

The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

# Background

#### Established in August 1988

- US DOT
- University Transportation Centers Program



- Largest university-level research center at Virginia Tech
  - Over 200 staff and students working on approximately 100 projects
  - \$80 Million Awarded
  - \$22 Million in Annual Expenditures
  - Largest supporter of both undergraduate and graduate students



## **Unique Facilities**



#### **Instrumented Vehicles**

## The Virginia Smart Road





The Virginia Smart Road is VTTI's most well-known facility built to federal & state specs with weathermaking equipment to generate

rain, snow

& fog.





### **Research Areas**

- Human Factors and Safety (naturalistic studies)
- Transportation Technology
- Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure
- Traffic and Mobility
- Transportation Policy
- Product Development

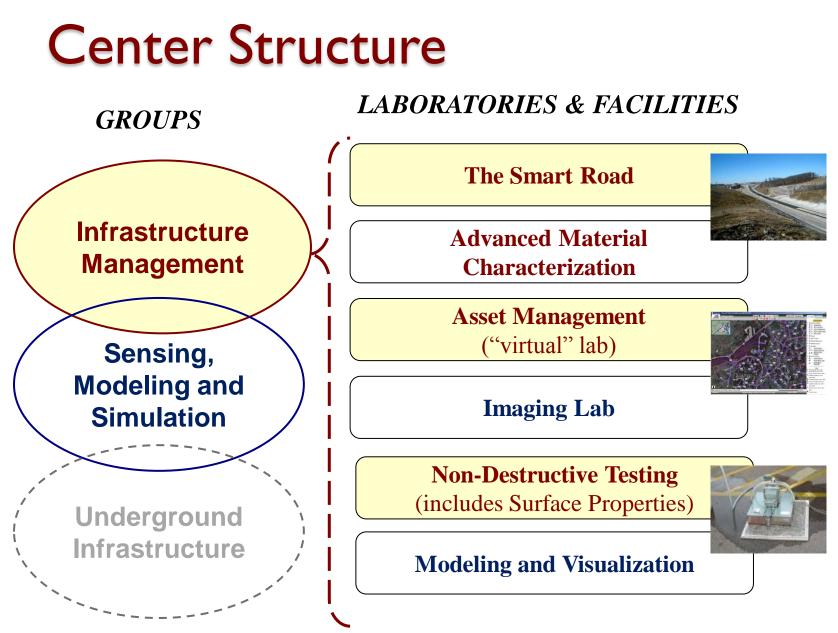
## Center for Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure





# Vision

- A worldwide leader in transportation infrastructure research and education
  - Conduct high-impact research for accelerating the renewal, increasing safety, reducing life-cycle costs, and ensuring sustainability of transportation infrastructure systems
  - Be a paradigm of collaboration among governments, academia, and industries
  - Provide excellent environment, resources, and instruction for students to learn fundamental concepts, acquire advanced knowledge, and gain practical experience



**Transportation with Technology** Driving

**Center for Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure** 

## Virginia Sustainable Pavements Research Consortium (VA-SPRC)

- Collaboration to advance the state of pavement engineering in the commonwealth, the United States, and the World
  - Focus on strategically selected high-impact research projects on pavement materials, performance, design, maintenance and management
  - Excellent partnership to pursue national and international funding opportunities





