

Appendix C: Partner Agency Mission and Goals

Although the vision, mission, and goals for the Virginia Forest Highway LRTP were developed collaboratively between the Tri-Agency partners, each agency retains vision, mission, or goals that are of unique interest to the individual agency. The interests of the individual Tri-Agency partners are summarized below.

Virginia Department of Transportation

The mission of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is to plan, deliver, operate and maintain a transportation system that is safe, enables easy movement of people and goods, enhances the economy and improves our quality of life. In support of this mission, VDOT has defined a set of goals that are collectively known as the agency's "Shared Values in Public Service." These include the following:

- Be responsive to customer needs, consider what VDOT does in terms of how it benefits our customers, and treat customers with respect, courtesy, and fairness
- Commit to safety and continuous improvement in everything we do, learning from mistakes and successes alike
- Trust, respect, support, and encourage each other
- Respect and protect the public investment
- Make decisions based on facts and sound judgment and accept accountability for our actions
- Strengthen our expertise in using information, tools, and technology to achieve high performance and stay on the cutting edge
- Think ahead, acting and planning creatively for today and tomorrow

U.S. Forest Service

The USFS mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. USFS goals include:

- Effective public service – Ensure the acquisition and use of an appropriate corporate infrastructure to enable the efficient delivery of a variety of uses.
- Multiple benefits to people – Provide a variety of uses, values, products, and services for present and future generations by managing within the capability of sustainable ecosystems.
- Ecosystem health – Promote ecosystem health and conservation using a collaborative approach to sustain the nation's forests, rangelands, and watersheds.

Federal Lands Highway

The Federal Lands Highway mission is to continually improve transportation access to and through federal and tribal lands through stewardship of Federal Land Highway programs by providing balanced, safe, and innovative roadways that blend into or enhance the existing environment, and by providing technical services to the transportation community. The goals include:

- Safety – Continually improve highway safety.
- Mobility – Continually improve access and condition of transportation.

- Productivity – Continually improve economic efficiency.
- Human and Natural Environment – Protect and enhance the natural environment and communities affected by highway transportation.