

# CAV Technology Testing in Fairfax County

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# Fairfax Smart Community Goals and Strategies

- Leverage existing business sectors
- Spark business growth
- Nurture innovation ecosystem
- Strengthen partnerships with educational institutions
- Use technology to more effectively and efficiently provide services to residents

- Evaluate the infrastructure framework for deploying smart technology
- Partner with Community and Business on Pilot Projects
- Continue to develop partnerships with state, educational institutions, business community, public utilities.



## **Service Sectors**



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## **Connected Autonomous Vehicle Shuttle Pilot Project**









# Why CAVs?

- Position Fairfax as a leader in smart community initiatives
- Determine the viability of an autonomous shuttle as a firstand last-mile mobility solution
- Understand how the project integrates and impacts county's existing TDP

- Gain better understanding of integrating technology in public spaces and civic infrastructure.
- Gain understanding of project structure from a governmental, private sector, financial and legal perspective
- Expand the test bed for VDOT's CAVs

# **Research Objectives**

- Explore innovative technologies to support and expand public transportation
- Identify how CAV shuttles can fill service gaps in traditional transit.
- Determine how CAVs can assist in congestion mitigation and environmental quality

- Investigate what kinds of environments CAV shuttles can operate in best
- Test the transit rider market for interest and readiness



EasyMile EZ10 shuttle. Photo source: Virginia Tech

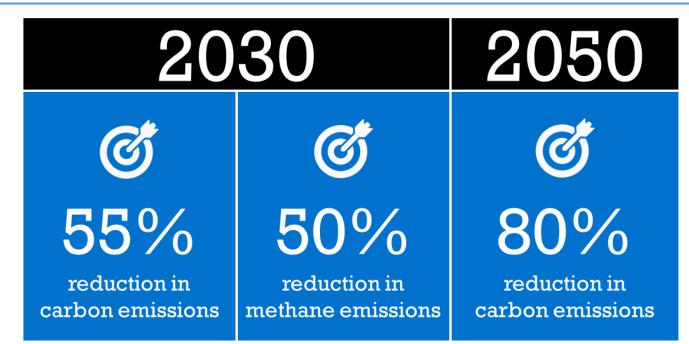
# **Innovation** Defining Our Shared Future

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### **VISION: Become the Most Sustainable Energy Company in America**

- Environmentally & socially responsible
- Customer-focused
- Community partner
- Employer of choice



Note: Targets do not include Southeast Energy Group at this time.

## **Energy Industry Changes**



Technology Changes Customer Changes Marketplace Changes



## **Transportation: Converging Changes**

#### Shared

 Increased prevalence of ride-hailing and shared economy services

#### Autonomous

• Investment and capability of AV tech

#### Electric

• Higher utilization, lower maintenance and fuel costs

#### Connected

• Allow card to interact with surrounding infrastructure and other vehicles

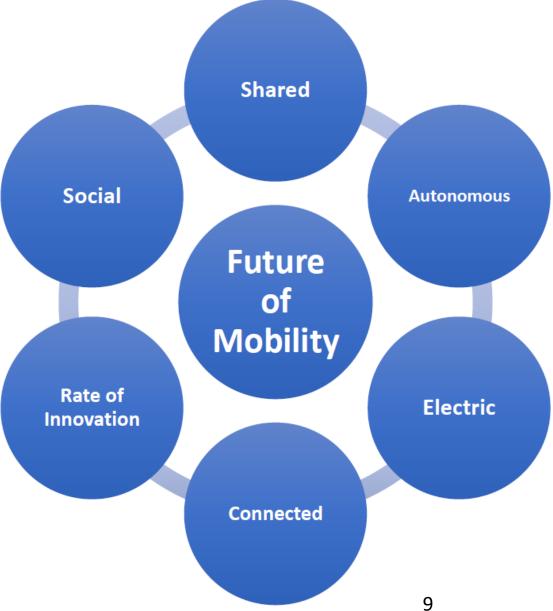
#### **Rate of Innovation**

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• Increased update cycle

#### Societal

 Generational changes in how users view services and transportation



## **Dominion Energy's Interest In Autonomous Electric Vehicles**

### □We are a public service entity

- We started in the early 1900's as an electric street car company
- Seeking solutions to benefit the public
- Transportation electrification is on the rise
- This project will test an advancing last-mile transportation solution

## Electrification benefits

- Fuel cost reduced by ~75%
- CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduced by ~75%

## Automation benefits

- Reduces cost
- Improves safety (in the long run)







# ACCELERATING INNOVATION

## OPTIMUS RIDE

EXPANDED SELF-DRIVING VEHICLE TESTING ZONE

RAYMOND L. FLYNN MARINE INDUSTRIAL PARK & SELF-DRIVING VEHICLE TESTING ZONE

OPTIMUS RIDE HEADQUARTERS



## FLEET AS A SERVICE

- Optimus Ride develops technology to deploy and operate fleets of self-driving electric vehicles in geo-fenced areas
- Custom mobility networks are designed for client sites to provide flexible mobility and delivery solutions that do not require fix routes or stations

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## BOSTON DEPLOYMENT

MBTA COMMUTER RAIL

OPTIMUS RIDE SELF-DRIVING VEHICLE NETWORK

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## DEPLOYMENT UPDATES

- Brooklyn Navy Yard
  (Brooklyn, NY)
- Paradise Valley Estates
  (Fairfield, CA)
- Brookfield Halley Rise (Reston, VA)













## Questions?