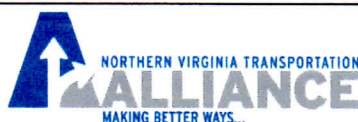


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Is a New Potomac River Crossing Needed? Public Poll Says "Yes"

The *Leesburg Today* newspaper recently conducted a [poll](#) asking readers, "Is a New Potomac River Crossing Needed?" While unscientific, more than 600 area residents participated in the survey. The results show overwhelming community support for a new Potomac River crossing.

Yes, the region needs more interconnectivity: 55.7%

Yes, but it won't happen: 33.7%

No, just add American Legion Bridge toll lanes: 4.0%

No, we just need more east-west roads: 3.8%

I'm not sure: 2.8%

(You can view the [poll](#) here.)

A recent [VDOT study](#) confirmed that the American Legion Bridge (ALB) is our region's biggest chokepoint, making many Maryland and Virginia employment centers inaccessible to thousands of skilled workers today and even more inaccessible in the future. Without even measuring the benefits of a new crossing, the study's concluding recommendation focused solely on making "improvements" to the ALB rather than concurrently exploring a new crossing within the 40 mile gap between the ALB and the two-lane US 15/Point of Rocks bridge.

Governor McAuliffe has acknowledged the importance of a new crossing to the region's and state's economy and the survey shows that the public overwhelmingly agrees.

The Governor should endorse a multiple crossing approach and reject the single bridge recommendation.

**It Doesn't Take a Survey to Know a
New Potomac River Crossing is Needed,
Just Common Sense and a Map.**

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We're #1! We're #1! - Again!!

The Texas A&M Transportation Institute and Inrix issued their [2015 Urban Mobility Scorecard](#), the annual report on traffic congestion around the nation. Is anyone surprised as to who once again ranks #1 for the nation's worst congestion?

The Washington, DC Metropolitan Region (DC-VA-MD) ranks #1 for delay time at 82 hours per driver per year, twice the national average! We are also wasting 88 million gallons of gasoline annually sitting on our congested road network.

The Washington DC region experiences more daily inter-jurisdictional travel than any other region in the country. With a regional population that is forecasted to continue to grow, largely in the outer suburbs, and regional employment growing outside the traditional core, #1 will be hard to relinquish unless we are willing to make hard decisions and wise investments.

Now is the time for our regional decision makers to develop an agreed upon priority list of **game-changing investments** and focus our precious tax dollars on those transportation improvements of **greatest regional significance** - projects that reduce congestion, improve commuting times and increase network reliability.

An interesting sidelight in the [analysis of this report](#) concerns the lifestyle pattern changes of millennials. Key decisions - including major transportation investments - being made today are often based on perceived patterns of this population cohort. Priorities need to be based on long-term empirical evidence, not what some want the outcome to be.

You can review the data for the Washington metro region [here](#).

How Long Must We Have the Nation's Worst Congestion Before Area Leaders Realize "Small Ball" Transportation Investments Aren't Working?

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