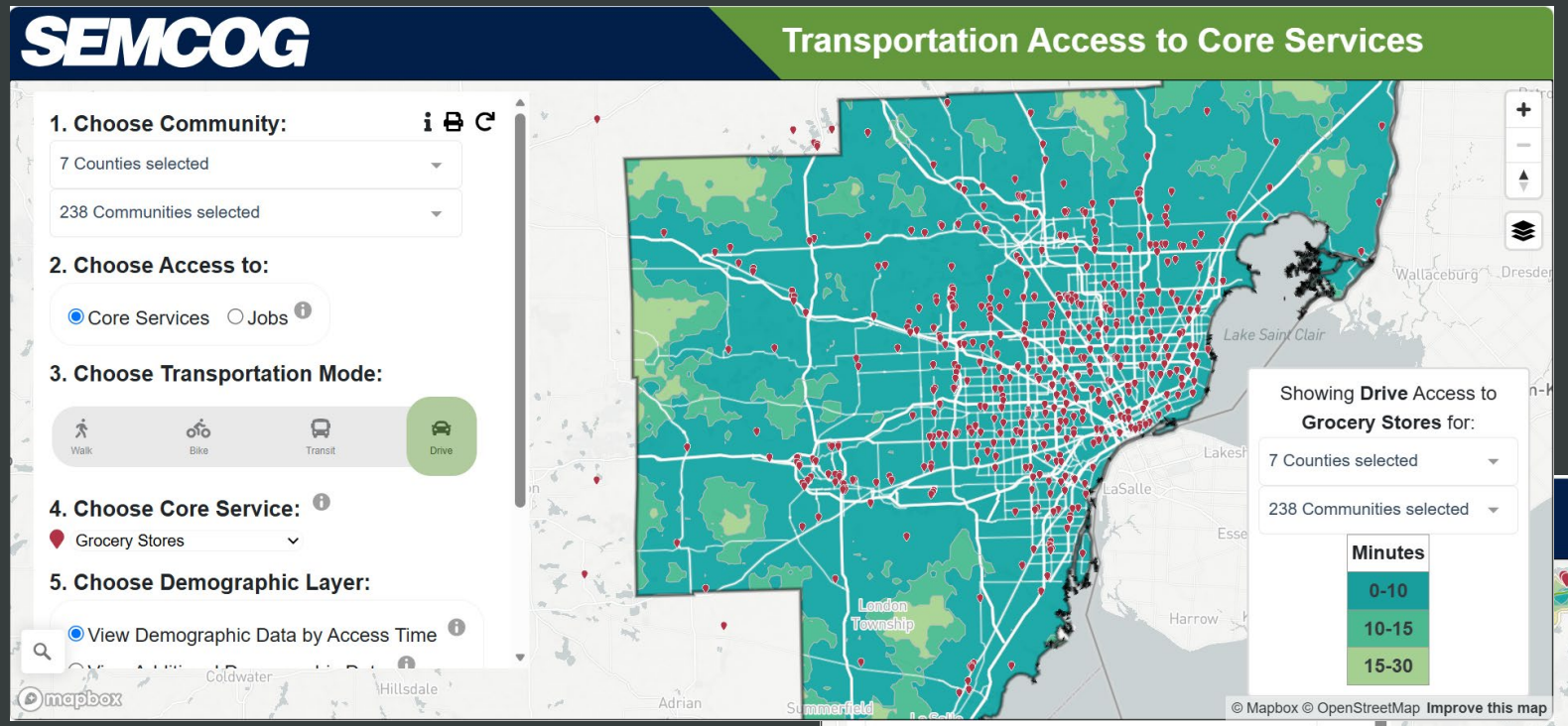
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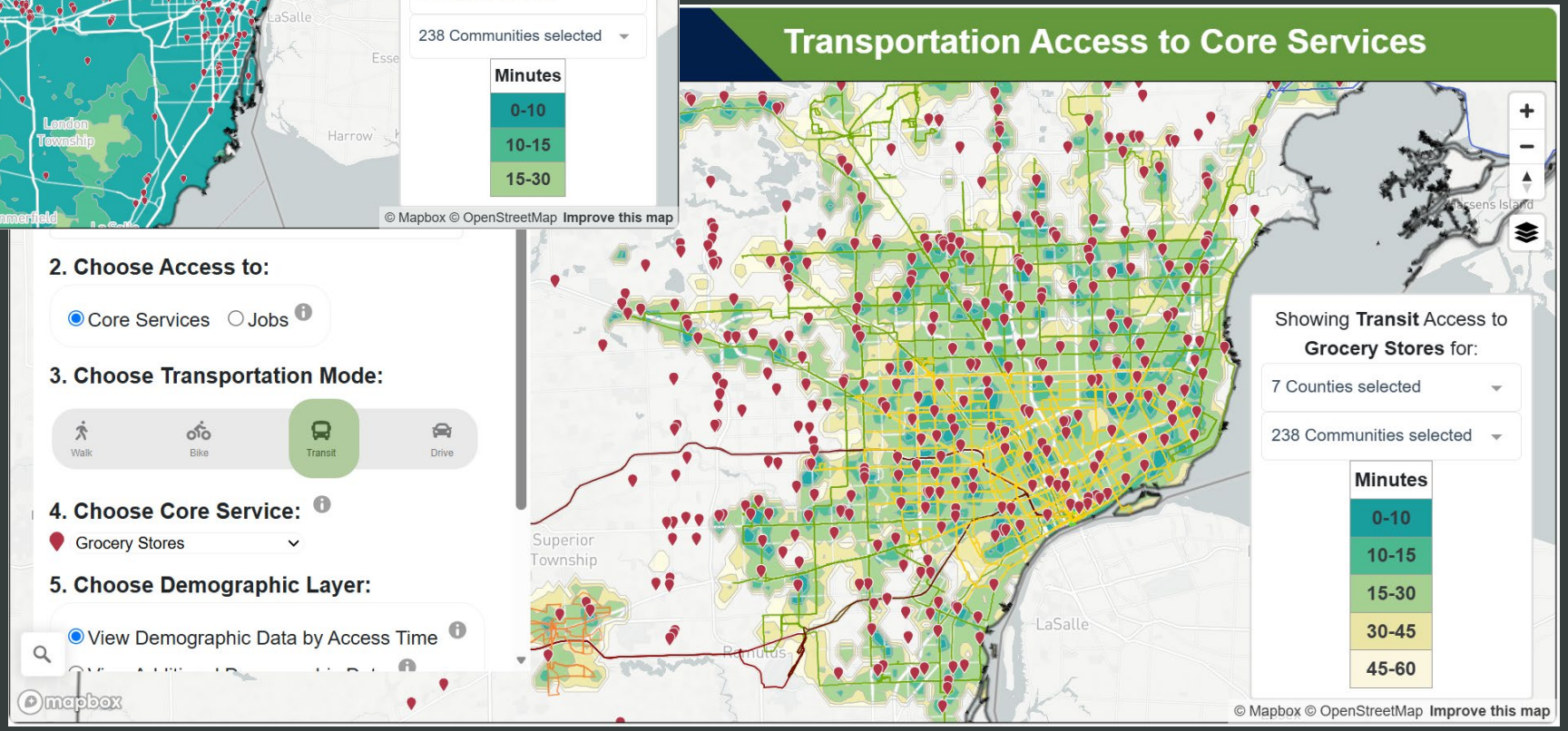




Trending MPO Issues

ACCESSIBILITY





Highlighted Transportation Funding in Virginia

MPO OVER 200,000 IN POPULATION

- RSTP
- CMAQ
- Transportation Alternatives
- Regional Transportation Authorities
  - NOVA
  - Hampton Roads
  - Richmond Region

(*Bipartisan Infrastructure Law*)

COMMONWEALTH

- State of Good Repair
- High-Priority Projects
- Highway Construction District Grants
- Revenue Sharing (50%/50%)
- Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP - federal)
- Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAG - federal)
- Transportation Alternatives (federal)

Transportation Planning to Funding

MPO

- Long-Range Transportation Plan
- High-Priority Projects Program projects
- Metropolitan Transportation Improvements Program

COMMONWEALTH

- Vtrans – “The State’s Transportation Plan”
  - Mid-Term Needs Assessment
- SMART SCALE
- Six-Year Improvement Plan (SYIP)
- State Transportation Improvements Program

Virginia Association of MPOs (VAMPO)



- Created by Joint Resolution of the General Assembly in 2009

VAMPO Objectives

- To provide a forum for the metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) in the Commonwealth of Virginia to exchange information and experiences, enhance the practice of metropolitan transportation planning, provide education opportunities and discuss issues relative to local, State and Federal policies and requirements for transportation planning.
- To provide a forum for State and Federal transportation agencies to exchange information and guidance on transportation planning to the MPOs in a collective manner.
- To provide recommendations to the Virginia Secretary of Transportation and the General Assembly on statutory, regulatory and policy improvements required to provide for effective transportation planning, programming and funding in the Commonwealth

Questions?
Get Engaged!

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VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF MPOs

- VAMPO conducts quarterly board meetings (1 in person, 3 virtual)
- VAMPO conducts a virtual informal peer-to-peer meeting roughly every other month.
- Current Officers:
  - Chairman Alec Brebner, CVPDC
  - Vice-Chair Pavithra Parthasarathi, HRPDC
  - Vice-Chair Ian Ollis, GWRC
  - Secretary/Treasurer Taryn Logan, NSVRC
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