

Transportation and Housing Alliance Toolkit – Second Edition

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Welcome to the THA Toolkit! This resource contains tools to carry out an inclusive process **to create plans that lead to livable communities for all citizens**. The Toolkit is organized into sections to guide teams through the process. Each tab contains information and step-by-step guidance. A Compact Disk (CD) is also included with census data and the checklist in electronic form.

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Partners

The Transportation and Housing Alliance (THA) has been established as a standing committee of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC). The goal of the THA is to serve as a conduit of information, resources, technical assistance and education. The THA will make public policy recommendations and work to build and improve accessibility and interconnection between housing and transportation in localities and statewide. The THA Steering Committee consists of stakeholders across the state, including representatives of:

- Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit (DPRT)
- Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
- Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA)
- Centers for Independent Living (CILs)
- Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)/Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
- Fair Housing
- Virginia Board for People with Disabilities (VBPD)
- Planning Districts in Virginia

Purpose of Toolkit

The main product of the Transportation and Housing Alliance (THA) is this Toolkit. The purpose of the Toolkit is to assess housing and transportation needs, project future needs and identify overlapping issues and opportunities. **The key outcomes of using the Toolkit are plans that create livable communities for all citizens.**

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