

THE REGIONS HAVE THE NEEDED “INGREDIENTS”

> There are 5 key “ingredients” needed to successfully create a mega-region. All 5 ingredients have or can be achieved in our MSAs

✓ Two or more growing metro areas

The individual metro areas have good economies and growing populations

✓ A rapidly growing in-between zone

Williamsburg- James City County and New Kent County have both seen growth and sprawl

✓ Multiple transportation connections

In addition to highways, there must be alternate modes of transportation to connect the economies and labor forces. Existing infrastructure could be used to enhance passenger rail between the regions. The Ports of Richmond and Virginia connect the economies.

✓ Complimentary growth patterns

The Richmond MSA and Virginia Beach – Norfolk – Newport News MSAs see growth towards one another

✓ A diversified regional economy

The diverse engines and linchpins of the regions’ economies are complimentary