



2026 Transportation Forum
Friday September 25, 2026
8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Agenda

8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration/Check-In & Networking
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome Remarks Charles Craddock – Chair Lynchburg Regional Transportation Advocacy Group Welcome Video from Senator Mark Warner
8:45 – 9:15	Keynote Speaker: Trey McKenzie Vice President – Government Relations U.S. Chamber of Commerce (Q & A)
9:15 – 9:30	Break
9:30 – 10:15	Rail and Public Transit Update Speaker: Mariia Zimmerman Director Department of Rail & Public Transportation Commonwealth of Virginia (Q & A)
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 11:15	Regional Planning and Surface Projects Update Moderator: Chris Winstead – District Engineer VDOT Lynchburg District Panelist: Kelli Rowan – Planning Manager VDOT Lynchburg District Panelist: Gaynelle Hart – Director City of Lynchburg Public Works Panelist: Alec Brebner – Executive Director Central Virginia Planning District Commission Panelist: Thomas Ruff – Principal Transportation Planning, Analysis & Design Timmons Group (Q & A)

11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:15 pm	Lunch & Keynote Speaker: Nick Donohue Secretary of Transportation Commonwealth of Virginia (Q & A)
12:15 – 12:30	Break
12:30 – 1:15	Regional Air Service Update Speaker: Marjette Upshur Director of Economic Development & Tourism City of Lynchburg (Q & A)
1:15 – 1:30	Closing Remarks & Adjourn
2:00 – 4:00 pm	Fall Meeting/Townhall with Secretary of Transportation Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance Centra Conference Room