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Acronyms

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## Commonly used VDOT/transportation acronyms (public version)

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### A

**AAA** (*pronounced triple A*)  
American Automobile Association  
<http://www.aaa.com>

**AADT**  
Annual Average Daily Traffic  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/info/ct-TrafficCounts.asp>

**AAP**  
Affirmative Action Plan

**AASHTO** (*ash-toe*)  
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials  
<http://www.transportation.org/>

**ACM**  
Active Congestion Management

**ACPA**  
American Concrete Pavement Association  
<http://www.pavement.com/>

**AD**  
Advertisement Date  
<http://cabb.virginiadot.org/cabb/>

**ADT**  
Average Daily Traffic  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/info/ct-TrafficCounts.asp>

**AHQ**  
Area Headquarters (VDOT)

**AKA**  
Also Known As

**AMPO**  
Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations  
<http://www.ampo.org/>

**AMS**  
Asset Management System (VDOT)

**ANSI**  
American National Standards Institute  
<http://www.ansi.org/>

**APA**  
Administrative Process Act  
[http://www.dhp.state.va.us/dhp\\_laws/Administrative%20Process%20Act.doc](http://www.dhp.state.va.us/dhp_laws/Administrative%20Process%20Act.doc);  
*also* American Planning Association  
<http://www.planning.org/> ;  
*also* Auditor of Public Accounts  
<http://www.apa.virginia.gov/>

**APBP**  
Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals  
<http://www.apbp.org/website/>

**APVA**  
APVA Preservation Virginia  
<http://www.apva.org/>

**ARTBA** (*art-bah*)  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
<http://www.artba.com/>

**ASCE**  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
<http://www.asce.org/>

**ASD**  
Administrative Services Division (VDOT)

**ASTM**  
American Society for Testing and Materials  
<http://www.astm.org/cgi-bin/SoftCart.exe/index.shtml?E+googleorgstore>

**ATC**  
Appalachian Trail Conservancy (formerly Conference)  
<http://www.appalachiantrail.org/site/c.jkLXJ8MQkH/b.1423119/k.BEA0/Home.htm>

**ATIS**  
Advanced Traveler Information System  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tfhrc/safety/atis.htm>

**ATMS**  
Advanced Traffic Management System

**ATR**  
Automated Traffic Recorder

**ATRWS**  
Automated Truck Rollover Warning System

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**ATSSA** (*at-sah*)

American Traffic Safety Services Association  
[www.atssa.com](http://www.atssa.com)

**AVI**

Automated Vehicle Identification

**AVL**

Automated Vehicle Location

**AWOS**

Automated Weather Observations Systems

**B****BAFO**

Best And Final Offer

**BAMS** (*bams*)

Bid Analysis Management System (VDOT)

**BMPs**

Best Management Practices

**BMS**

Bridge Management System

**BOS**

Board of Supervisors

**BOWD** (*as in "he bowed before her"*)

Business Opportunity and Workforce Development  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/BOWD.asp>

**BTS**

Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
<http://www.bts.gov/>

**C****CAA or CAAA**

Clean Air Act (amendments as of 1990)  
<http://www.epa.gov/air/caa/>

**CAC**

Citizen Advisory Committee

**CAD**

Computer-Aided Design; also Computer-Aided Dispatch

**CATT**

Center for Advanced Transportation Technology (Univ. of Md.)  
<http://www.catt.umd.edu/>

**CBBT**

Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel  
<http://www.cbbt.com/>

**CBT**

Computer-Based Training

**CCTV**

Closed-Circuit Television

**CCWP**

Commuter Connections Work Program  
<http://www.mwcog.org/commuter2/index.html>

**CDR**

Critical Design Review

**CE**

Categorical Exclusion (NEPA)  
<http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/projdev/docuce.asp>

**CEI**

Construction Engineering and Inspection

**CEQ**

Council on Environmental Quality  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/>

**CERCLA**

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980  
<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/policy/cercla.htm>

**CERT** (*sert*)

Community Emergency Response Team  
<https://www.citizen corps.gov/cert/>

**CES**

Cost Estimating System

**CFR**

Code of Federal Regulations  
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/CFR/INDEX.HTML>

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## CHART

Coordinated Highway Action Response Team (Md)  
<http://www.chart.state.md.us/>

## CIPP

Cured-in-place pipe  
<http://www.vtrc.virginiadot.org/PROJDetails.aspx?Id=399>

## CLRP

(Financially) Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan

## CMAQ *(see-mack)*

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/cmaqpgs/safetealu/>

## CMP

Congestion Management Plan

## CMS

Changeable Message Sign

## CN

Construction (phase of project)

## CO

Central Office (VDOT)

## COB

Close of Business

## COG *(cog)*

Council of Governments

## ConOps *(con- ops)* or COO

Concept of Operations

## COOP *(coop)*

Continuity of Operations

## CoP

Community of Practice

## COTS *(cots)*

Commercial Off the Shelf

## CQIP *(see-quip)*

Construction Quality Improvement Program (VDOT)  
<http://dashboard.virginiadot.org/Pages/Projects/CQIP.aspx>

## CSD

Context Sensitive Design

## CSS

Context Sensitive Solutions  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/context/index.cfm>

## CTB

Commonwealth Transportation Board  
<http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/>

## CVISN *(see-vision)*

Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks  
<http://cvisn.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

## CVO

Commercial Vehicle Operations

# D

## DA

Division or District Administrator (formerly DE, District Engineer) (VDOT)

## DBE

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise  
<http://www.dmb.virginia.gov/dbecert.html> [virginiadot.org/business/bu-civil-rights-Title6.asp#business](http://virginiadot.org/business/bu-civil-rights-Title6.asp#business)

## DC

District of Columbia  
<http://www.dc.gov/>

## DCR

Department of Conservation and Recreation (VA)  
<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/>

## DDOT

District (of Columbia) Department of Transportation  
<http://www.ddot.dc.gov/ddot/site/default.asp>

## DEIS

Draft Environmental Impact Statement  
<http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/projdev/docueis.asp>

## DEQ

Department of Environmental Quality (VA)  
<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/>

## DGIF

Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VA)  
<http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/>

## DGS

Department of General Services (VA)  
<http://www.dgs.virginia.gov/>

## DHRM

Department of Human Resources Management (VA)  
<http://www.dhrm.virginia.gov/>

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## DMBE

Virginia Department of Minority Enterprise  
<http://www.dmb.state.va.us/>

## DMME

Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy (VA)  
<http://www.dmme.virginia.gov/>

## DMS

Dynamic Message Sign

## DMV

Department of Motor Vehicles (VA)  
<http://www.dmv.state.va.us/>

## DOA

Department of Accounts (VA)  
<http://www.doa.virginia.gov/> ;  
*also* Distribution of Authority

## DOAV

Department of Aviation (VA)  
<http://www.doav.virginia.gov/>

## DOI

Department of Interior (US)  
<http://www.doi.gov/>

## DOJ

Department of Justice (US)  
<http://www.usdoj.gov/>

## DOT

Department of Transportation: U.S. DOT  
<http://www.dot.gov/> *also* State DOTs  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/webstate.htm>

## DPB

Department of Planning and Budget (VA)  
<http://www.dpb.virginia.gov/>

## DPM

Department Policy Memoranda (VDOT)

## DPW

Department of Public Works (localities)

## DRPT

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VA)  
<http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/>

## DSWC

Department of Conservation and Recreation (VA),  
Division of Soil and Water Conservation  
<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil & water/index.shtml>

## DTR

Dulles Toll Road  
[https://www.ezpassva.com/TollFacilities/Dulles\\_Toll\\_Road.htm](https://www.ezpassva.com/TollFacilities/Dulles_Toll_Road.htm)

## DUI

Driving Under the Influence

## DVMT

Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/info/ct-TrafficCounts-VMT2006.asp>

# E

## EA

Environmental Assessment (NEPA)  
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/faqs/nepa/index.html#a5>

## EB (NB, SB, WB)

Eastbound (Northbound, Southbound, Westbound)

## EEOC

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (US)  
<http://www.eeoc.gov/>

## EIS

Environmental Impact Statement (NEPA)  
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/faqs/nepa/index.html#a5>

## EOC

Emergency Operations Center (VA)  
<http://www.vdem.state.va.us/about/structure/ops/veoc.cfm>

## EOI

Expression of Interest  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/consultant-service-guide.asp>

## EPA

Environmental Protection Agency (US)  
<http://www.epa.gov/> ;  
*also* Environmental Protection Act

## ERT

Elizabeth River Tunnels (VDOT – Midtown and Downtown tunnels)  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/hro-tunnel-default.asp>;  
*also* Emergency Response Team; *also* Environmental Review Team

## ESC

Erosion and Sediment Control  
<http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil & water/e&s.shtml>

## ESS

Environmental Sensor Station  
<http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/ess05/index.htm>

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## **ETC**

Electronic Toll Collection

[http://www.calccit.org/itsdecision/serv\\_and\\_tech/Electronic\\_toll\\_collection/electronic\\_toll\\_collection\\_summary.html](http://www.calccit.org/itsdecision/serv_and_tech/Electronic_toll_collection/electronic_toll_collection_summary.html)

## **eVA**

electronic procurement Virginia

<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/eva.asp> and <http://www.eva.state.va.us/>

# **F**

## **FAA**

Federal Aviation Administration

<http://www.faa.gov/>

## **FAHP**

Federal-Aid Highway Program

## **FAR**

Federal Acquisition Regulation

<http://www.arnet.gov/far/>

## **FAUA**

Federal-Aid Urban Area

## **FC**

Functional Classification

[http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/fcsec1\\_1.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/fcsec1_1.htm)

## **(FC) I**

Rural Interstates (Functional Classification)

## **(FC) LOC**

Rural Local (Functional Classification)

## **(FC) MA**

Rural Minor Arterial (Functional Classification)

## **(FC) MC**

Rural Major Collector (Functional Classification)

## **(FC) MIC**

Rural Minor Collector (Functional Classification)

## **(FC) PA**

Rural Principal Arterial (Functional Classification)

## **(FC) UC**

Urban Collector (Functional Classification)

## **(FC) UI**

Urban Interstate (Functional Classification)

## **(FC) UL**

Urban Local (Functional Classification)

## **(FC) UMA**

Urban Minor Arterial (Functional Classification)

## **(FC) UNC**

Unclassified (Functional Classification)

## **(FC) UPA**

Urban Principal Arterial (Functional Classification)

## **FEIS**

Federal Environmental Impact Statement

## **FEMA**

Federal Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.fema.gov/>

## **FGDC**

Federal Geographic Data Committee

<http://www.fgdc.gov/>

## **FHWA**

Federal Highway Administration

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/>

## **FLH**

Federal Lands Highways

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/flh/index.htm>

## **FMCSA**

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

## **FOIA** (*foi-yah*)

Freedom of Information Act

<http://www.virginiadot.org/info/foia.asp>

## **FRA**

Federal Rail Administration

<http://www.fra.dot.gov/>

## **FRANs** (*frans*)

Federal Highway Reimbursement Anticipation Notes

## **FRP**

Fiber-reinforced polymer (bridge decks)

<http://vtrc.virginiadot.org/BriefDetails.aspx?id=24>

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## FTA

Federal Transit Administration  
<http://www.fta.dot.gov/>

## FY

Fiscal Year

# G

## GA

General Assembly  
<http://legis.state.va.us/#>

## GIS

Geographic Information Systems  
[http://www.virginiadot.org/business/bu-it\\_GDW.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/business/bu-it_GDW.asp)

## GIS-T

Geographic Information Systems for Transportation  
<http://www.gis-t.org/>

## GPS

Global Positioning System

# H

## HAR

Highway Advisory Radio

## HAZMAT or HazMat

Hazardous Material  
<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/triggers/index.htm>

## HB

House Bill  
<http://leg1.state.va.us/>

## HBBT

Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/hro-tunnel-default.asp>

## HBRRP

Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/hbrp.htm>

## HCM

Highway Capacity Manual  
[http://www.trb.org/news/blurb\\_detail.asp?id=1166](http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=1166)

## HCS

Highway Capacity Software  
<http://mctrans.ce.ufl.edu/hcs/>

## HEEP *(heap)*

Highway Engineering Exchange Program  
<http://www.heepweb.org/> ; also see IHEEP

## HERS-ST

Highway Economic Requirements System - State Version  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/asstmgmt/hersindex.cfm>

## HES

Hazard Elimination Safety program

## HJR

House Joint Resolution  
<http://leg1.state.va.us/>

## HMA

Hot-Mix Asphalt  
<http://vtrc.virginiadot.org/PROJDetails.aspx?id=257> and  
<http://vtrc.virginiadot.org/PROJDetails.aspx?id=381>

## HMOF

Highway and Maintenance Operating Funds

## HNA

Highway Needs Assessment  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/resources/Virginia2025StateHighway-PlanTechReport.pdf>

## HOT

High Occupancy Toll (lane)  
[http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/HOT\\_main.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/HOT_main.asp)

## HOV

High Occupancy Vehicle  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/hov-default.asp>

## HPMS

Highway Performance Monitoring System  
[http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/Final\\_SB\\_563\\_Report.pdf](http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/Final_SB_563_Report.pdf)

## HR

House Resolution  
<http://leg1.state.va.us/> ;  
also Human Resources

## HRBT

Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/hro-tunnel-default.asp>

## HRI

Highway-Rail Intersection

## HRPDC

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission  
<http://www.hrpdc.org/>

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## HSIP

Highway Safety Improvement Program  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/safetealu/factsheets/hsip.htm>

## HSR

High Speed Rail  
<http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/projects/shsrc.aspx>

## HTF

Highway Trust Fund

## HTRIS *(h-tris)*

Highway Traffic Records Information System

# I

## I&IM

Informational and Instructional Memoranda (VDOT)  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/locdes/rd-ii-memoranda-index.asp>

## ICAS *(i-cass)*

Inventory Condition Assessment System (VDOT)

## ID

Incident Detection

## IDS

Incident Detection System

## IDSP

Integrated Directional Signing Program (VDOT)  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/sign-default.asp>

## IEEE

Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers  
<http://www.ieee.org/portal/site>

## IFB

Invitation for Bids

## IFTA

International Fuel Tax Agreement

## IHEEP *(i-beap)*

International Highway Engineering Exchange Program  
<http://www.heepweb.org/>

## IPD

Innovative Project Delivery (VDOT)  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/bu-ipd.asp>

## ISO

International Standards Organization  
<http://www.iso.org/iso/home.htm>

## ISTEA *(ice tea)*

Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (1991- succeeded by TEA-21)  
[dot.gov/ost/govtaffairs/istea/istead&p.html](http://dot.gov/ost/govtaffairs/istea/istead&p.html)

## IT and ITD

Information Technology and Information Technology Division (VDOT)  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/bu-it.asp>

## ITE

Institute of Transportation Engineers  
<http://www.ite.org/>

## ITS

Intelligent Transportation Systems  
<http://www.itsa.org/>

## ITSPPA

ITS Planning And Programming Administration (section)

## ITSVA *(its-vah)*

Intelligent Transportation Society of Virginia  
<http://www.itsva.org/>

## IVHS

Intelligent Vehicle Highway System  
<http://ntl.bts.gov/DOCS/smith.html>

# J

## JIC *(jick)*

Joint Information Center

## JLARC *(j-lark)*

Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission  
<http://jlarc.state.va.us/>

# K

## KM

Knowledge Management  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/bu-KM.asp>

# L

## L&D

Location and Design (VDOT)  
<http://virginiadot.org/business/locdes/default.asp>

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## LAD

Local Assistance Division (VDOT)  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/local-assistance.asp>

## LAP

Locally Administered Projects (VDOT)  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/local-assistance-locally%20administered.asp>

## LCS

Lane Control Signals

## LED

Light Emitting Diode

## LEED

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design  
<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=51>

## LOS

Level of Service

## LTAP *(el-tap)*

Local Technical Assistance Program  
<http://ltap.cts.virginia.edu/>

## LWCF

Land and Water Conservation Fund  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/land/staff/LWCF/>

# M

## MDOT

Maryland Department of Transportation  
<http://www.mdot.state.md.us/>

## MDSHA

Maryland State Highway Administration  
<http://www.sha.state.md.us/>

## MIS

Major Investment Study

## MM

Mile Marker (preferred - see MP)

## MMMBT

Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel (VDOT)  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/hro-tunnel-default.asp>

## MOA

Memorandum of Agreement

## MOT

Maintenance of Traffic

## MOU

Memorandum of Understanding

## MP

Mile Post (see MM - preferred)

## MPH

Miles Per Hour

## MPO

Metropolitan Planning Organization  
[virginiadot.org/programs/resources/Final\\_PI\\_Guide.pdf](http://virginiadot.org/programs/resources/Final_PI_Guide.pdf) (pg 4)

## MS4s

Small Municipal Storm Sewer Systems

## MUTCD

Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices  
<http://virginiadot.org/business/bu-mutcd-disclaim.asp>

## MWAA *(em-wah)*

Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority  
<http://www.mwaa.com/>

## MWCOG

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
<http://www.mwcog.org/>

# N

## NAAQS

National Ambient Air Quality Standards  
<http://epa.gov/air/criteria.html>

## NBI

National Bridge Inventory  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/nbi.htm>

## NCDOT

North Carolina Department of Transportation

## NCHRP

National Cooperative Highway Research Program  
<http://www.trb.org/CRP/NCHRP/NCHRP.asp>

## NCRST

National Consortium on Remote Sensing in Transportation  
<http://www.ncgia.ucsb.edu/ncrst/>

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## NCRTPB

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
<http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/>

## NEPA

National Environmental Policy Act  
[http://www.virginiadot.org/business/environmental\\_nepa\\_definition.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/business/environmental_nepa_definition.asp)

## NHI

National Highway Institute  
<http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/home.aspx>

## NHL

National Historic Landmark  
<http://www.nps.gov/history/nhl/>

## NHPN

National Highway Planning Network  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/nhpn/>

## NHS

National Highway System  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep10/nhs/>

## NHTS

National Household Travel Survey (formerly NPTS)  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/ohpi/nhts/index.htm>

## NHTSA *(nit-sah)*

National Highway Transportation Safety Administration  
<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/>

## NIMBY *(nim-bee)*

Not In My Back Yard

## NIMS *(nims)*

National Incident Management System

## NOVA or NoVA *(nova)*

Northern Virginia District (VDOT)  
[http://www.virginiadot.org/about/nova\\_quick.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/about/nova_quick.asp)

## NPS

National Park Service  
<http://www.nps.gov/> ; also  
Nonpoint Source (pollution)  
[http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil\\_&\\_water/wintro.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_&_water/wintro.shtml)

## NPTS

National Personal Transportation Survey (now NHTS)

## NRCS

Natural Resources Conservation Service  
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/>

## NRHP

National Register of Historic Places  
<http://www.nps.gov/nr/>

## NS

Norfolk Southern (rail road)  
<http://www.nscorp.com/nscportal/nscorp/>

## NSBE

National Society of Black Engineers  
<http://national.nsbe.org/>

## NSTSCE

National Surface Transportation Safety Center for Excellence  
<http://www.vtti.vt.edu/nstsce/index.html>

## NTAD

National Transportation Atlas Database  
[http://www.bts.gov/publications/national\\_transportation\\_atlas\\_database/2007/](http://www.bts.gov/publications/national_transportation_atlas_database/2007/)

## NTI

National Transit Institute  
<http://www.ntionline.com/>

## NTS

National Transportation System  
<http://www.volpe.dot.gov/>

## NVTA

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority  
<http://www.thenovaauthority.org/> also  
Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance  
<http://www.nvta.org/>

## NVTC

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission  
<http://www.thinkoutsidethecar.org/nvta.asp>

## NWI

National Wetlands Inventory  
<http://www.fws.gov/nwi/>

## O

## OCP

Office of Commonwealth Preparedness (VA)  
<http://www.ocp.virginia.gov/>

## OSHA

Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
<http://www.osha.gov/>

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## OVF

Operation of Vehicles and Facilities

# P

## PA

Public Affairs (VDOT)

## PCE

Programmatic Categorical Exclusion

## PCES

Project Cost Estimating System (VDOT)

## PCEs

Passenger Car Equivalents

## PCI

Pavement Condition Index

## PDC

Planning District Commission

<http://www.vapdc.org/aboutpdcs.htm>

## PDR

Preliminary Design Review

## PE

Preliminary Engineering; also Professional Engineer

## PHMSA

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/>

## PIO

Public Information Officer

## PM

Project Manager

## PM2.5

Particulate Matter 2.5

<http://www.epa.gov/particles/>

## PMO

Project Management Office (VDOT)

[http://www.virginiadot.org/business/project\\_management.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/business/project_management.asp)

## PMP

Project Management Plan

## PMS

Pavement Management System

## PMSS

Plant Mix Scheduling System

## POC

Point of Contact

## POP

Period of Performance

## PPE

Personal Protective Equipment

<http://www.virginia.gov/cmsportal2/portalsearch.html?cx=006541648125353085856%3Apxkar5vs7ki&cof=FORID%3A11&safe=active&q=PPE>

## PPTA

Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995 (as amended)

<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/ppta-default.asp>

## PRTC

Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission

<http://www.prtctransit.org/>

## PSTOC

Public Safety Transportation Operations Center

## PTM

Public Transportation Management

# Q

## QA

Quality Assurance

## QC

Quality Control

# R

## R&D

Research and Development

## RA

Residency Administrator (formerly RE, Resident Engineer)

## RAAP

Regular Advertisement and Award Process

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## RCRA

Resource Conservation & Recovery Act of 1976  
<http://www.epa.gov/osw/inforesources/pubs/orientat/rom1.pdf>

## RFB

Request for Bids

## RFI

Request for Information  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/rfi.asp>

## RFP

Request for Proposals  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/rfps.asp>

## RFQ

Request for Qualifications  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/request-for-qualifications.asp>;  
*also* Request for Quotes  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/asd-rfqbids.asp>

## RITA

Research and Innovative Technology Administration (FHWA)  
<http://www.volpe.dot.gov/>

## RMA

Richmond Metropolitan Authority  
<http://www.rmaonline.org/>

## RMS

Ramp Metering System

## RNS

Roadway Network System (VDOT)

## ROC

Roadside Operations Computer

## ROD *(rod)*

Record of Decision (NEPA); *also* Regional Operations Director (VDOT)

## ROW, RW or R/W

Right of Way (VDOT)  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/row-default.asp>

## RPA

Roadside Pollution Assessment

## RSTP

Regional Surface Transportation Program  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/local-assistance-special-federal-programs-regional.asp>

## RTAP *(r-tap)*

Rural Transit Assistance Program  
<http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/activities/rural.aspx>

## RTCP

Regional Transportation Coordination Program

## RTMS

Remote Traffic Microwave Sensor

## RTPP

Rural Transportation Planning Program

## RUMS *(rums)*

Right of Way and Utilities Management System (VDOT)  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/row-rums.asp>

## RWIS

Road Weather Information System (or) Sites (or) Stations

# S

## S&B

Structure and Bridge (VDOT)  
[http://www.virginiadot.org/business/sb\\_default.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/business/sb_default.asp)

## SAAP

Special Advertisement and Award Process

## SAFECOM

Homeland Security Program for Public Safety Wireless Interoperable Communications  
[http://www.safecomprogram.gov/SAFECOM/library/interoperabilitycasestudies/1223\\_statewidecommunications.htm](http://www.safecomprogram.gov/SAFECOM/library/interoperabilitycasestudies/1223_statewidecommunications.htm)

## SAFETEA – LU *(safety-lu)*

Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users  
<http://fhwa.dot.gov/safetealu/index.htm>

## SASHTO *(sash-toe)*

Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials  
<http://www.sashto.org/>

## SB

Senate Bill  
<http://leg1.state.va.us/>; *also* Southbound

## SE

Systems Engineer or Systems Engineering

## SEL

Sound Exposure Level

## SELCL

Southern Environmental Law Center  
<http://www.southernenvironment.org/index.htm>

## SERP *(surp)*

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State Environmental Review Process  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/serp-local-faqs.asp>

## **SHPE**

Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers  
<http://oneshpe.shpe.org/wps/portal/national>

## **SHPO**

State Historic Preservation Office  
<http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/>

## **SHRP**

Strategic Highway Research Program  
<http://www.trb.org/shrp2/>

## **SJR**

Senate Joint Resolution  
<http://leg1.state.va.us/>

## **SMA**

Stone-Matrix Asphalt  
<http://vtrc.virginiadot.org/PUBDetails.aspx?Id=296328> and  
<http://vtrc.virginiadot.org/PUBDetails.aspx?Id=296231>

## **SOV**

Single Occupant Vehicle

## **SPR**

State Planning and Research (federal funds)  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/sprt.htm>

## **SR**

Senate Resolution  
<http://leg1.state.va.us/>

## **SRAWC**

Safety rest area and welcome center

## **SSAR**

Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/ssar/default.asp>

## **SSP**

Safety Service Patrol  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/safetypatrol.asp>

## **SSYP**

Secondary Six-Year Plan (counties & VDOT residencies)

## **STAA**

Surface Transportation Assistance Act  
<http://www.osha.gov/dep/oia/whistleblower/acts/staa.html>

## **STB**

Surface Transportation Board  
<http://www.stb.dot.gov/>

## **STIP**

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/about/stip.asp> and [virginiadot.org/programs/resources/Final\\_PI\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/resources/Final_PI_Guide.pdf) (pg 6)

## **STP**

Surface Transportation Program  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/pr-enhancegrants.asp>

## **STRAHNET**

Strategic Highway Network  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/HEP10/nhs/index.html>

## **SWaM**

Small, Women and Minority (-Owned Business)  
<http://www.dmbv.virginia.gov/swamcert.html>

## **SWAN**

Statewide Alert Network (SWAN) system  
<https://swan.vdem.virginia.gov/index.php?CCheck=1>

## **SWE**

Society of Women Engineers  
<http://societyofwomenengineers.swe.org/>

## **SYIP**

Six-Year Improvement Program  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/syp-default.asp>

# **T**

## **TAMS**

Turnkey Asset Management System (VDOT)

## **TBD**

To Be Determined

## **TBOF**

Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund  
<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/tpof.asp>

## **TCM**

Transportation Control Measures

## **TDM**

Transportation Demand Management  
[http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/resources/Final\\_PI\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/resources/Final_PI_Guide.pdf) page 4

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## **TDOT**

Tennessee Department of Transportation

## **TE**

Traffic Engineer (or) Traffic Engineering (VDOT)

<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/trafficeng-default.asp>;

*also* Transportation Engineer

## **TEA-21** (*tea-21*)

Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (seceded by SAFETEA-LU)

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tea21/>

## **TEOC** (*tee-ach*)

Transportation Emergency Operations Center (VDOT)

## **TERM**

Transportation Emission Reductions Measures

<http://www.mwcog.org/uploads/pub-documents/8lpcWg20060206130846.pdf>

## **TIA**

Traffic Impact Analysis

<http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/chapter527/>

## **TIP** (*tip*)

Transportation Improvement Programs (MPOs)

[http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/resources/Final\\_PI\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/resources/Final_PI_Guide.pdf) (pg 6)

## **TLC**

Transportation/Land-Use Connection

## **TM**

Trademark

<http://www.uspto.gov/#>

## **TMDD**

Traffic Management Data Dictionary

<http://www.ite.org/TMDD/>

## **TMIP**

Travel Model Improvement Program

<http://tmip.fhwa.dot.gov/>

## **TMP**

Transportation Management Plan

## **TMPD**

Transportation and Mobility Planning Division (VDOT)

<http://www.virginiadot.org/business/tpd-phone.asp>

## **TNM**

Traffic Noise Model

[http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/teams/environment/env\\_4tnm.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/teams/environment/env_4tnm.cfm)

## **TOC**

Transportation Operations Center (VDOT) (formerly Traffic Management Centers and Smart Traffic Centers)

## **TPB**

Transportation Planning Board

<http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/tpb/>

## **TRB**

Transportation Research Board

<http://www.trb.org/>

## **TRIP**

(formerly The Road Information Program)

<http://www.tripnet.org/>

## **TSA**

Transportation Security Administration

<http://www.tsa.gov/>

## **TTF**

Transportation Trust Fund

## **TTI**

Texas Transportation Institute

<http://tti.tamu.edu/>

## **TTY/TDD**

Text Telephone/Telecommunications Device for the Deaf

<http://www.abouttty.com/> and <http://www.vddhh.org/lrregstap.htm>

## **U**

### **UASI**

Urban Area Security Initiative

[http://www.commonwealthpreparedness.virginia.gov/initiatives/UASI\\_richmond.cfm](http://www.commonwealthpreparedness.virginia.gov/initiatives/UASI_richmond.cfm)

### **UCGIS**

University Consortium for Geographic Information Science

<http://www.ucgis.org/>

### **US**

United States

### **USACE**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

<http://www.usace.army.mil/>

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## USDOT

U.S. Department of Transportation  
<http://www.dot.gov/>

## USGBC

United States Green Building Council  
<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CMSPageID=124>

## USGS

U. S. Geological Survey  
<http://www.usgs.gov/>

## U.Va. (*u-v-ay*)

University of Virginia  
<http://www.virginia.edu/>

# V

## VT or VA Tech

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)  
<http://www.vt.edu/>

## VACO or VACo (*vay-ko*)

Virginia Association of Counties  
<http://www.vaco.org/>

## VAPDC

Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions  
<http://www.vapdc.org/>

## VASITE (*vay-site*)

Virginia Section Institute of Transportation Engineers  
<http://www.vasite.org/>

## VCS

Vehicle Classification System  
<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ohim/tmguidetmg4.htm>

## VDEM (*vee-dem*)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management  
<http://www.vdem.state.va.us/>

## VDOF

Virginia Department of Forestry  
<http://www.dof.virginia.gov/index.shtml>

## VDOT (*vee-dot*)

Virginia Department of Transportation  
<http://VirginiaDOT.org>

## VDS

Visibility Detection System

## VEDP

Virginia Economic Development Partnership  
<http://www.yesvirginia.org/>

## VGIN (*vee-gin*)

Virginia Geographic Information Network  
<http://www.911.virginia.gov/index.shtml>

## VII

Vehicle Infrastructure Integration  
<http://www.its.dot.gov/vii/>

## VIP

Virginia Inland Port  
<http://www.vaports.com/Facilities/FAC-term-vip.htm>

## VITA (*vee-tah*)

Virginia Information Technologies Agency  
<http://www.vita.virginia.gov/>

## VM

Voice Mail

## VMI

Virginia Military Institute  
<http://www.vmi.edu/>

## VML

Virginia Municipal League  
<http://www.vml.org/>

## VMS

Variable Message Sign; also Virginia Maintenance Services (contractor)  
<http://www.vmsom.com/>

## VMT

Vehicle Miles Traveled

## VOP

Virginia Outdoors Plan  
[http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/land\\_conservation/tools02b.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/land_conservation/tools02b.shtml)

## VPA

Virginia Port Authority  
<http://www.vaports.com/>

## VPD

Vehicles Per Day

## VRE

Virginia Railway Express  
<http://www.vre.org/>

## VSMP

Virginia Stormwater Management Program  
[http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil\\_water/stormwat.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil_water/stormwat.shtml)

## **VSP**

Virginia State Police  
<http://www.vsp.state.va.us/>

## **VTCA**

Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance  
<http://www.vrtba.org/>

## **VTRANS** (*vee-trans*)

Virginia Transportation plan  
<http://www.vtrans.org/>

## **VTRC**

Virginia Transportation Research Council  
<http://vtrc.virginia.gov/>

## **VTI**

Virginia Tech Transportation Institute  
<http://www.vtti.vt.edu/>

# W

## **WMA**

Warm-Mix Asphalt  
<http://vtrc.virginia.gov/PUBDetails.aspx?Id=296319> and  
<http://vtrc.virginia.gov/PROJDetails.aspx?Id=383>

## **WMATA** (*wah-mah-tah*)

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
<http://www.wmata.com>

## **WSIWYG** (*wissy-wig*)

What You See Is What You Get

## **WTS**

Women's Transportation Seminar  
<http://www.wtsinternational.org/>

## **WVDOT**

West Virginia Department of Transportation

## **WZAW**

Work Zone Awareness Week  
<http://www.virginia.gov/programs/prog-wzsa-default.asp>

## **Other Acronym Sources**

<http://www.vdot-itsarch.com/acronyms.htm#r> and  
[http://www.virginia.gov/projects/resources/Chapter\\_12\\_Glossary.pdf](http://www.virginia.gov/projects/resources/Chapter_12_Glossary.pdf) and  
[http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/resources/publications/trans\\_mgmt\\_plans/acronyms.htm](http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/resources/publications/trans_mgmt_plans/acronyms.htm) and  
<http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/weather/resources/acronyms.htm>  
and <http://acronyms.thefreedictionary.com/>