

# 2007 Northern Neck Regional Transportation Survey

## Complete This Survey and Get a \$20 Gas Card\*

The State of Virginia now requires all its localities to develop a long-term transportation plan. This survey is a first step to gauge how residents of our region perceive current transportation options, as well as their expectations and wishes for the coming years.

To complete this survey online, please visit [www.neckride.org](http://www.neckride.org)

Estimated completion time: 10 minutes.

### Personal Statements

Check each box to confirm statement:

- I am a resident of Virginia's Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, or Westmoreland County.
- I am submitting only one of these transportation surveys for my household, and none has been submitted before.
- I am employed or...if I am not employed, I attend college full-time.

### Demographics

Your gender

- Male
- Female

Your age

- 18-29
- 30-44
- 45-64
- 65-74
- 75+

Your county of residence

- Lancaster County
- Northumberland County
- Richmond County
- Westmoreland County

Do you have a valid driver's license?

- Yes
- No

How many vehicles does your household own or lease?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3 or more

How many individuals **under age 18** live in your household?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

How many individuals **aged 18 to 25** live in your household?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

How many individuals **over 25** live in your household?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

How long have you lived in the Northern Neck?

- Less than 5 years
- 5-10 years
- More than 10 years

How many individuals in your household **work full time**?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

How many individuals in your household **work part time**?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

How many individuals in your household are **retired**?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

Please continue survey on the next page 

How many individuals in your household **have a disability**?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

How many individuals in your household are **unemployed** (who are not students, retired, or unable to work)?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

How many individuals in your household are **students**?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

What is your household's annual gross **income**?

- Under \$20,000
- \$20,000 to \$40,000
- \$40,000+

### Transportation Issues and Data

Please select what you understand by "211 service."

- Don't know, never heard of it
- Weather information
- Human services information
- Traffic information
- Telecommuting information

What do you know about Bay Transit?

- Never heard of it
- It's a public transportation service for everyone
- It is available only to low-income riders
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever used Bay Transit?

- Yes
- No

What are the traffic-safety issues in the Northern Neck?

- Enforcement of speed limits
- Farm equipment slowing traffic
- Too many trucks
- Not enough traffic lights
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- There are no traffic-safety issues

On average, how many hours a day do you spend driving your car?

- Between half an hour and 1 hour
- Between 1 hour and 2 hours
- Between 2 and 3 hours
- More than 3 hours
- Not applicable; I don't have a car

If there are students in your household, how do they get to and from school?

- There are no students in my household
- By car
- By school bus
- A combination of both (bus and car)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever used public transportation (Metro trains, buses, Amtrak, VRE, etc.)?

- Yes
- No

Do you use the VRE (Virginia Railway Express) train from Fredericksburg?

- Never
- Rarely
- Often
- Daily (on workdays)
- Never heard of VRE

How far do you have to go to reach your work (or school)?

- Less than 5 miles
- 6 to 15 miles
- 16 to 30 miles
- 31 to 50 miles
- More than 50 miles
- Not applicable; I work or study at home

Approximately, how many miles a year do you put on your vehicle?

- None, I don't have a vehicle
- 5,000 or less
- 5,001 to 10,000
- 10,001 to 20,000
- over 20,000

If you could ride a vanpool to work (or school), how much per month would you be willing to pay to join that vanpool?

- Between \$50 and \$100
- Between \$101 and \$150
- Between \$151 and \$200
- More than \$200
- I would not ride a vanpool

Have you heard of Metrocheks and know how they work?

- Yes
- No

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Have you heard of FRED, the Fredericksburg transit service?

- Yes
- No

Would your employer allow you to work part of the week at a telecommuting center nearer your home, or from your home?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable; I am a student

For what purpose do you use your car?  
(Check all that apply)

- School
- Work
- Grocery shopping
- Personal business
- Medical/Dental
- Social/Recreation
- Dining/Entertainment
- Other outings
- Not applicable; I don't have a car

How often do you leave the Northern Neck peninsula by using the **301 bridge (Harry Nice Memorial Bridge)** to Maryland?

- Never
- Rarely
- Once a month
- Weekly
- Daily (on workdays)

How often do you leave the Northern Neck by using the **Downing Bridge** to Tappahannock?

- Never
- Rarely
- Once a month
- Weekly
- Daily (on workdays)

How often do you leave the Northern Neck by crossing the **Robert O. Norris Bridge** from White Stone to Middlesex County?

- Never
- Rarely
- Once a month
- Weekly
- Daily (on workdays)

## Needs and Wishes

Which one do you think should come first to the Northern Neck?

- Daily bus service between **Warsaw** & Richmond City
- Daily bus service between **Warsaw** & Fredericksburg
- Daily bus service between **Warsaw** & Washington
- Daily bus service between **Montross** & Washington
- Daily bus service between **Kilmarnock** & Norfolk
- None. Daily bus services are not needed

If the service you selected above became a reality, would you use it?

- Never
- Rarely
- Often
- Daily (on workdays)
- I did not select any of the services above

How much would you be willing to pay for this service, round trip?

- \$10 or less
- \$11 to \$15
- \$16 to \$20
- I would not use the service
- I did not select any of the services above

If public transportation to and from Rappahannock Community College (in Warsaw) were available on a regular schedule from most towns of the Northern Neck, would that be an incentive for you to take classes there?

- Yes
- No

What would influence you more in your decision to use public transportation?

- Frequency of service
- Convenience (i.e. parking next to bus stops)
- Routes
- Fares
- All of the above
- Not applicable; not interested in public transportation

Of the primary roads of the Northern Neck, which do you think needs improvement (i.e. widening, repaving, etc.)?

- Route 202
- Route 3
- Highway 360
- None; they are all adequate for their use
- All of them

What is the single most important improvement that you would suggest for transportation services in the Northern Neck?

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Please finish the survey on the other side 

Additional comments about transportation issues in the region:

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Phone: (804) 333-6683  
Fax: (804) 333-5274  
email: info@neckride.org

Thank you for your participation.

Where did you hear about this survey?

- Newspaper
- Radio
- Website
- Friend/Relative
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please keep me informed about Northern Neck transportation issues and developments (optional)

Please check the boxes below to confirm:

- I understand all questions must be answered to receive a \$20 gas card or a NeckRide.org t-shirt, and that \$20 gas cards will be given only to the first 100 valid surveys received by NeckRide.org, and that once all available \$20 gas cards have been given away, valid surveys will earn a t-shirt, until the t-shirts run out.

- If I am notified that I have been assigned a \$20 gas card or a t-shirt, I will pick it up at 457 Main Street, Warsaw, Virginia, within 30 days or forfeit it. (I.D. required for pick-up).

- I understand that all responses to the survey are confidential and that my name, address, phone number and e-mail address are requested for contact purposes only.

- I am 18 years old or older.

**After completing this survey, please return it to:**

The Northern Neck Rideshare Program  
457 Main Street  
P.O. Box 1600  
Warsaw VA 22572

===== \* RULES:

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No surveys will be accepted after March 31, 2008.

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