

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WINS ACROSS VIRGINIA

- **Silver Line to Dulles:** After years of work by Kaine, Metro added six new Silver Line stops in November 2022, including a Dulles International Airport stop. Within the first year of the extension's operation, more than one million passengers boarded the Silver Line from Dulles, while Virginians who live close to the new stations have had easier access to economic and educational opportunities. The population within a half mile of the new stations is [expected to grow at an 11% rate over the next five years](#). While Kaine was governor, he helped broker the deal between Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the Commonwealth, and local governments to construct the Silver Line. He also led efforts to secure \$900 million in federal funds for Phase I of the project.
- **Dulles International Airport:** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which Kaine helped pass, provided Dulles International Airport with nearly \$70 million for a new 14-gate concourse. The concourse will help the airport further support travelers and businesses in Virginia.
- **The Australia-U.K.-U.S. (AUKUS) Agreement's Impact on Hampton Roads:** Kaine, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Chair of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Seapower, has long supported the AUKUS agreement, in which Australia will purchase Virginia-class submarines. Because a significant portion of Virginia-class submarines are built in Hampton Roads, this agreement creates opportunity for job creation and economic growth in Virginia. [Kaine secured provisions](#) in this year's Senate version of the annual defense bill to ensure that the United States is able to fulfill the agreement and America's other shipbuilding needs, including by further investing in shipbuilding, improving acquisition processes, expanding defense industrial base capacity, and supporting workforce development initiatives.
- **Workforce Development in Hampton Roads:** The Hampton Roads Workforce Council was named a Good Jobs Challenge Winner and awarded \$11 million in grant funding by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to lead the development and implementation of the Hampton Roads Workforce Training System, which aims to build a talent pipeline for crucial industries. The EDA received significant funding through the American Rescue Plan, which Kaine voted for and passed in the Senate by one vote.
- **Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility Designation in Hampton Roads:** In October 2023, [the Department of Energy selected Jefferson Lab](#) to be the Hub Director for the new High Performance Data Facility—a scientific user facility that will specialize in advanced infrastructure for data-intensive science. The designation followed [an announcement by Kaine](#) in 2022 that Jefferson Lab would receive over \$76 million in federal funding for project support and infrastructure upgrades. The funding was made possible by the *Inflation Reduction Act*, which Kaine voted for and passed in the Senate by one vote. Jefferson Lab's continued success will keep Virginia at the cutting edge of new technologies critical to America's economy.
- **Relieving Congestion on I-64:** Kaine helped pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which brought [\\$25 million in federal funding to expand I-64](#) between Richmond and Hampton Roads. [The I-64 project also received a \\$143 million federal loan](#), which was approved through the *Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)* program. TIFIA was reauthorized and expanded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which Kaine helped pass. Reduced congestion on I-64 will help Virginians reach school, work, and services more easily, and help businesses transport their goods more quickly.
- **Investing in the Port:** [The Norfolk Harbor Deepening and Widening Project received over \\$225 million in federal funding in addition to \\$20 million to support offshore wind](#) from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and [Fiscal Year 2022](#) government funding bill—both of which Kaine helped pass. Completion of this project will enable safer access for larger commercial and military vessels to ease supply chains and address inflation and provide significant new economic opportunities for the region. Kaine also secured \$30 million in the [Fiscal Year 2023](#) government funding bill to increase the Port's capacity at Craney Island.
- **Making Downtown Harrisonburg More Accessible:** [Over \\$14 million in federal funding headed to Harrisonburg](#) to convert a lane of US-11 to a two-way separated bicycle area to improve downtown accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. The funding was made possible through the [Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity \(RAISE\) grant program](#), which received historic levels of support from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that Kaine helped pass.

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- **NASA Wallops Flight Facility:** Kaine secured \$103 million in the [Fiscal Year 2023](#) government funding bill to fully construct and replace the Wallops Island Bridge, which will help ensure mission readiness for future NASA launches. NASA Wallops Flight Facility produces an estimated \$70 billion in economic development and affects, directly or indirectly, around 3,200 jobs in Virginia.
- **Supporting Poultry Processors in Harrisonburg:** In 2023, Farmer Focus in Harrisonburg was one of five recipients across the United States selected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for grant funding to expand their meat processing capacities and help lower grocery costs. The funding was made possible by the American Rescue Plan, which Kaine voted for and passed in the Senate by one vote. Kaine toured Farmer Focus alongside the USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack to celebrate the funding.
- **Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) in Southside:** As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which writes the annual defense bill, Kaine has helped secure needed resources to expand the Navy's Additive Manufacturing Center of Excellence, which is helping to meet America's defense needs and create jobs in Southside. As Governor, Kaine strongly supported IALR.
- **Virginia Additive Manufacturing and Applied Materials Strategy Development Consortium in the New River Valley and Danville:** The partnership, which includes entities throughout the New River Valley and at IALR in Danville, [received a \\$500,000 grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration](#) made possible by the Tech Hubs Program, which was created by the *CHIPS and Science Act* that Kaine helped pass. The funding will go toward advancing a regional strategy to develop and deploy additive manufacturing system technologies to re-shore manufacturing and strengthen domestic supply chain resilience.
- **Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC) in Southside:** Kaine successfully fought to bring FASTC to Blackstone, Virginia. The state-of-the-art security training facility provides members of America's foreign service community with invaluable safety training ahead of their assignments, and stimulates economic growth in the surrounding community.
- **Reducing Congestion on I-81:** Kaine helped pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which reauthorized and strengthened the *Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)*, which approved a loan of [up to \\$82.6 million](#) to help finance the expansion of I-81 in Roanoke County. Reduced congestion on I-81 will help Virginians reach school, work, and services more easily, and help businesses transport their goods more quickly.
- **Coalfields Expressway:** Kaine helped pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which provided \$10.6 million for the Coalfields Expressway. Kaine also secured nearly \$9 million through the [Fiscal Year 2022](#) and [2023](#) government funding bills for the project. Once completed, the Expressway will provide an efficient transportation artery through the coalfields region and boost economic development in Southwest Virginia.
- **Closing the Digital Divide in Southwest Virginia:** In 2023, [\\$25 million in federal funding headed to Southwest Virginia](#) to expand broadband access in Norton and Wise and Lee Counties. The funding was made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which Kaine helped pass, and will be a crucial tool to help more Virginians access services as well as work and educational opportunities.
- **Advanced Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Tech Hub Designation in Central Virginia:** The Advanced Manufacturing consortium, which will help ensure that critical pharmaceuticals are manufactured in Virginia, [won a \\$52.9 million Build Back Better regional challenge grant award in 2022. This funding was made possible by the American Rescue Plan, which Kaine voted for and passed in the Senate by one vote.](#) Kaine also advocated for the consortium's [Tech Hub](#) designation, which came in October 2023. This designation was made possible by the *CHIPS and Science Act* that Kaine helped pass. The designation makes the hub eligible to apply for tens of millions of dollars of federal investments to support pharmaceutical manufacturing and innovation and job growth. When Kaine served on the Richmond City Council, he helped form the Virginia Biotechnology Research Partnership Authority, a leader of the project. As Richmond's mayor, Kaine served on the Authority's board, and later appointed members to the board while serving as governor.
- **Historic Broadband Investments Across the Commonwealth:** [Virginia received over \\$1.4 billion in federal funding](#) to deploy broadband and expand access to high-speed internet through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which Kaine helped pass. Those resources are helping more Virginians use the internet to access job and educational opportunities, as well as telehealth visits and other crucial services.