Virginia Airport Operators Council
AVIATION CAUCUS BRIEFING

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About VAOC

- **Mission**
  - *Serve as a forum for the common interest of owners, operators, and users of the 66 public-use airports located throughout Virginia*

- **Membership**

- **Actions in Support**
  - **Education, lobbying, events, policy positions**

- **VAOC is an asset to the DOAV and General Assembly**

A System of Airports

- **Vast network of 66 public-use airports licensed by DOAV**
  - **9 Commercial Service**
  - **8 Reliever**
  - **19 Regional**
  - **16 Community**
  - **14 Local Service**
- **Infrastructure needs coordinated w/ DOAV & FAA**
  - **Virginia Air Transportation System Plan (VATSP)**
  - **National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS)**
- **Virginia Aviation Board (VAB)**

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Legislative Priorities

- **HB446: Abandoned or derelict aircraft; disposal.**
  - Provides the authority for an airport sponsor to address these situations
  - Provides prescriptive measures that save time and money
  - Mirrors existing policies for vehicles and watercraft
  - Ensures airports being used for aeronautical purposes
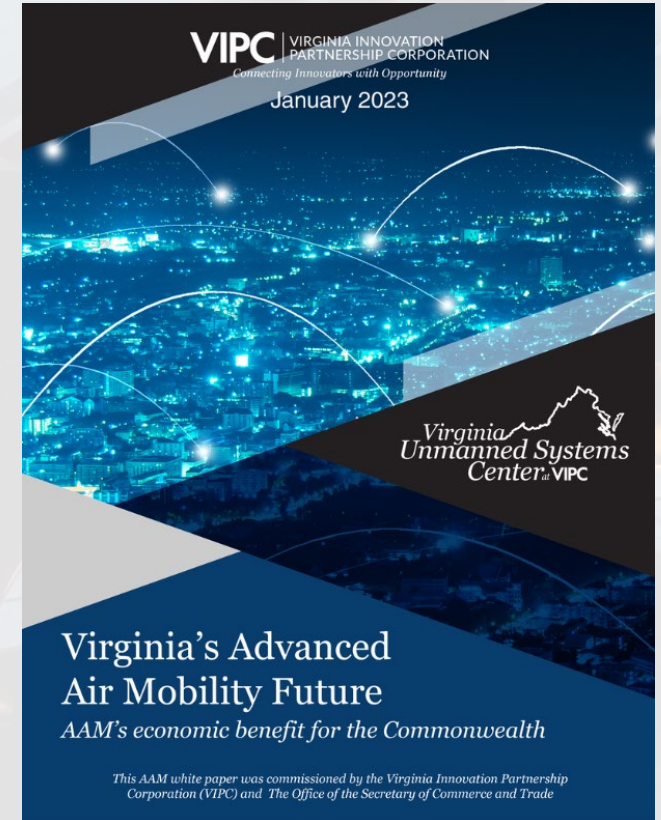- **VAOC is a resource for lawmakers to understand impacts of state/federal policy on airports**

Focus Areas

- **Workforce Development**
- **...*is* Economic Development**
- **Sustainability Initiatives**
- **Infrastructure Support**
- **Advanced Air Mobility (AAM)**

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- *"Infrastructure precedes revenues by 5 years..."*

- **Endorse DOAV approach**

- **Airports as anchors to AAM implementation**
    - **Stakeholder engagement**
    - **Knowledge resources**
    - **Smart planning & investment**

Conclusion

- **2024 Events**
  - VABA Legislative Reception: Feb 7
  - VAOC Legislative Day: Feb 8
  - Spring Workshop: April
  - Annual Conference: August

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