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Abbreviations

AADT	Annual Average Daily Traffic: <i>The annual volume of vehicle traffic on a highway or road divided by 365 days</i>
ACS	American Community Survey (U.S. Census)
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics
CAA	Clean Air Act
CBD	Central Business District
CSXT	CSX Transportation: <i>A prominent freight rail operator</i>
DMS	Dynamic Messaging System
DVMT	Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled
E + C Network	Existing (Roadway Conditions) + Committed (Projects)
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FAF3	Freight Analysis Framework: <i>A FHWA data source that provides estimates for tonnage, value, and domestic-ton miles by region of origin, destination, commodity type, and mode</i>
FC	Functional Class: <i>The designation of a roadway based on the roadway's intended character of service</i>
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
GIS	Geographic Information System: <i>Integrates, stores, edits, analyzes, shares, and displays geospatial data for informing decision making</i>
HPMS	Highway Performance Monitoring System: <i>National highway data information system</i>
ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems
KVRTA	Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority
LED	Local Employment Dynamics: <i>U.S. Census data source that provides estimates on employment and commuting trends</i>
LEHD	Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics: <i>U.S. Census tool that combines federal and state administrative data on employers and employees with censuses and surveys</i>
LOS	Level of Service: <i>Letter designation that describes operating conditions on a particular type of roadway or facility</i>
MAP-21	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century Act: <i>Federal law that created a streamlined and performance-based surface transportation program</i>
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
MTP	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
NS	Norfolk Southern: <i>A prominent freight rail operator</i>
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users: <i>Federal law that outlines transportation infrastructure maintenance and development.</i>
SOV	Single Occupancy Vehicle
SRTS	Safe Routes to School
STIP	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program: <i>A new MAP-21 program that replaced several other programs (TE, SRTS, and Recreational Trails)</i>
TAZ	Traffic Analysis Zone: <i>Unit of geography most commonly used in conventional transportation planning models</i>
TE	Transportation Enhancement Fund
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TMA	Transportation Management Area
TTI	Travel Time Index: <i>The ratio of travel time in the peak period to the travel time at off-peak conditions</i>
VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled: <i>The total number of vehicle miles traveled within a specific geographic area over a given period of time</i>
WVDOH	West Virginia Division of Highways
WVDOT	West Virginia Department of Transportation