

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
April 30, 2008**

7:00 P.M.

*2nd Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building
10 Hotel Street
Warrenton, VA 20186*

Members Present: Matthew Smith, Chairman, R. Holder Trumbo, Adrienne Garreau, Peter S. Eltringham, William Nace, and Jeffrey Walker

Members Absent: Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, Sam Poles, and J. David Cubbage

Guests Present: Paul Russell – VDOT and Peter Schwartz

Staff Present: Susan Eddy and Stacey Pell

1. Approval of March 26, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION:

On motion made by Ms. Garreau and seconded by Mr. Trumbo, it was moved to approve the March 26, 2008 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Receive a Brief Update Regarding VDOT and the Budget – Peter Schwartz (Added to Agenda)

The Six-Year Improvement Plan is still in process. The funds available are dwindling down due to maintenance budgets which includes bridgework as well as road maintenance. Also, increasing costs for asphalt means maintenance costs are going up. Available funds have been cut 44% for construction for Fiscal Year 2009.

3. Regional Transportation Planning – Jeffrey Walker, Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (Item #2)

Jeffrey Walker stated his presentation shows a snapshot of where RRRC is at a regional level as well as some upcoming projects. There are five counties and seven towns participating. The Town of The Plains is the last chartered town that is not a formal member. The purpose of the Regional Commission is to help reduce burden on local governments.

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PD16 [George Washington – Fredericksburg area] is the fastest growing with PD9 [Rappahannock-Rapidan] being second. Northern Virginia is moving down on the list as growth is happening outside of Northern Virginia.

Commuter services were discussed including Park & Ride options and bus services. Bike and pedestrian trails as well as railways were included in the discussion. There are grants available for bike and pedestrian trails. These grants go through Parks & Recreation.

There will be a presentation on June 25, 2008 at the Regional Commission in Culpeper about the Piedmont Rail Coalition initiative. The proposal is from Amtrak to add a roundtrip route from Lynchburg to DC.

RRRC is conducting with UVa a Risk Corridor study coming up with a quantitative means of predicting corridor parcels that are at greatest likelihood of development. This will give advance indication of where right-of-way is at risk of being lost, so that the county can take steps to safeguard ROW or consider other landuse planning measures.

RRRC was recently notified that the application which was put in for a PD9 freight study has been approved. The multi-modal freight study goes back to the concurrent upward trend for demand for passenger rail as well as freight rail. RRRC has a preliminary scoping meeting scheduled with VDOT’s on-call consultant next week. This study has origins and destinations within the region as well as through transit. Rail has great economic development value. The study will include what is being shipped, employers, recipient, and quantity. Rail and truck are both included as well.

The Committee asked to be kept abreast of RRRC transportation activities.

Mr. Walker gave a PowerPoint presentation, a hard copy of which is attached to and made part of the official minutes.

4. *Citizens’ Time*

No citizens spoke at this time.

5. *Other Items*

No other items at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
The next meeting will be held May 28, 2008.

Regional Transportation Overview: Communication, Coordination & Planning

Working Together across PD9

Jeffrey Walker, AICP
Executive Director, Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission

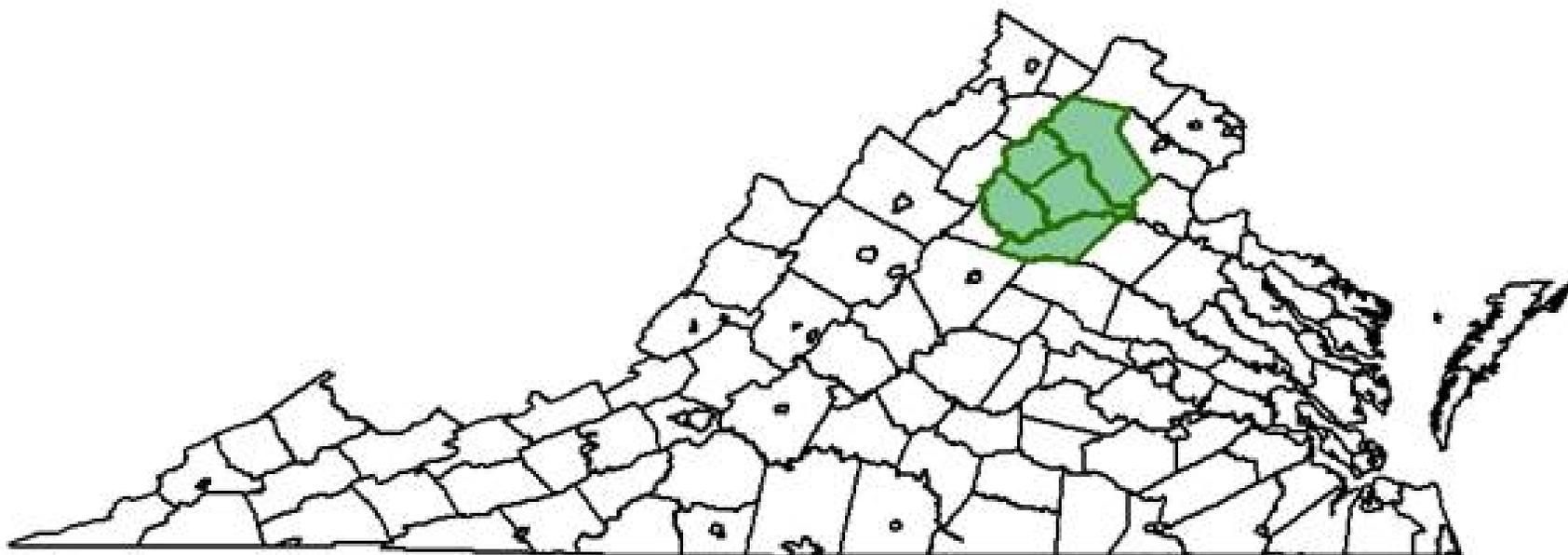
Presentation to the Fauquier Transportation Committee
April 30, 2008

Overview



- Planning District 9
- 2008-2009 Commission Members
- Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission Role
- Regional Transportation Planning
- Opportunities for Participation
- Ongoing/Upcoming Regional Studies & Initiatives
- Q&A
- Future Topics?
- Contact Info

Planning District 9



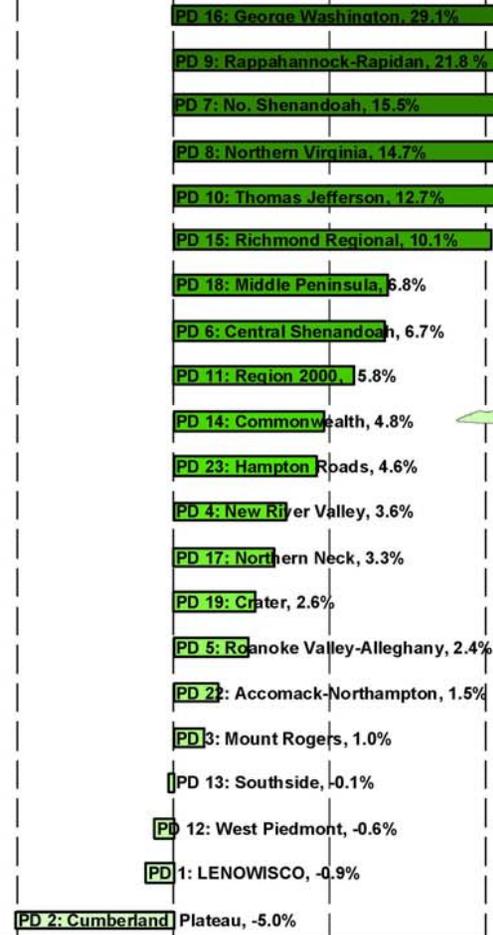
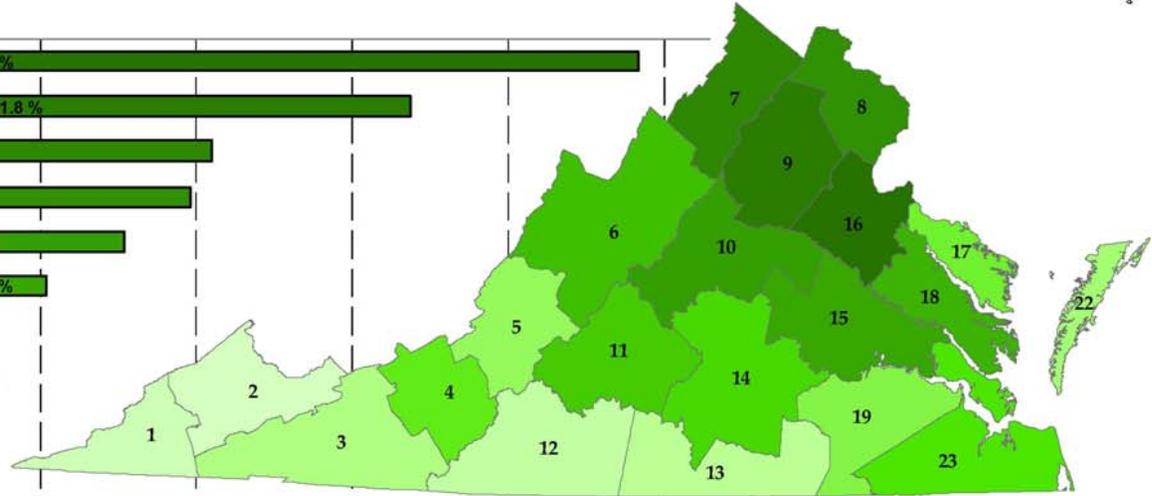
Land Area and 2007 Estimated Population



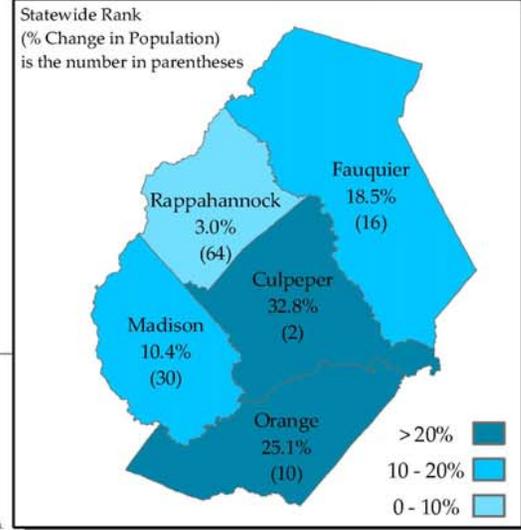
	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>Fauquier</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Rapp</i>	R-R Region
<i>Square Miles</i>	381	650	322	342	267	1,962
<i>Population Estimates- July 1, '07</i>	45,505	66,319	13,828	32,364	7,193	164,210
<i>% Change '00-'06</i>	32.8%	18.5%	10.4%	25.1%	3.0%	21.8%

Sources: National Assn Counties; UVA Weldon Cooper Center rel. 1/28/2008

Percent Change in Population for Virginia's Planning Districts: 2000 - 2007



Percent Change in Population: Rappahannock-Rapidan Region (PD9)



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Regional Commission Role



What is a Regional Commission?

The purpose of Regional or Planning District Commissions, as set out in the Code of Virginia, Section 15.2-4207, is:

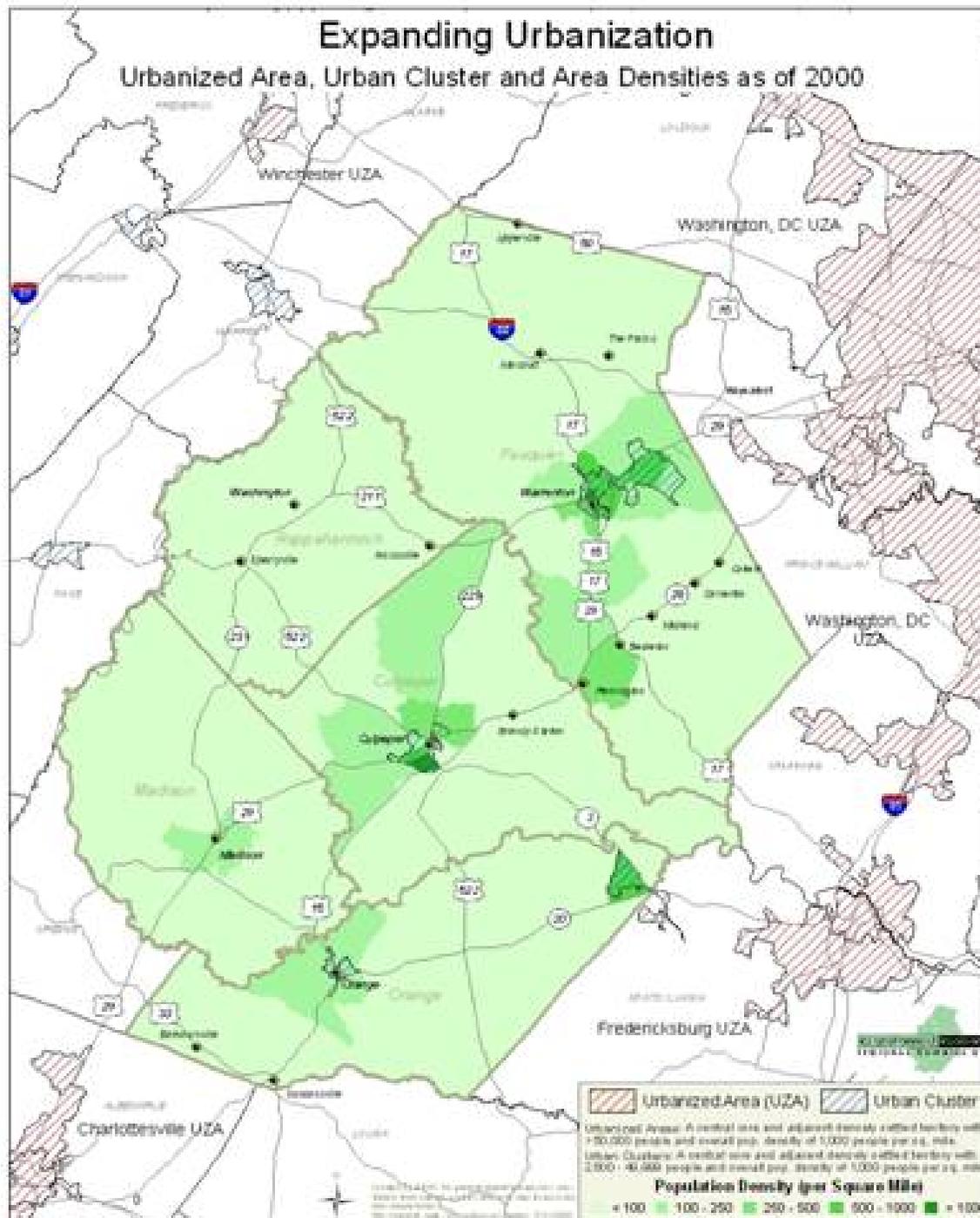
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Regional Transportation



Expanding Urbanization

Urbanized Area, Urban Cluster and Area Densities as of 2000



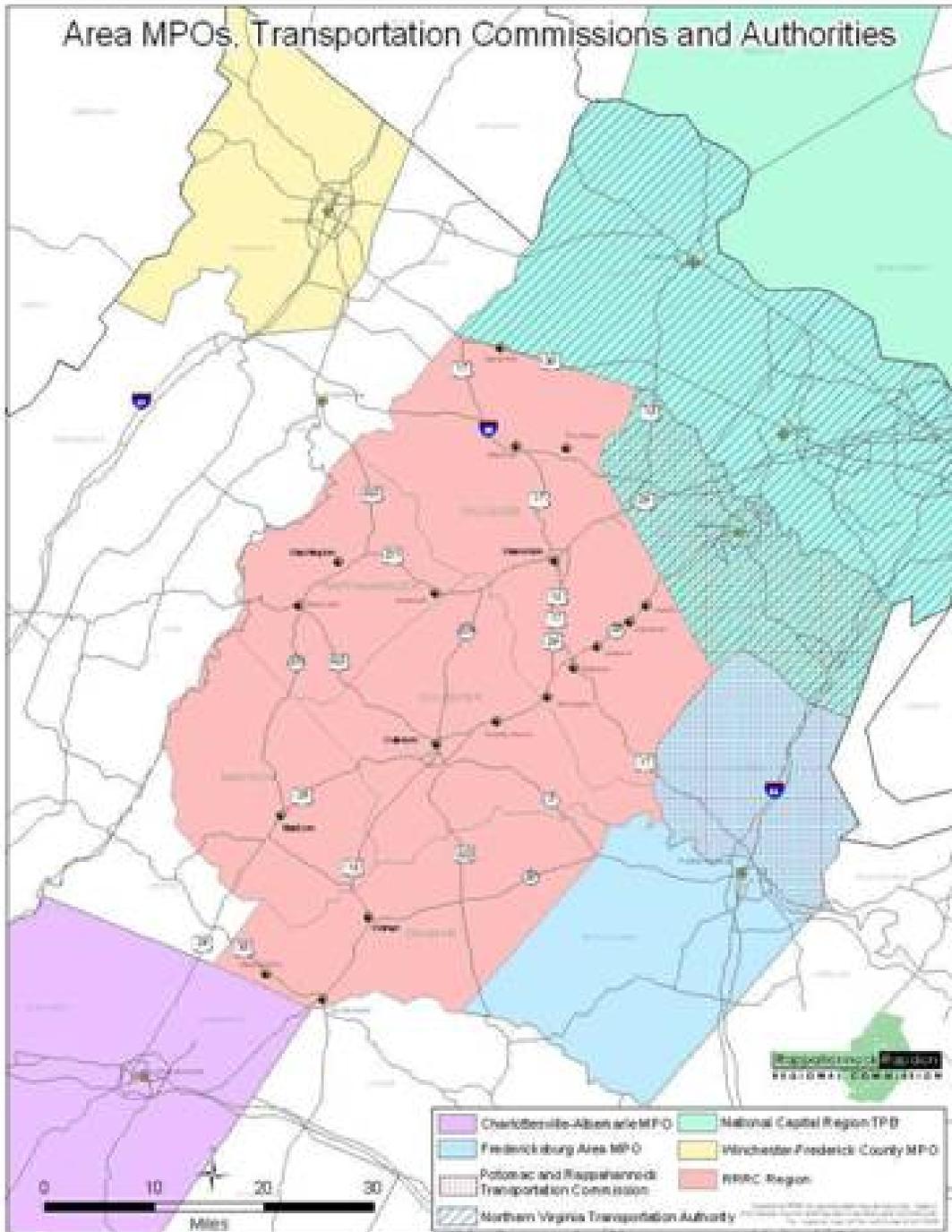
Primary and Interstate Miles and Average 24 Hour Traffic/Mile



	<i>Culpeper</i>	<i>Fauquier</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>Orange</i>	<i>Rapp</i>	R-R Region
<i>Length (Miles)</i>	74.97	126.54	62.67	82.61	57.48	404.27
<i>Avg. 24Hr Traffic/Mi. of Route</i>	11,440	19,312	6,121	5,834	3,813	

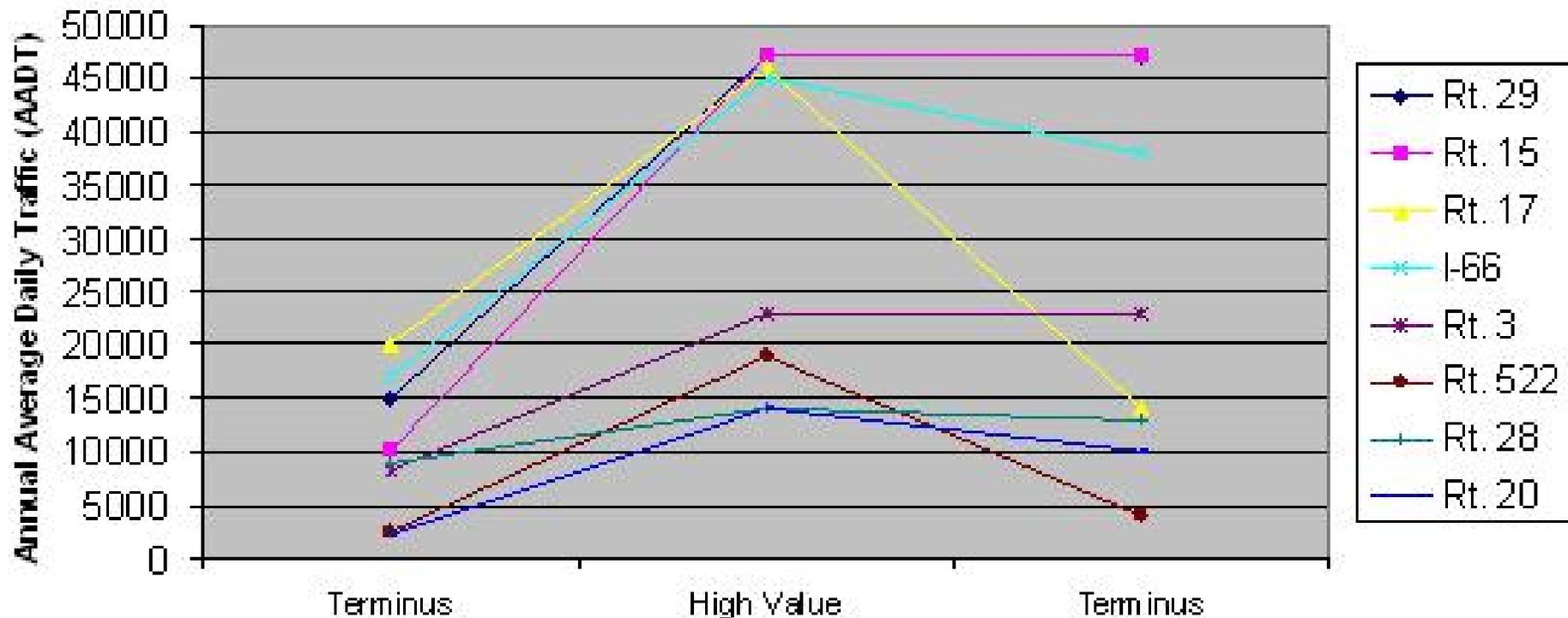
Source: VDOT (2002)- rel. 4/9/2003

Area MPOs, Transportation Commissions and Authorities



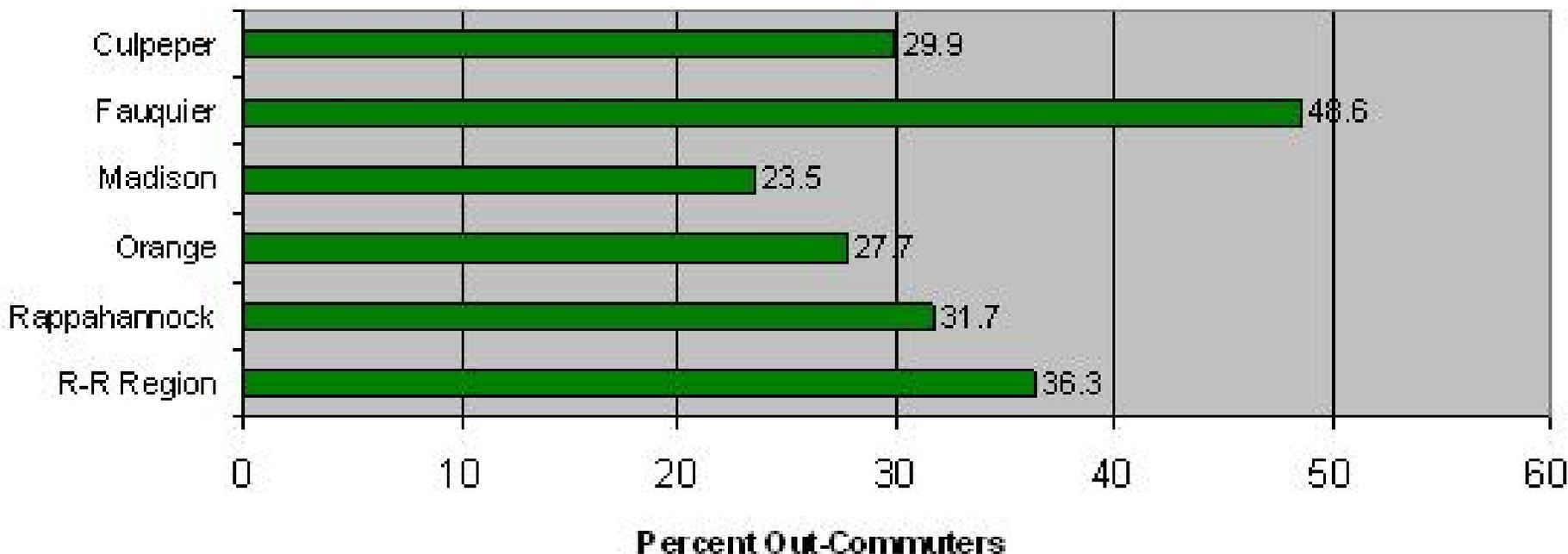
Traffic Volume

AADT Volume Estimates by Route



Source: VDOT Traffic Engineering Division- 2005, Primary and Interstate Routes

Commuters to Outside Region



Percentage of employed persons in household who work outside region and travel 30 or more mins. to work

Source: 2003 Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Labor Force Survey, UVA Center for Survey Research

FY '08 TDM Program Budgets

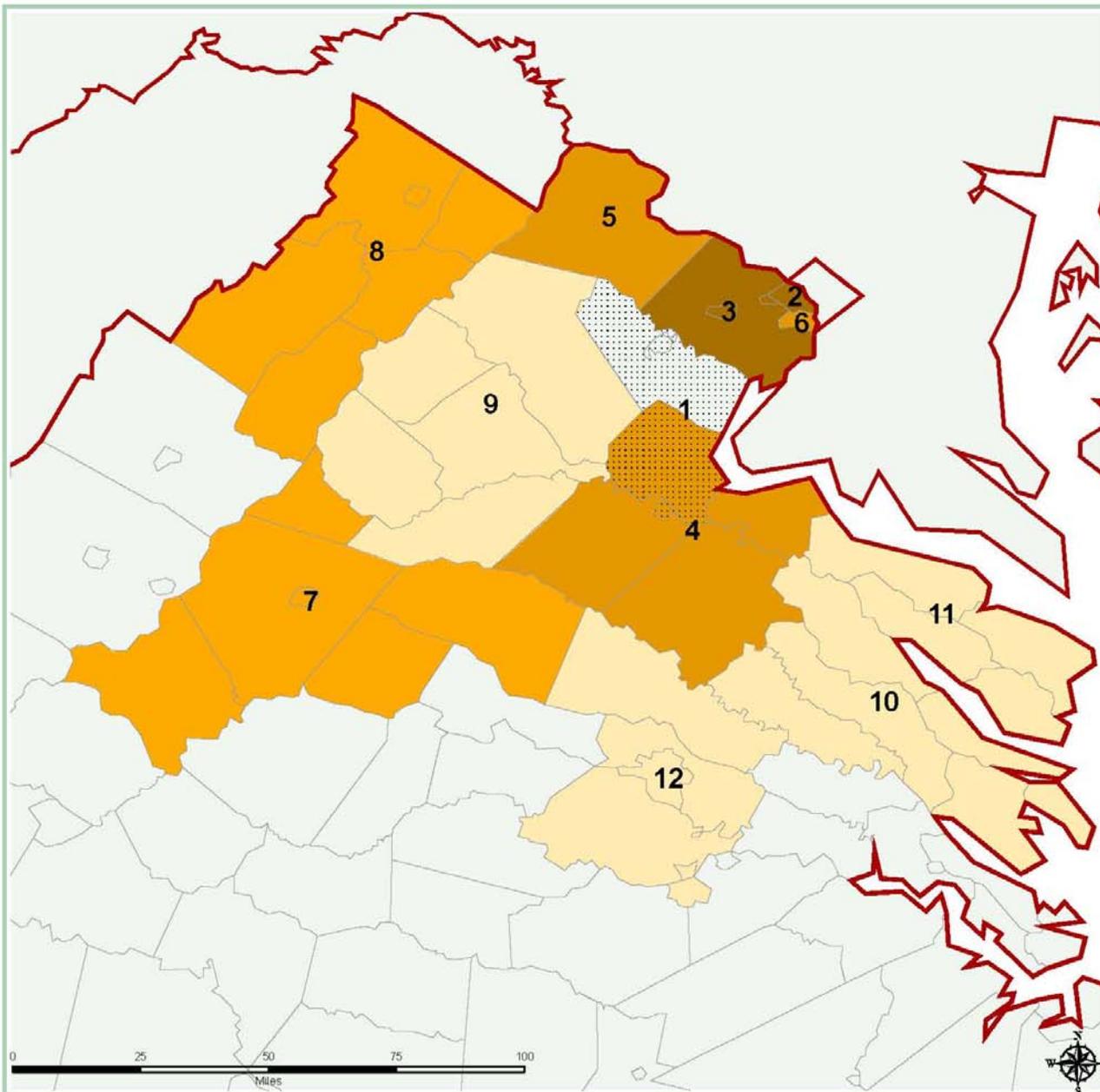
FY '08 TDM Program Budgets



Organization	Budget (in thousands)
1 PRTC*	1,073
2 Arlington County	852
3 Fairfax County	700
4 GWRC (PD16)	391
5 Loudoun County	295
6 City of Alexandria	285
7 TJPDC (PD10)	172
8 NSVRC (PD7)	126
9 RRRRC (PD9)	75
10 MPPDC (PD18)	63
11 NNPDC (PD17)	60
12 RideFinders (Richmond)	50

*PRTC Budget includes \$652,500 in Revenues & \$300,000 in Federal Funds.

All other budgets are 80% state-funded, with 20% local match



RRRC Commuter Services



COMMUTER SERVICES

creative commuting solutions by RRRC



- Rideshare Database: Car- and Van-pool matching, and start-up assistance
- Guaranteed Ride Home
- Area Park and Ride Lot monitoring, demand assessment
- Commuter Bus start-up assistance (upcoming FY'09 demonstration project)
- Pending New Freedom- PD9 Mobility Management Program
- Area Transit and Telecommuting information

Park and Ride Lot Locations in the Rappahannock-Rapidan Region

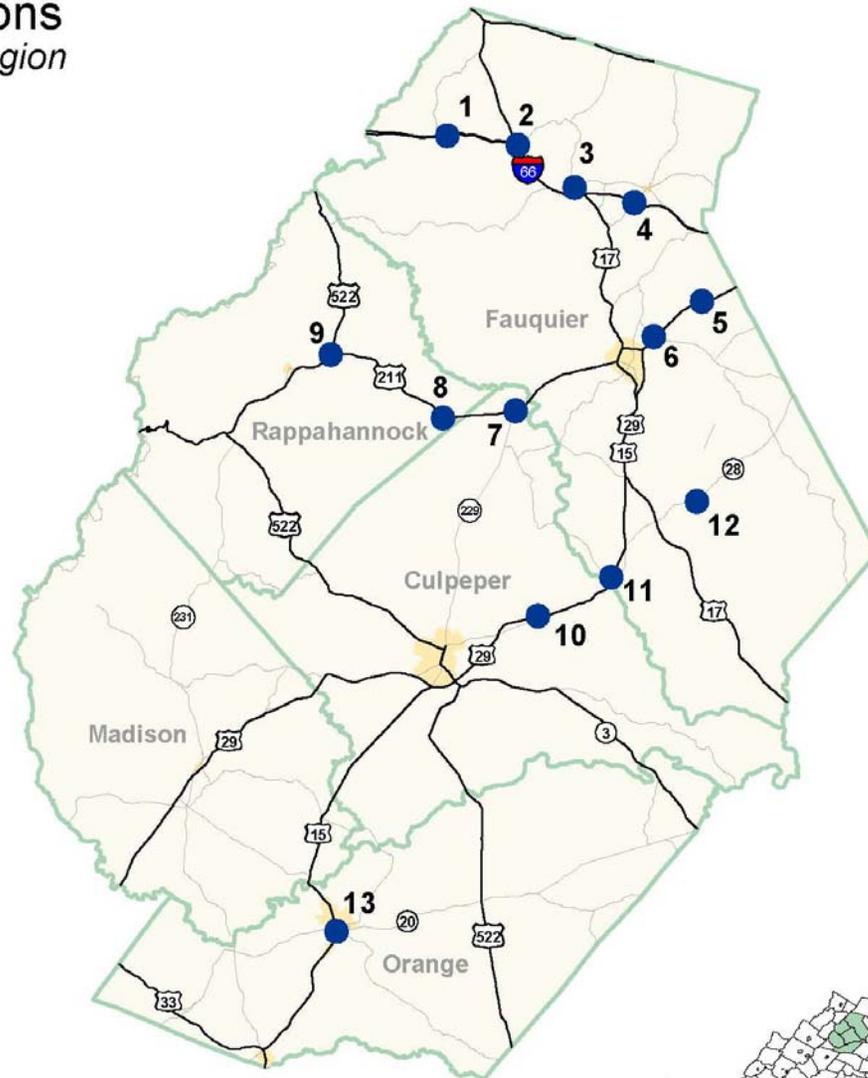


Park and Ride Lots

- 1 Markham
- 2 Delaplane
- 3 Marshall
- 4 The Plains
- 5 Broad Run Baptist Church
- 6 Warrenton
- 7 Clevengers Corner
- 8 Amissville
- 9 Massies Corner
- 10 Brandy Station
- 11 Remington
- 12 Midland
- 13 Town of Orange

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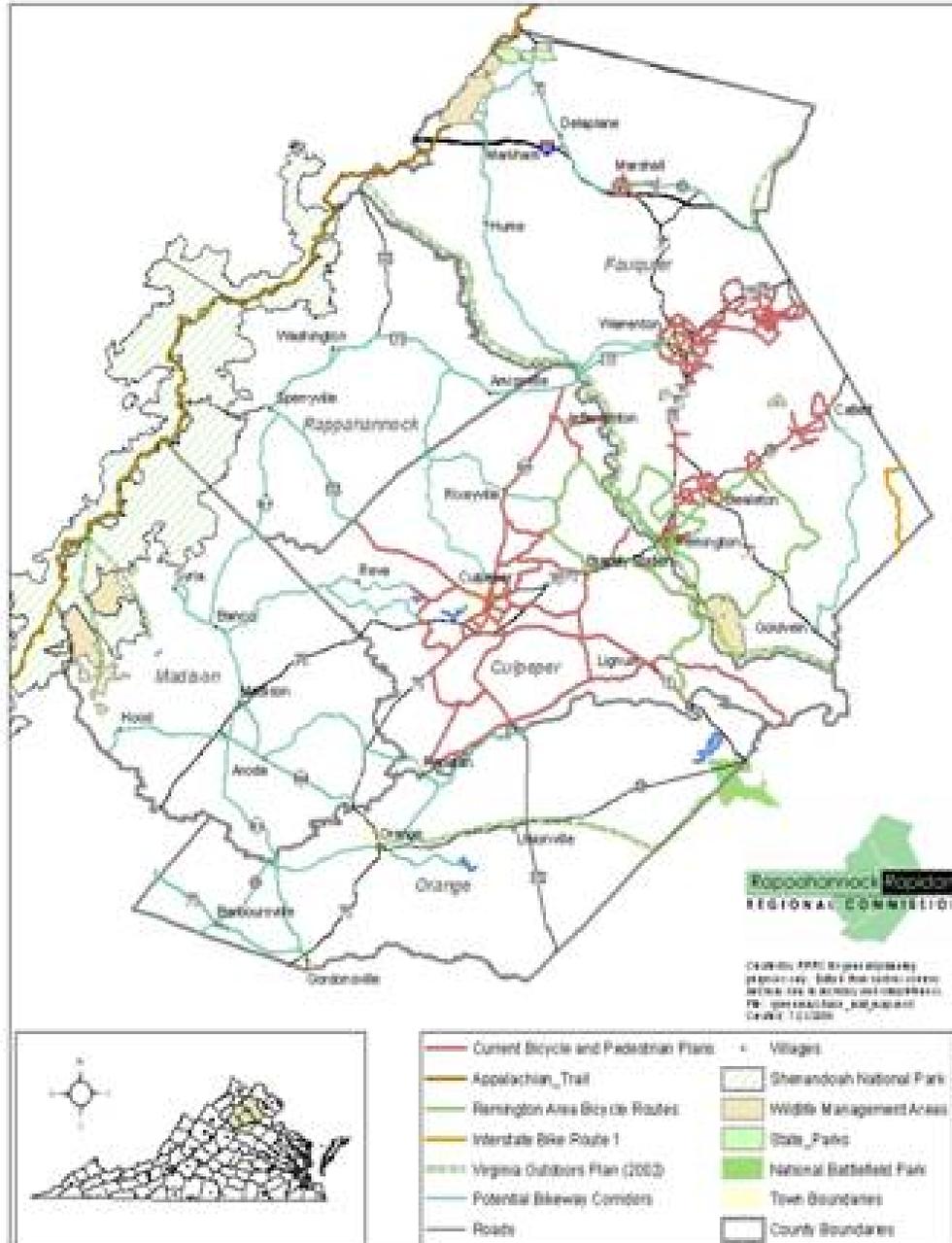
Visit www.rcommute.org or call
Commuter Services at (540) 829-7451
for more information on commuting in the
Rappahannock-Rapidan region



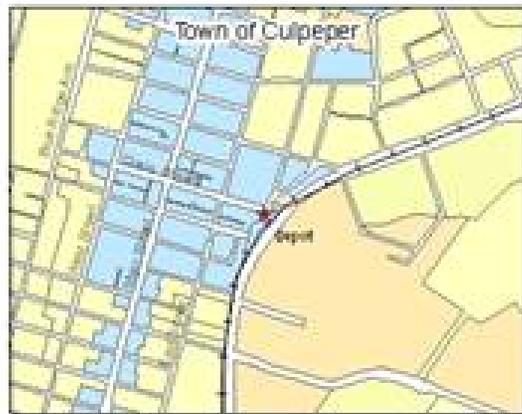
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Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Map

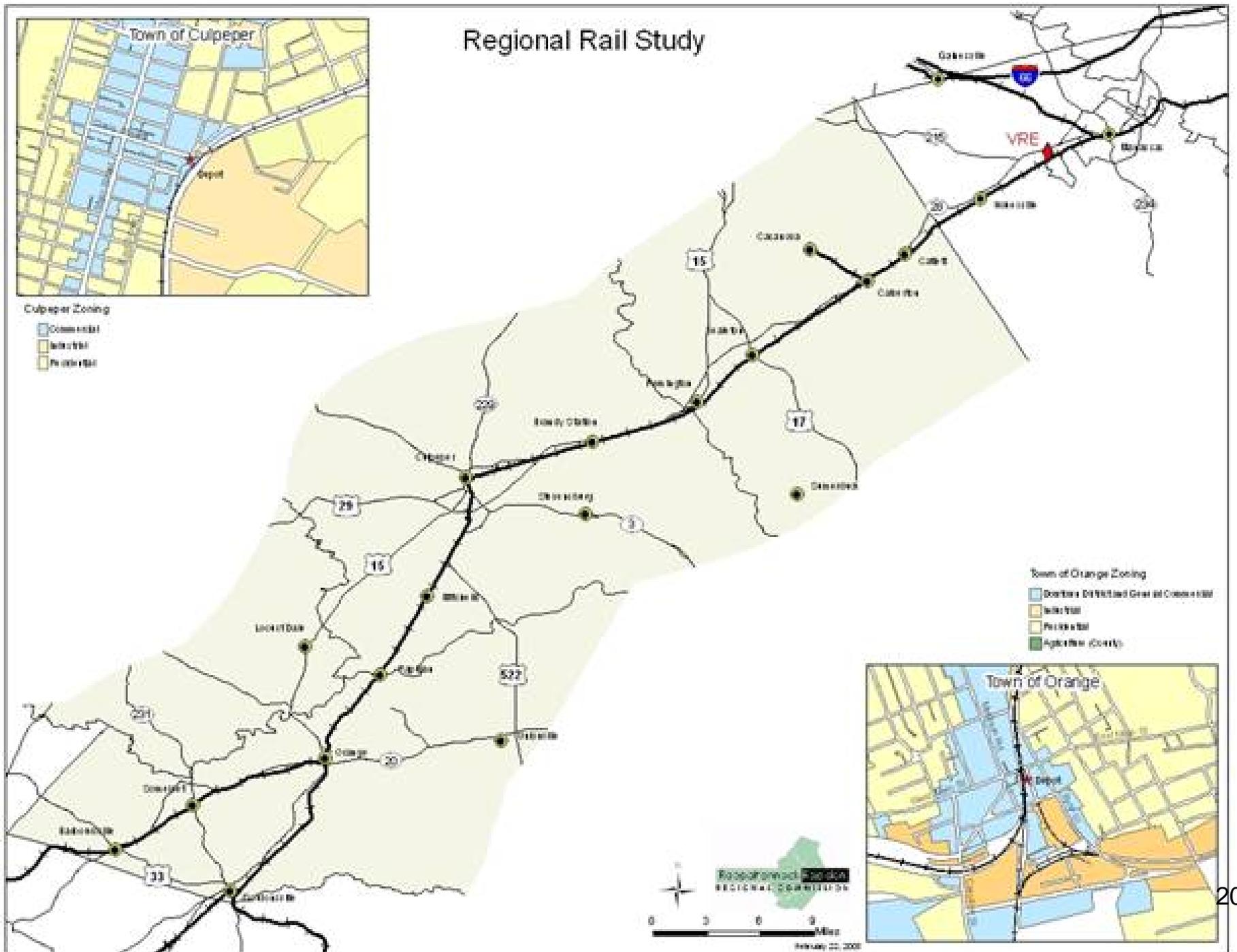


Regional Rail Study



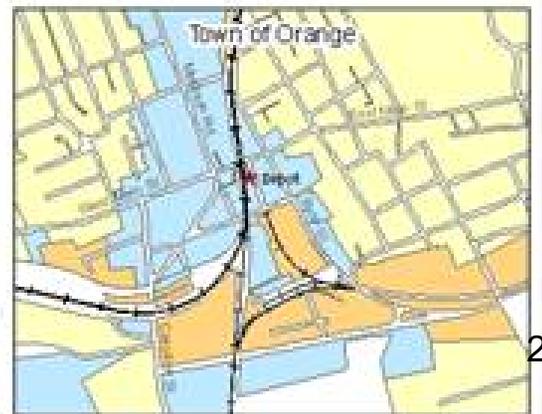
Culpeper Zoning

- Commercial
- Industrial
- Residential



Town of Orange Zoning

- Districts Distinct from Commercial
- Industrial
- Residential
- Agriculture County



Boardman Region
Regional Commission

February 22, 2008



Advancing Passenger Rail in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Short-Term Action Plan, Part I



Table 3. Lynchburg to Washington D.C. – Proposed Daily Schedule

171/145	147		◀ Train Number ▶		174/164	
Su-Fr	Sa		◀ Days of Operation ▶		Daily	
12 05P	12 05P	Dp	New York, NY		Ar	12 40P
4 10P	3 25P	Ar	Washington, DC		Dp	9 25A
4 52P	3 50P	Dp			Ar	8 40A
TBD	TBD		Alexandria, VA			TBD
TBD	TBD		Manassas, VA			TBD
TBD	TBD		Culpeper, VA			TBD
7 09P	6 07P		Charlottesville, VA			6 13A
8 25P	7 23P	Ar	Lynchburg, VA		Dp	5 05A

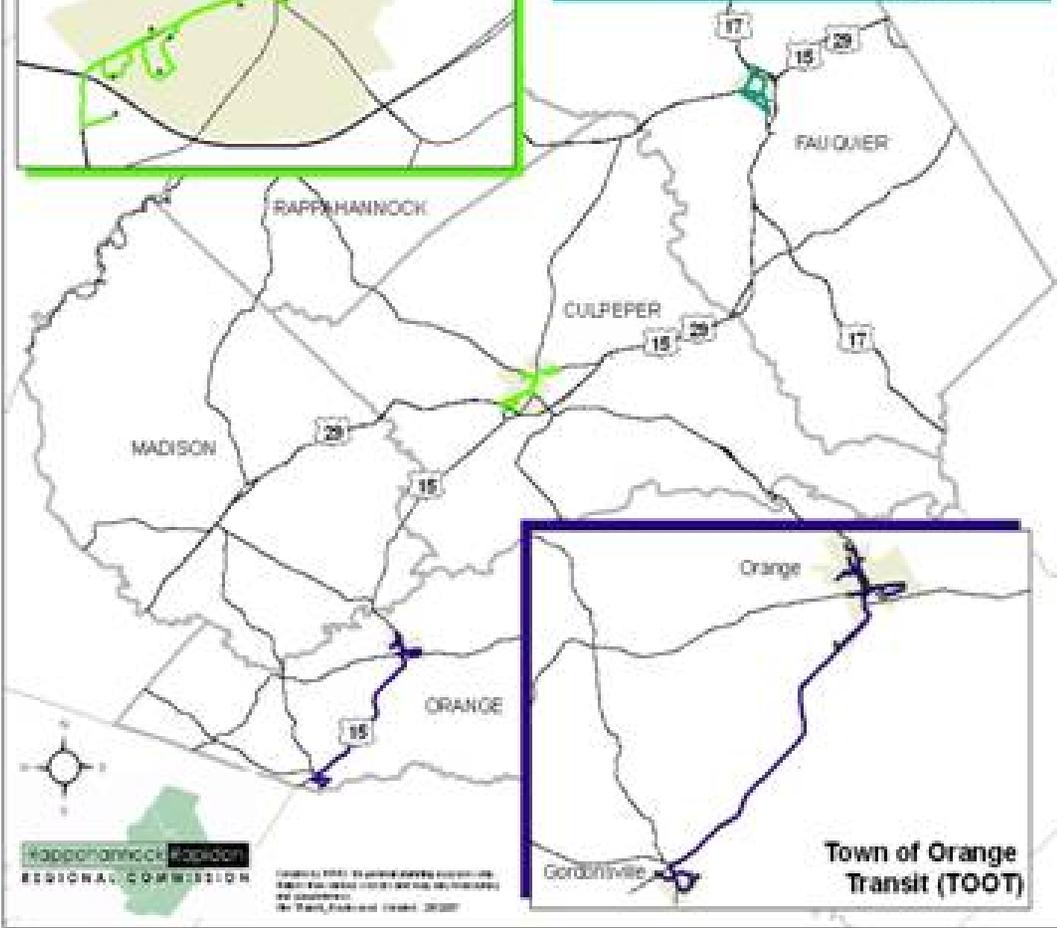
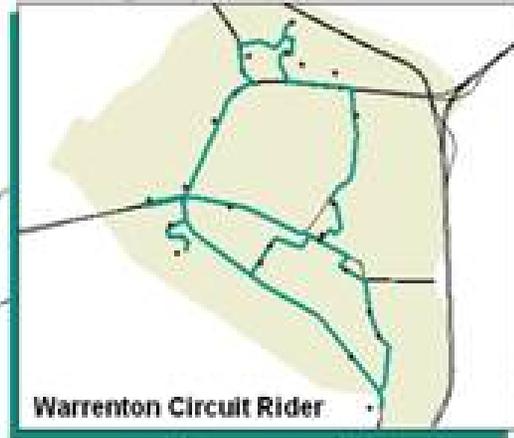
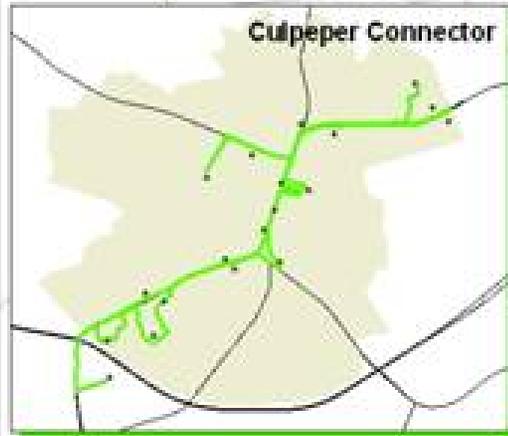
TBD (To Be Determined): These stations are listed for continuity purposes only. Additional station stops (if any) will be determined in the Short Term Action Plan, Part II.

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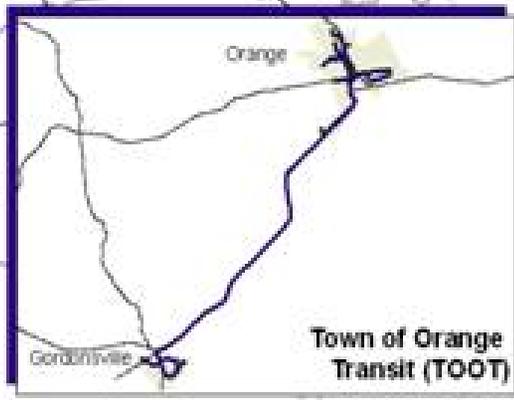
Existing Transit Routes in the Rappahannock-Rapidan Region

As Identified by the RTRC
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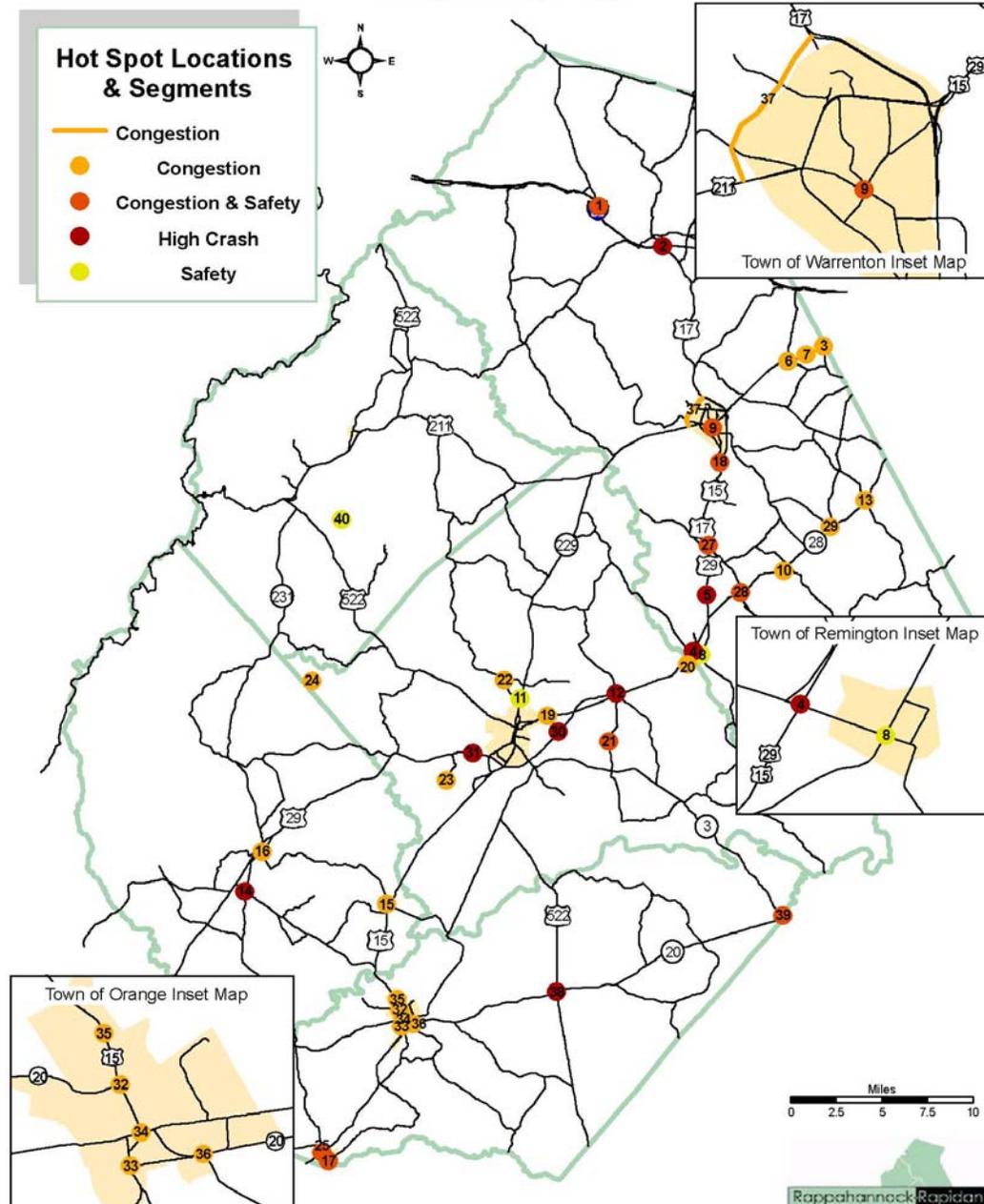
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Regional "Hot Spots" Identified for Consultant Review

in the Rappahannock-Rapidan Region



Map generated as part of RRRC Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, Phase II. <http://www.rregion.org/longrangeplan>
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Committees/Public Participation

REGIONAL LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has begun a new initiative-- regional long-range transportation plans for rural areas. The importance of this planning initiative is evident due to the fact that almost 70% of Virginia's state maintained roads are located in rural areas, a disproportionate amount of traffic fatalities occur on rural roads, many disadvantaged groups live in rural areas and have fewer transportation options, and a considerable amount of freight moves through rural areas impacting highway facilities without providing economic development. These trends, coupled with the growth in rural and suburban areas, highlight the need for a more formalized regional transportation planning process for the non-metropolitan areas of the commonwealth.

The rural regional long-range transportation plans will serve as a proactive step toward addressing land use and transportation issues in potential growth areas, assist localities in identifying transportation priorities for the programming process, ensure coordination of State Highway Plan recommendations with locally identified recommendations, and facilitate linking of local, regional, and statewide transportation planning efforts.

This collaborative planning initiative is to be undertaken in conjunction with Virginia's Planning District Commissions (PDCs), local governments and the public. An important step in this process is the formation of a Rural Technical Committee (RTC) for each PDC throughout the state. The RTC shall be comprised of a technical representative from each member jurisdiction within a PDC, in addition to VDOT representatives, and other agency and area transportation stakeholders. The RTC is designed to be the policy board that will guide the drafting and formulation of the rural regional long-range transportation plan. The RTC that has been formed locally for Planning District 9 is the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission Rural Technical Committee.

In addition, the RTC is also intended to serve as a forum where citizens may come and receive technical information and share their ideas with respect to the region's evolving transportation needs.

STEPS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- **Phase I - (now underway)**
Goals and Data Collection
- **Phase II -**
Analysis and Problem Identification
- **Phase III -**
Public Outreach and Recommendation Development
- **Phase IV -**
Public Endorsement and Regional Adoption



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Rural Transportation Technical Committee
Meets the first Wednesday
of every Month at 2:00 p.m.

PD9 Regional Tran Initiatives



- **Rural Tran Technical Committee-** *meets first Wed every month, 2:00pm*
- **Regional Long-Range Transportation Plan-** *currently in Phase II*
- **RRRC Commuter Services** (www.rrcommute.org)
- **Warrenton Commuter Bus demonstration grant-** *pending FY'09 project*
- **UVA CRMES Risk Corridors Study-** *Fauquier completed; remaining PD9 jurisdictions now underway* (www.virginia.edu/crmes/corridorprotection)
- **PD9 Multimodal Freight Study-** *pending FY'09 project*
- **New Freedom- PD9 Mobility Management Program-** *pending FY'09 project*
- **6/25 RRRC Meeting- Piedmont Rail Coalition presentation by Meredith Richards**
- **VACO Region 7 Transportation Committee-** *joint effort between PD9, 16 & VACO* (www.rrregion.org/vaco)
- **VDOT Route 29 Corridor Study-** *pending*

RRRC Rural Transportation Technical Committee Webpage



<http://www.rrregion.org/longrangeplan>

Questions & Answers



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