



VIRGINIA AVIATION CAUCUS

Virginia Department of Aviation Overview

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Agency Overview

- ❖ Airport Services Division
- ❖ Aviation Education and External Engagement
- ❖ Flight Operations Division
- ❖ Finance & Administration Division



Economic Impact of Aviation in Virginia



2017: \$22.9 Billion

2026: **\$41.9 Billion**

- ❖ Nearly **83% increase** from prior study
- ❖ Full economic impact study will be available later this month

Advanced Air Mobility

- ❖ An emerging concept for enhancing air transportation – potential to revolutionize the transportation industry:
 - ❖ Ranges from small, uncrewed systems to multi-rotor, vertical and short take-off lift passenger and cargo vehicles;
 - ❖ Piloted and autonomously controlled aircraft; and
 - ❖ Potential to provide new, more affordable services not just to major markets but to all communities across the Commonwealth.



Virginia AAM Smart Airspace Program

ROANOKE (KROA)
Class C
On Airport Vertiport

BLACKSTONE (KBKT)
Class D
On Airport Vertiport

VIRGINIA TECH (VTI)
Off Airport Vertiport

- AAM INSTRUMENT FLIGHT PROCEDURES AT EACH LOCATION
- AAM CORRIDORS - FAA APPROVED LOW-LEVEL ROUTING



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Urban Air Mobility (UAM) Concept of Operations



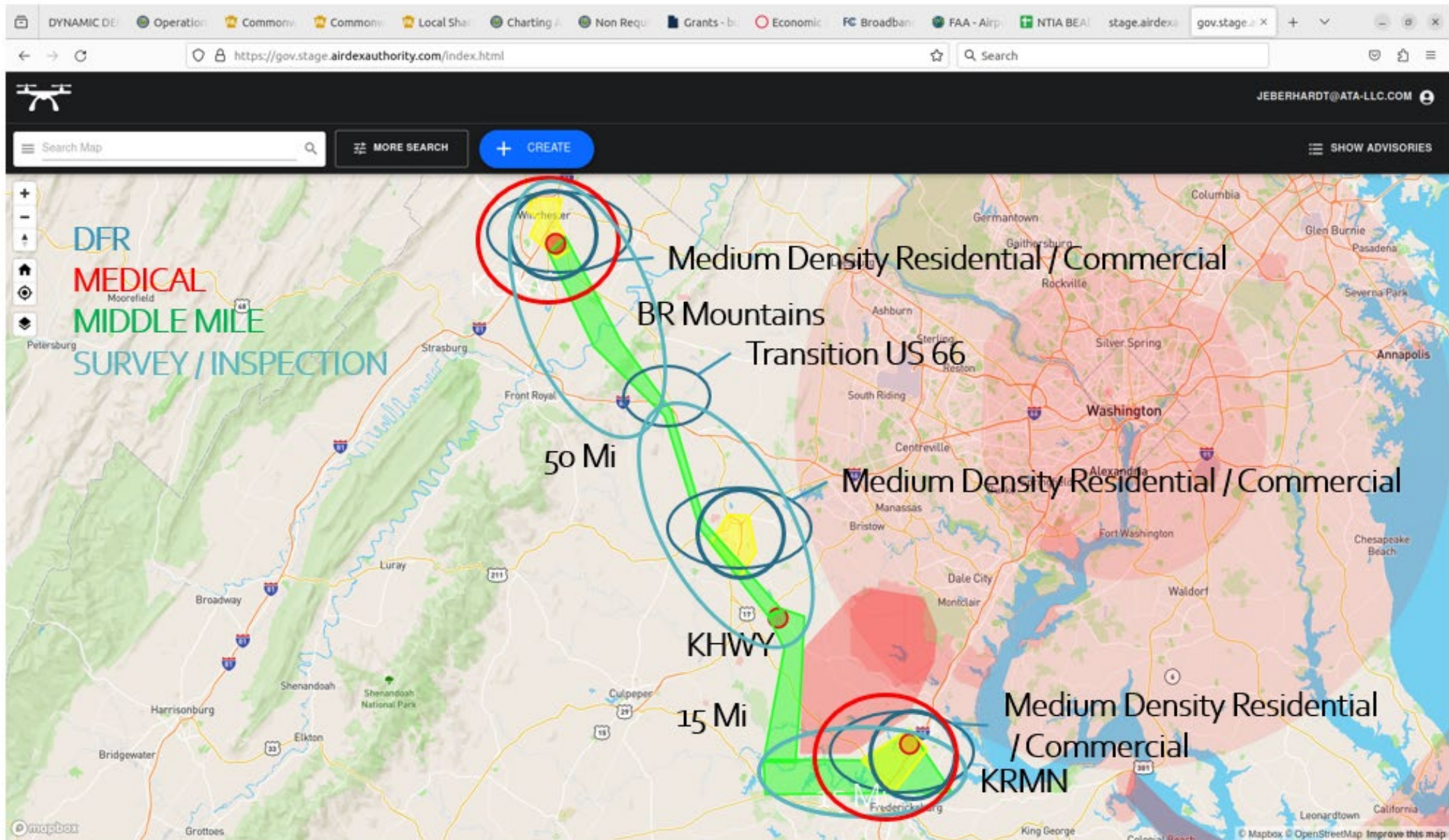
UAM Airspace Research Roadmap
Rev 2.0

VT
VIRGINIA TECH.

NAVOS AIR

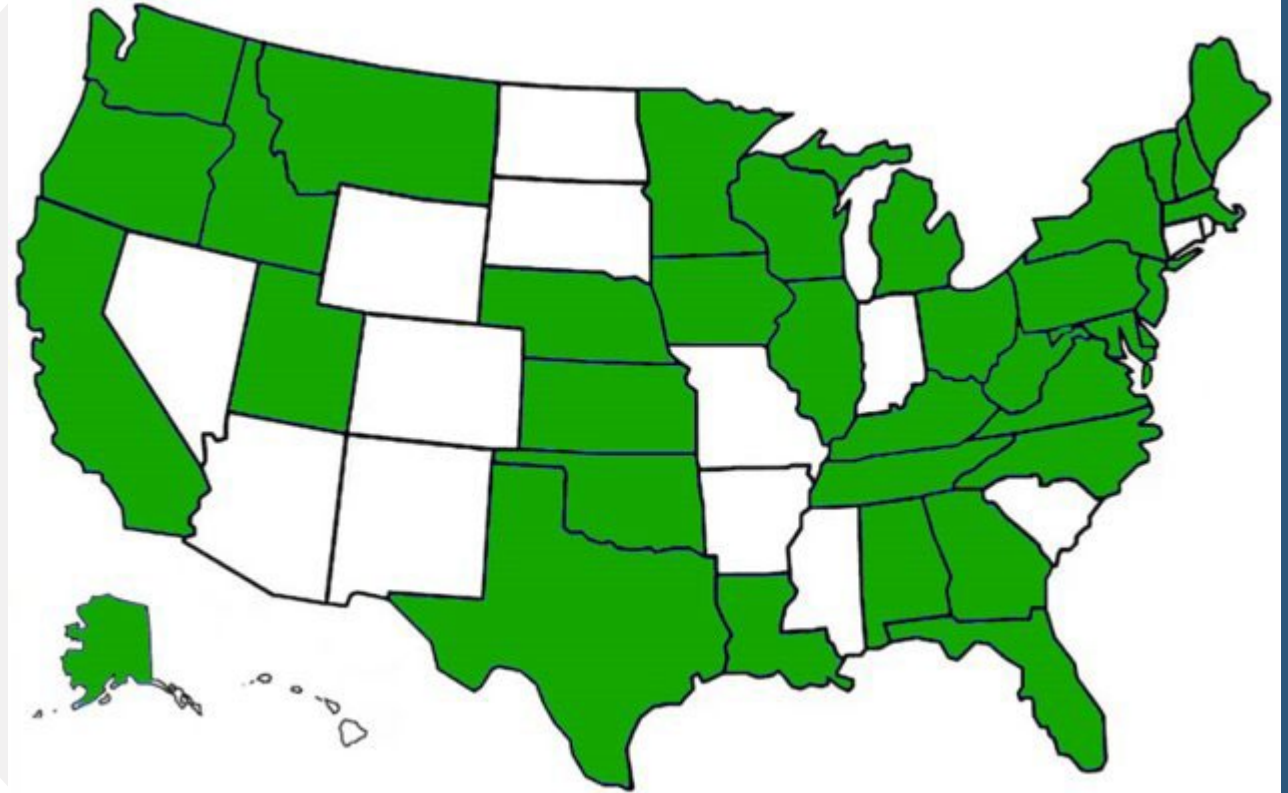


FIX and SWW MVI Pilot



AAM Multi-State Collaborative

- ❖ Formed in September 2023 – first meeting in Virginia
- ❖ Originally eight states
- ❖ Participation has grown to 36 states
- ❖ Purpose – foster and frame AAM collaboration across the country



Governor's New Airline Service Incentive Fund (NASIF)

- ❖ Created by the Virginia General Assembly during its 2020 session.
- ❖ Designed to encourage establishment of new non-stop commercial service between Virginia and other markets not served by other airlines.
- ❖ Air carriers are eligible for up to \$250,000 per year.



Legislative Initiatives

2025 – Legislative Changes

HB 2022/SB 948 - Aircraft Registration System Modernization

- ❖ Allows for multi-year registration and eliminates the use of the aircraft decal
- ❖ First adjustment to the aircraft registration fee since 1979
- ❖ Modernized aircraft registration process

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