



# Advanced Air Mobility in Virginia

Virginia Aviation Caucus, February 2024

# Now is the time for AAM

AAM is forecast to be a \$16 Billion industry for Virginia with 17,000 mostly high-tech jobs

States and industry to develop and present a path forward for AAM that the FAA can endorse for safe operations

Virginia is a recognized AAM leader thanks to early pilot projects and research and development

VEDP, DOAV/Transportation, VIPC are working with VDEM, other users, and industry via the Virginia AAM Alliance (VAAMA)

VIPC's role in the nascent AAM industry is convening stakeholders and proving new innovations through technology demonstrations

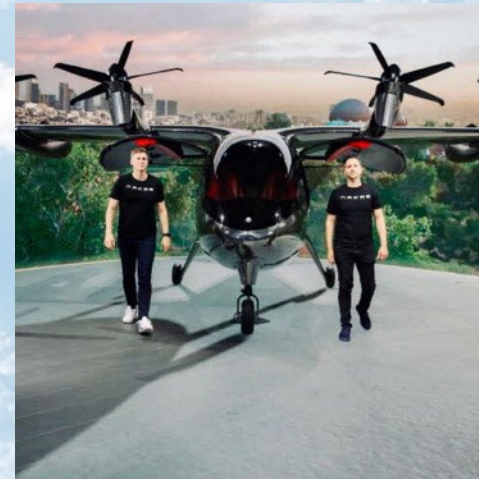
DOAV will become the operational entity for Virginia when the regulatory process is clearer



## VIPC report forecasts \$16 billion Advanced Air Mobility industry to transform transportation in Virginia



\$2.8 billion in local,  
state, and federal tax  
revenues



17,000 full-time  
aerospace industry  
and other jobs to all  
regions of the  
Commonwealth



By 2045, about 7.7  
million passengers  
per year, or over  
21,000 passengers  
per day

# How will Advanced Air Mobility be used?



Small/Medium Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

- Local missions for aerial work or cargo delivery (food, packages)
- Takeoff/landing infrastructure range none to specialized
- Electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) aircraft



Urban Air Mobility

- "Local" missions up to ~75 miles around metropolitan areas
- Largely novel "vertiport" infrastructure
- eVTOL, potentially electric conventional take-off and landing (eCTOL) and electric short take-off and landing (eSTOL) aircraft
- 1 to ~6 passengers or equivalent cargo



Regional Air Mobility (RAM)

- "Intraregional" missions up to ~500 miles
- Primarily utilize existing (smaller) airports
- eCTOL and eSTOL aircraft
- Up to 19 passengers or equivalent cargo

# *Roles and Responsibilities*



## Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV)

- Policy, Regulations
- Digital and physical infrastructure
- Licensing and certification of AAM facilities
- Long-term, sustainable funding; taxes, user fees, grants

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## Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation (VIPPC)

- Convening critical stakeholders in industry, academics and government
- Technology development, testing and operational demonstrations
- Virginia entrepreneur and small business support through grant programs and commercialization assistance
- Community outreach and education

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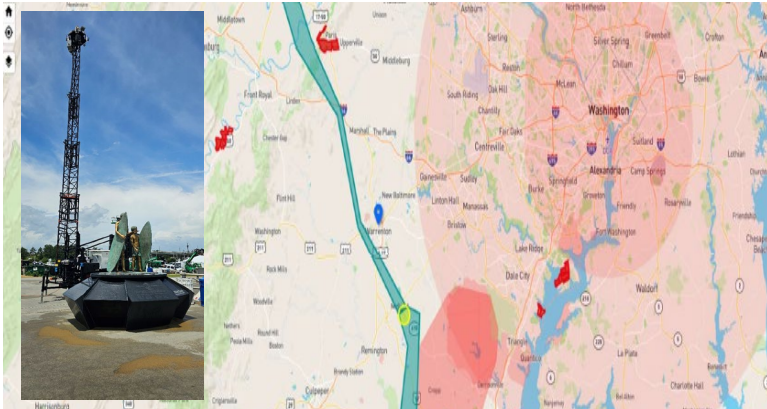
## Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP)

- Recruit AAM operators and suppliers to Virginia
- Continue with ready-site program for manufacturing
- Coordinate with DOAV and VIPPC to include most current information about Virginia's AAM ecosystem for proposal responses
- Conduct an aviation-related supply chain study.

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**Stafford-Warrenton-Winchester  
AAM Enablement Area**



**Medical Package Delivery on  
Eastern Shore/Tangier Island**



**AAM Multistate Initiative to  
harmonize policy**



**UAV Activity Study indicates  
need for tools to identify  
operators to enhance safety**

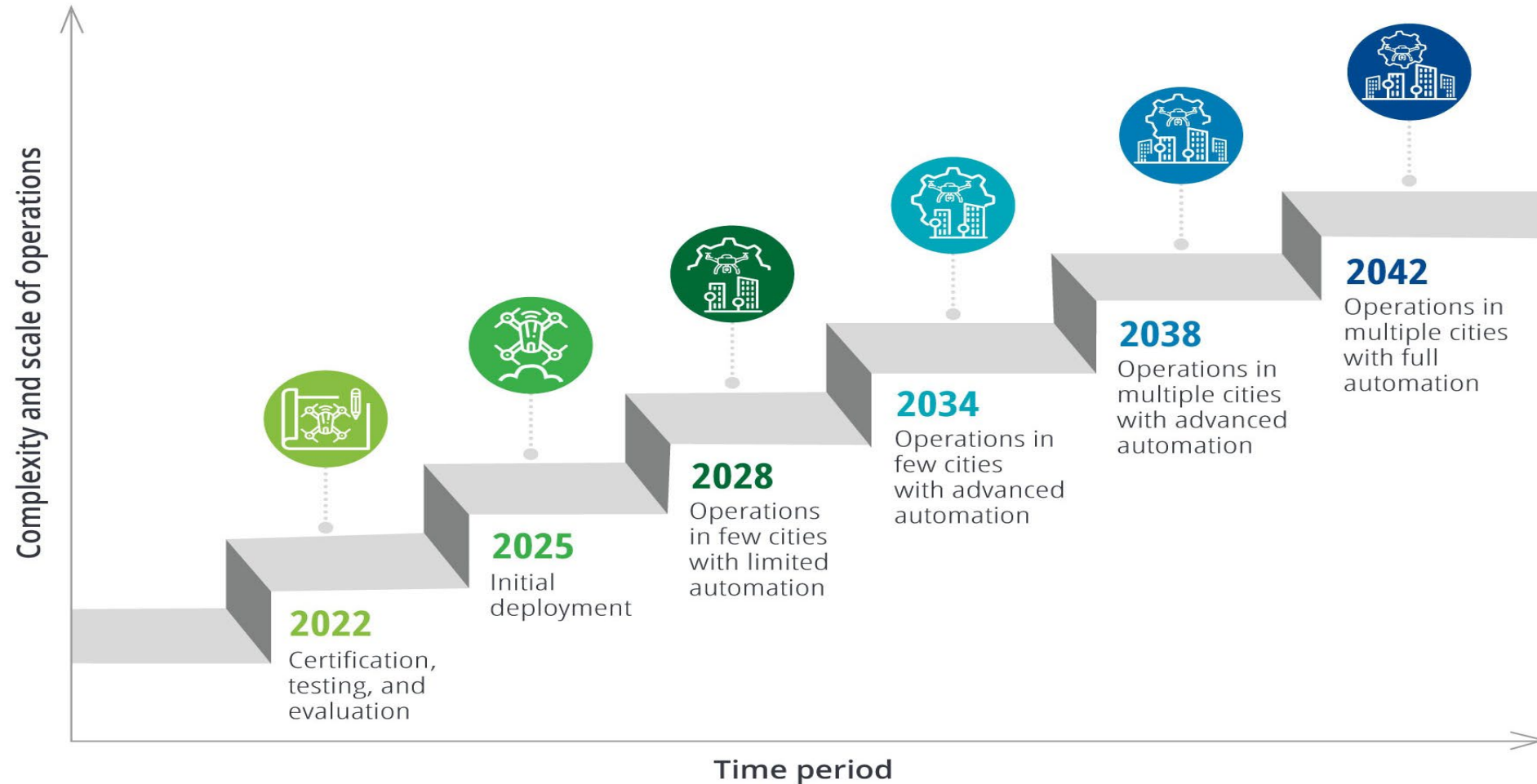


**Airspace Awareness also  
supports Public Safety and  
Critical Infrastructure Security**



**Virginia AAM Alliance  
coordinates development across  
the Commonwealth**

# Operationalizing AAM: A natural development progression



Source: Deloitte and AIA analysis and estimates based on 2021 Advanced Air Mobility Survey



# **Additional Information**

# Social and Economic Benefits of AAM



Enables safer, faster travel



Increases daily commute radius to 200 miles



Leapfrogs infrastructure projects to deal with transportation deserts



Unites geographically constrained areas and lessens the burden on ground infrastructure



Brings housing options closer to economic centers and closes social divides.



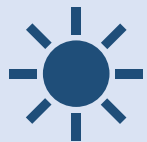
# Social and Economic Benefits of AAM



Stronger connection of rural to urban areas for education and job opportunities



Shortens emergency response times and enhances medical services in underserved areas



Reduces carbon emissions and noise by using efficient and quiet electric aircraft



Increases utility of general aviation airport infrastructure



Expands workforce and economic development opportunities



# Eastern Shore / Tangier Island Medical Package Delivery

Distance ?  
14.46 NM

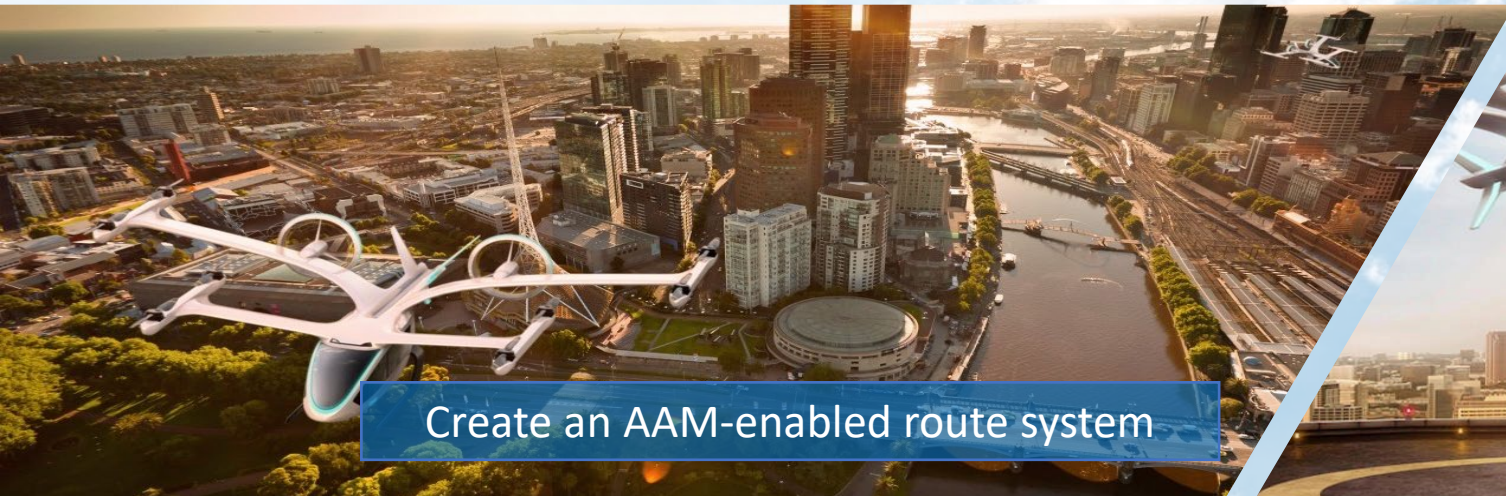
- Lab work / Medical Tests
- Prescriptions
- Testing supplies
- Vaccines
- Critical paperwork
- Critical supplies
- Other government immediate needs



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# How we get there



Create an AAM-enabled route system



Establish specific, complete, AAM-ready sites



Advance AAM operational development and demonstrations



Expand the supply chain to support the industry

# Community Engagement and Education Initiative

- Land use regulation of siting vertiports, other landing areas
- Building code, fire code, electric code
- Use in public safety by local governments
- Constructing & operating vertiports
- Equity in access to electric aviation
- Local airports as vertiports, STOL ports, charging stations, repair & maintenance stations.
- One area local governments won't have a role – the flying part of electric aircraft regulated by FAA.



Airport  
Operators



Local  
Governments



Planning  
Districts



Economic  
Developers



Policymakers



Academia



Public

# Some things communities can be doing today to prepare for AAM



Gather data about today's transportation patterns, ambient noise landscapes, and weather



Understand current airspace usage in their jurisdictions



Review existing heliport and airport facilities for AAM suitability



Begin identifying new vertiport location opportunities, both through new development and through partnership with existing infrastructure



Begin stakeholder conversations (e.g., community leaders, business community) to provide information on AAM as well as understand concerns



Explore potential public/private partnership structures and opportunities for UAM Understand electric grid capacity and what needs to be done to facilitate broader transportation electrification, including AAM



Identify their point person to lead the AAM conversation and open a dialogue with industry and the associations that are here to assist in this process



The Community Air Mobility Initiative (CAMI) provides resources for state and local decision makers in support of the responsible integration of AAM.

# AAM/Airspace Awareness

