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## Update on the Port of Virginia

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# Port of Virginia Includes

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## Virginia Port Authority Facilities:

**Norfolk International Terminal (NIT)**

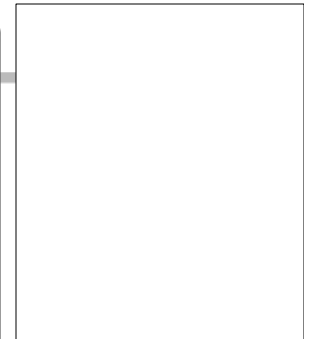
**Portsmouth Marine Terminal (PMT)**

**Newport News Marine Terminal (NNMT)**

**Virginia Inland Port**

**APM Terminal located in Portsmouth, Virginia – a privately operated port which opened in 2007**

# Virginia Port Authority Facilities



# The Impact of the VPA

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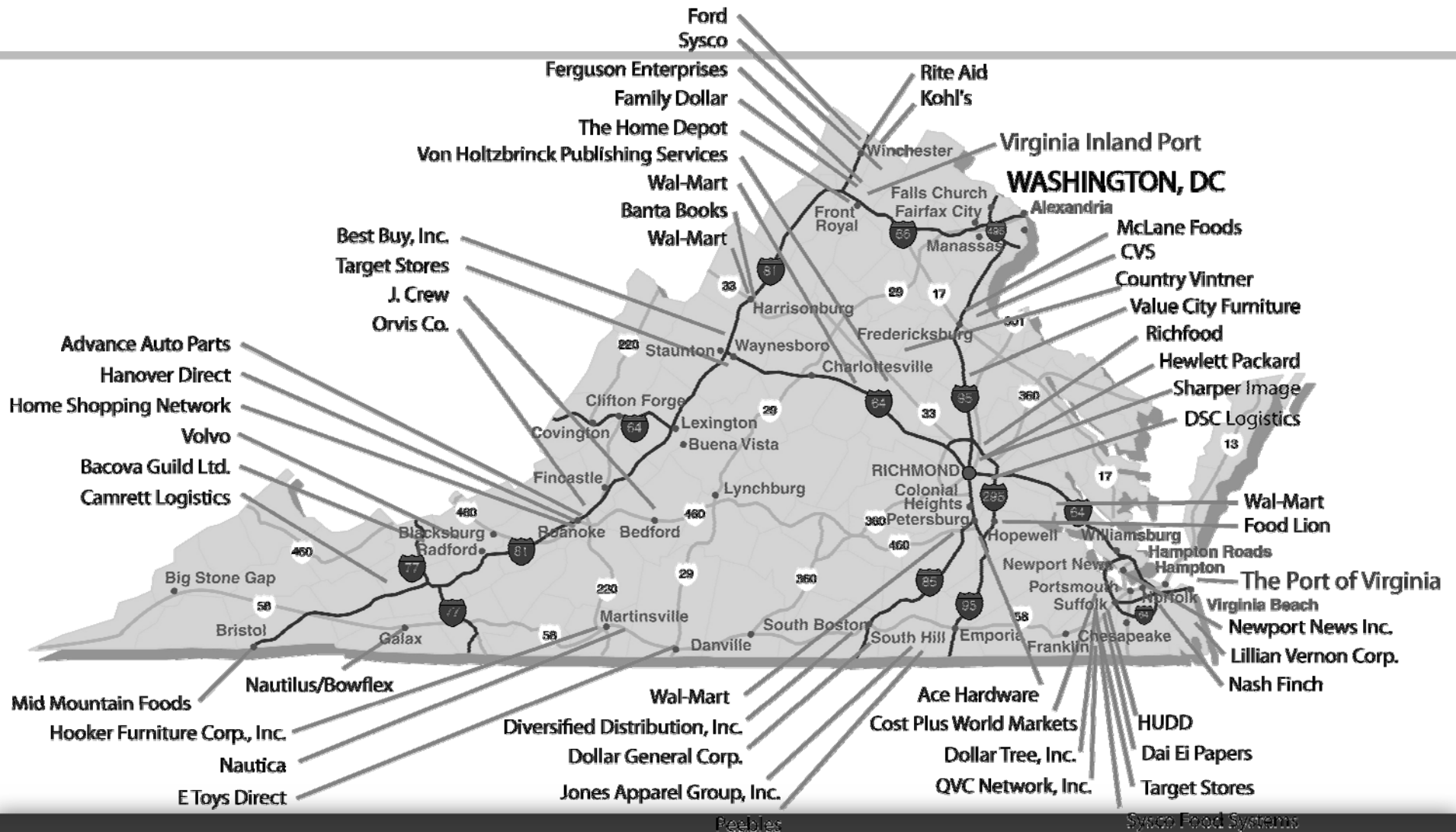
- **The direct operations of the Port have a significant impact on the economy of Hampton Roads region and Shenandoah Valley**
  - **Since 1996, port-related warehousing and distribution investment has increased by more than \$415 million and employed more than 12,000 people**
  - **For the Inland Port, 24 warehousing and distribution centers with a total income of close to \$600 million and more than 7,000 employees have established businesses**
- **However, the port operation is just one part of the import/export supply chain and the economic spin-off is significant**
  - **Economic development successes such as Rolls Royce and Ikea point to the port as a deciding factor**

# The Port's Strong Economic Benefit to the Commonwealth

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- For FY 2006, the direct economic benefit of the VPA according to the College of William & Mary School of Business are:
  - Revenue/Sales - \$18.5 billion
  - Employee Compensation - \$5 billion
  - Employees – 147,645
- When the total impact (direct, indirect, and induced) are included the economic benefit grows to
  - Revenue/sales - \$41.1 billion
  - Employees – 343,001
  - Employee Compensation - \$13.5 billion
- The estimated tax benefit from these benefits totals \$1.2 billion

# Selected Distribution Facilities Located in Virginia



## Elements of Future Growth

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- **Natural growth will occur at the Port, in 2007, 3-5% in containers**
- **More than 80% of customers have signed long-term volume commitments**
- **By 2015, the Panama Canal expansion project will be completed allowing additional transits and larger ships to use the Canal for freight cargo**
- **By 2020, based on current container growth projections, the Port of New York/New Jersey effectively will have filled its capacity with limited ability to expand or make operational improvements**

## With Growth Comes Challenges

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- **Rail by freight experienced double digit growth in 2007**
- **The Route 164 Rail Relocation Project is one component of the Heartland Corridor Project which will improve freight operations**
  - **Construction of the \$60 million project is underway and will finish in December 2009; financed with \$40 million in one-time GF, federal earmark, and Rail Enhancement Funds**
  - **Eliminates 14 at-grade crossings of the existing rail line in Chesapeake and Portsmouth**
- **I-81 and I-95 Rail are also critical to freight movement – agreements have been signed**



# With Growth Comes Challenges

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- **The largest question is whether the surface transportation system – highway and rail – can support the movement of freight**
  - **Known needed improvements in Hampton Roads will cost at least \$10 billion**
  - **Known projects include improvements to Hampton Boulevard in Norfolk; I-664, Craney Island Connector, Route 460, Route 58, I-64**
  - **For Rail, elimination of rail crossings in Suffolk**
  - **Rail connections to intermodal facilities**
  - **No consensus or plan on how to priorities needs**

# Craney Island as the Fourth VPA Terminal

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- **There are two components to the development of Craney Island as a port terminal**
- **First, the existing Corps of Engineers dredged material disposal area must be expanded eastward**
  - **The estimated cost of this expansion is \$712 million**
  - **Congress has authorized this expansion and okayed a 50/50 funding split; however, no federal funds have been appropriated**
  - **Next projects steps are completing design and utility relocations including US Navy fuel line**
- **Second, the marine terminal and related infrastructure must be constructed by the Commonwealth - \$1.7 billion estimated cost**

# Proposed VPA Budget

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- **FY 08 - \$81.0 million**
- **FY 09 - \$90.6 million**
- **FY 10 - \$101.3 million**
  
- **Clarifies use of revenues above budget to meet existing project costs (ex. Craney planning, NIT improvements and Route 164 Rail Relocation)**
  
- **Authorizes additional debt for port activities (both Commonwealth Port Fund and terminal revenue bonds)**
  - **\$200 million commercial paper program to assist in short-term borrowing**
  - **\$39 million master equipment lease program**
  - **\$93 million for Norfolk International Terminal and Portsmouth Marine Terminal**
  - **\$155 million for Craney Island development**

# VPA Existing & Proposed Debt

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- **Commonwealth Port Fund (4.2% TTF)**
  - **Current Authorized - \$265 million (\$215 million outstanding)**
  - **Proposed for Craney Island - \$155 million in FY 2010**
- **Terminal Revenue Bonds**
  - **Current Outstanding/Authorized - \$275 million**
  - **Planned - \$332 million, including the commercial paper program**



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