# What are the Workforce Impacts of New Transportation Technology?

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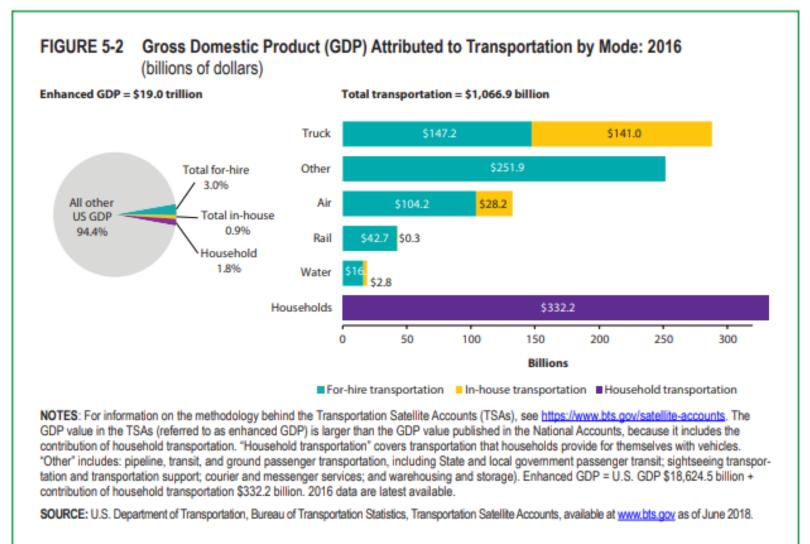




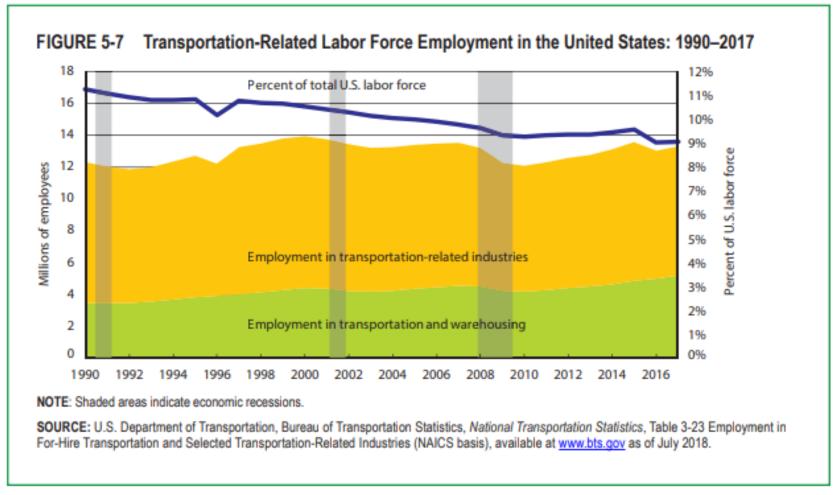




# Transportation accounted for 8.9% of U.S. GDP in 2016



# Transportation and transportation-related industries employ over 13.3 million people, accounting for 9.1 percent of workers in the United States



## Workforce and Labor

- 1. U.S. DOT recognizes emerging concerns and uncertainty around potential impacts of ADS on the existing workforce.
- 2. U.S. DOT is working with other cabinet agencies on a comprehensive analysis of the employment and workforce impacts of automated vehicles.
- 3. ADS developers and deployers may want to consider how to assess potential workforce effects, future needs for new skills and capabilities, and how the workforce will transition into new roles over time.

# DOT / DOL Workforce Impacts Study

- The workforce study focuses on four general areas:
  - 1. Labor Force Transformation/Displacement
  - 2. Labor Force Training Needs
  - 3. Technology Operational Safety Issues
  - 4. Quality of Life Effects Due to Automation
- The first phase of the workforce study focuses on the long-haul trucking and transit bus sectors. The second phase will be expanded to include a broader set of driving occupations and potentially impacts to ancillary job categories.
- DOT held an event on March 20, 2019, to receive stakeholder input into the development of the upcoming study on Automation and the Workforce and an accompanying Report to Congress, expected summer 2019. The workforce event will convene key stakeholders representing industry (vehicle, ADS technology, and trucking), labor, the public sector, academia, and research to provide input into the automation adoption scenarios that will underpin the analysis.



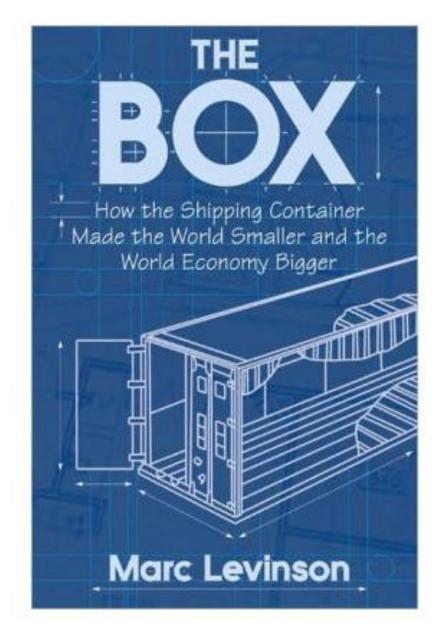
# Learning from the History of Automation in the Aviation Workforce

- 1. The aviation industry developed technological solutions to help airline pilots manage factors such as high workload, distractions, and abnormal situations.
- 2. Automation has undeniably made flying safer by supporting pilots. The characteristics that have improved trust in and effectiveness of these systems include:
  - a) Reliable, robust systems that minimize false or missed alarms/reports
  - b) Pilot interfaces that are easy to understand and enhance awareness.
  - c) Training to understand how the systems work (and how to operate them).
  - d) Avoidance of skill degradation by encouraging pilots to practice manual flight and basic skills.









- Vehicle automation is likely to make the movement of people and goods safer, cheaper, and more convenient.
- It remains extremely difficult to predict the exact nature and extent of impacts on the professional driving workforce.
- The specific ways in which these jobs will change may vary significantly across market segments and operating environments and will be influenced by contemporaneous changes in related industries.

Preparing for

# THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION

**Automated Vehicles 3.0** 

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U.S. Department of Transportation



#### **VDOT OF TOMORROW**

Building the agency for the future

VDOT Commissioner Stephen Brich, P.E.

## **Virginia: A Leading state + DOT**

- Virginia is 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation for the number of Fortune 1000 companies
- Virginia is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> by U.S. News & World Report for Best States
- Home to more than 60 colleges and universities
- > 8.5 million citizens
- **▶** Virginia is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest state DOT



### **Key People Trends at VDOT**

SERVICE

49 15 17% 34% 71%

AVERAGE AVERAGE ARE HAVE EMPLOYEES AGE OF YEARS OF MORE THAN COLLEGE HAVE

OLD

60 YEARS

COLLEGE HAVE EMPLOYEES
DEGREE NETWORK HAVE
ACCESS NETWORK
ACCESS

#### **RETIREMENT**

**EMPLOYEES** 

Retirement eligibly is high

#### **VACANCY**

Vacancies have seen a slight uptick from normal, specifically in positions in rural areas

#### RETENTION

Technical job retention is lower than other positions in VDOT

#### **TELEWORKING**

50%

DISTRICT

Teleworking is only used by 22% of those that are eligible



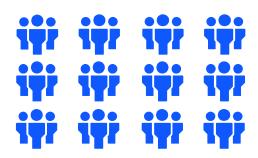
#### **VDOT's Vision of the Future**

# A future transportation system delivers mobility safer, faster and more efficient.

- Frictionless, automated, personalized travel in Urban Areas
- Connected, resilient Rural Areas across the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Interconnected highways, bridges, tunnels, waterways and transit hubs through
   Smart Infrastructure
- Innovation through connected, electric, and Autonomous Vehicles and shifting attitudes toward mobility
- New Funding Streams through dynamic user charging and new monetization strategies



## Information-seeking Stage

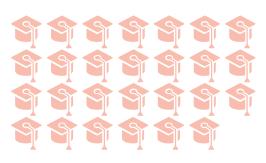


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**Focus groups** conducted across VDOT's districts and directorates with 80+ participants



Interviews conducted to gather leadership perspective



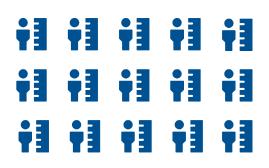
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**Technical and human skills identified** as critical to VDOT's future



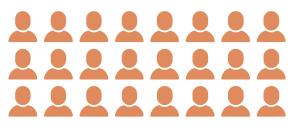
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Non-traditional competitors analyzed to gather insights on how they are recruiting the key talent that VDOT needs



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Key HR data metrics reviewed



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**Diverse voices from across VDOT came together** to prioritize the work
and workforce initiatives that VDOT –
and this project – should focus on first



#### **How We Get There**

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PREPARE OUR EMPOWER MODERNIZE OUR INNOVATION METHODS

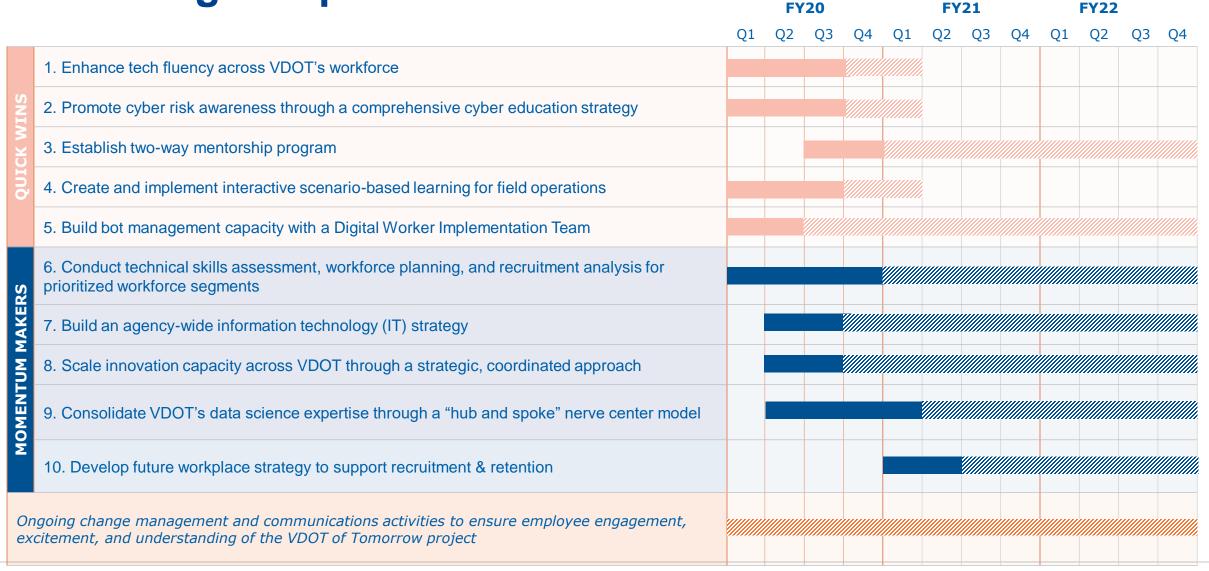
- Development
- Strategic hiring
- Training
- Mentoring

- Challenge the norm
- Create
- Adapt
- Think differently

- Improve processes
- Create efficiencies
- Modernize procedures
- Update strategies



### Planning + Implementation





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# DRIVING THE WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE.



Founding Member + Secretary, PTIO

General Manager + Head of Technology and Innovation Policy, Daimler



# **Innovation Drives Opportunity**

The Partnership for Transportation Innovation and Opportunity includes leading companies and associations committed to advancing autonomous vehicle technology in ways that improve quality of life and economic opportunity for all Americans.



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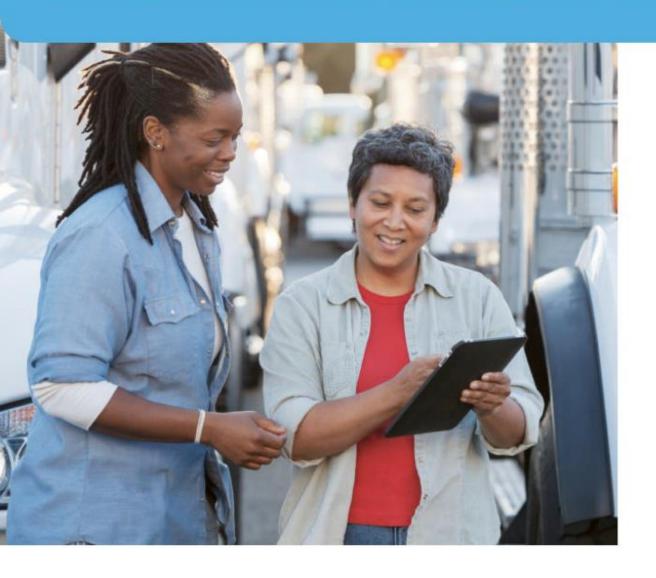


**TOYOTA** 

**UBER** 



## EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF AVS



- Benefits for Society:
  - Safer roadways
  - Greater access to mobility
  - Reduced gridlock
  - Improved environment
  - Increased productivity

# IDENTIFYING WORKFORCE IMPACT

- Opportunities for Workers:
  - Greater efficiency
  - Economic gains
  - Enhanced career opportunities



## UNDERSTANDING TRANSITION TIMELINE



- Near Term: Recent Research from SAFE projects measurable impacts begin to occur in 2030s, with most occurring in 2040s
  - Partial automation of trucks may actually increase employment
- Long Term: SAFE projects that more advanced levels of automation will create opportunities in the AV industry and supply chain, as well as other transportation careers
  - Questions to consider:
    - What skills will be needed?
    - Where will new jobs be located?

ENGAGING FEDERAL POLICYMAKERS

- Conducting Outreach, Providing Information + Seeking Collaboration
  - 80+ House and Senate Meetings
  - DOT Ongoing Analysis on AVs + Workforce
  - Presentations + Briefings, including:
    - Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Forum
    - Senate Auto Caucus
    - Third Way Transportation Panel

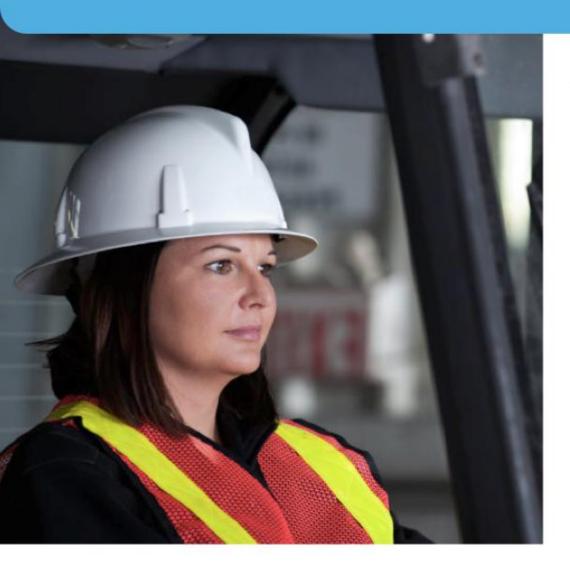


# ENGAGING STATE/LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS

- Soliciting State/Local Perspective is a Top Priority
  - Nationwide Community Listening Sessions
    - D.C. 30+ organizations, presentation by Indiana Sec. of Career Development and Connection Blair Milo
    - Indiana 40+ participants from Indiana State government, academia, workforce development + local business communities
    - Missouri 60+ participants from St. Louis government, academia, workforce development + local business communities
    - Upcoming: Ohio + Michigan

- Engaging Directly with Government Officials, Stakeholders Is Equally Important
  - Rhode Island DOT
  - California DOT
  - New York State Legislature
  - DriveOhio (a project of Ohio DOT)
  - Michigan Mobility Institute/Detroit Mobility Lab

# PREPARING FOR OUR AV FUTURE



- PTIO Identifies Outstanding Questions In Its Research Priorities:
  - How will AV technology impact the workforce?
     What new workforce opportunities may arise when AVs are deployed, and how may impacts vary by region?
  - What workforce training is needed to ensure a smooth transition to AVs and how should it be delivered?
    - Which training programs will be most effective and what deters people from taking advantage of training programs that are already available to them today?
  - How will AV technology improve quality of life?
     How will AV technology improve working conditions in
     existing occupations and benefit people whose career
     opportunities are limited by lack of transportation?

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