

**CNU CPP Master Questionnaire  
Hampton Roads Regional Survey on Transportation**

**April 2008**

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**A. Registered to Vote.**

Yes	500	100%
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**1. In your view, is the level of traffic congestion in Hampton Roads generally very high, high, neither high nor low, low or very low?**

Very high	203	41%
High	238	48%
Neutral/neither high nor low	39	8%
Low	10	2%
Very low	0	0%
DK/Refused	10	2%

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**2. And in the last five years, has the level of traffic congestion in Hampton Roads gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same?**

Gotten better	6	1%
Gotten worse	383	77%
Stayed about the same	106	21%
DK/Refused	5	1%

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**3. Would you say that you generally support increased funding for transportation improvements in Hampton Roads or do you generally oppose increased funding?**

Support	334	67%
Oppose	99	20%
DK/Refused	67	13%

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4. Next I will read you a short list of transportation projects that have been discussed or proposed for Hampton Roads. Rate how important you feel each project is on a 1 to 5 scale, with "1" meaning lowest importance and "5" meaning highest importance. Here's the first one. -

a. Expand U.S. Highway 460.

1 - Lowest	74	15%
2	69	14%
3 - Mid	135	27%
4	47	9%
5 - Highest	109	22%
Don't Know	66	13%

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b. Expand the Mid-Town Tunnel/MLK Freeway.

1 - Lowest	46	9%
2	51	10%
3 - Mid	98	20%
4	99	20%
5 - Highest	163	33%
Don't Know	43	9%

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c. Expand the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel.

1 - Lowest	36	7%
2	29	6%
3 - Mid	80	16%
4	98	20%
5 - Highest	243	49%
Don't Know	14	3%

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d. Build a third Bridge-Tunnel crossing.

1 - Lowest	60	12%
2	46	9%
3 - Mid	79	16%
4	95	19%
5 - Highest	189	38%
Don't Know	31	6%

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e. Widen I-64 on the Peninsula.

1 - Lowest	62	12%
2	53	11%
3 - Mid	120	24%
4	82	16%
5 - Highest	160	32%
Don't Know	23	5%

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f. Build the Southeast Parkway in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.

1 - Lowest	80	16%
2	72	14%
3 - Mid	111	22%
4	78	16%
5 - Highest	93	19%
Don't Know	66	13%

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g. Improve/expand mass transit, including light rail.

1 - Lowest	62	12%
2	46	9%
3 - Mid	76	15%
4	83	17%
5 - Highest	217	43%
Don't Know	16	3%

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h. Widen I-64 on the Southside.

1 - Lowest	47	9%
2	51	10%
3 - Mid	128	26%
4	109	22%
5 - Highest	140	28%
Don't Know	25	5%

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5. I will now read through the list of projects again, but just in shorthand. Please tell me which ONE you feel should be the top transportation project for the region?

<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Choice</u>		<u>1<sup>st</sup> Choice</u>
Highway 460.	6%	7%
Mid-Town Tunnel/MLK Freeway.	9%	12%
Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel.	24%	18%
Third Bridge-Tunnel crossing.	13%	15%
I-64 on the Peninsula.	10%	11%
Southeast Parkway in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.	4%	6%
Mass transit including light rail.	24%	11%
I-64 on the Southside.	8%	13%
Don't Know/Refused	2%	6%

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6. In general, which method of funding transportation projects in the Hampton Roads area would you prefer?

To raise taxes on a statewide basis and then give Hampton Roads its share.	208	42%
To raise taxes or fees only in the Hampton Roads region and keep the money here.	219	44%
Don't Know	73	15%

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7. Next I am going to read you several ways in which people have suggested funding transportation improvements in Hampton Roads. Tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each way to fund transportation improvements in Hampton Roads. Here's the first one.

a. An increase in the statewide gas tax.

Strongly agree	70	14%
Somewhat agree	86	17%
Somewhat disagree	57	11%
Strongly disagree	285	57%
Don't Know	2	0%

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b. A new regional gas tax just in the Hampton Roads area.

Strongly agree	20	4%
Somewhat agree	62	12%
Somewhat disagree	70	14%
Strongly disagree	344	69%
Don't Know	4	1%

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c. An increase in the statewide sales tax.

Strongly agree	81	16%
Somewhat agree	169	34%
Somewhat disagree	74	15%
Strongly disagree	169	34%
Don't Know	7	1%

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d. A new regional sales tax just in the Hampton Roads area.

Strongly agree	28	6%
Somewhat agree	88	18%
Somewhat disagree	87	17%
Strongly disagree	288	58%
Don't Know	9	2%

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e. Through tolls on highways and bridges.

Strongly agree	101	20%
Somewhat agree	144	29%
Somewhat disagree	61	12%
Strongly disagree	181	36%
Don't Know	13	3%

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f. Through tolls only on new highways and bridges built in Hampton Roads.

Strongly agree	116	23%
Somewhat agree	139	28%
Somewhat disagree	71	14%
Strongly disagree	165	33%
Don't Know	9	2%

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8. Some people worry that new funding for transportation improvements in Hampton Roads might be used for other purposes in the future. Tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement. Here's the first one.

a. I trust elected and appointed officials to spend new funding only on transportation improvements in Hampton Roads.

Strongly agree	91	18%
Somewhat agree	131	26%
Somewhat disagree	98	20%
Strongly disagree	166	33%
Don't Know	14	3%

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b. I worry that new funding for transportation improvements will be diverted to other uses and not spent on transportation improvements in Hampton Roads.

Strongly agree	246	49%
Somewhat agree	145	29%
Somewhat disagree	48	10%
Strongly disagree	50	10%
Don't Know	11	2%

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c. I want all new transportation funding to be put into a "lockbox" so that it can be used for transportation improvements in Hampton Roads.

Strongly agree	337	67%
Somewhat agree	98	20%
Somewhat disagree	25	5%
Strongly disagree	29	6%
Don't Know	11	2%

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9. On a typical day, on average about how many minutes each way is your commute?

Under 10 minutes	15	3%
10 minutes	29	6%
12-18 minutes	35	7%
20-29 minutes	47	9%
30-39 minutes	62	12%
40-59 minutes	55	11%
60 minutes/1 hour	55	11%
1 hours+	72	14%
No commute/DK/Refused	130	26%

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10. . IF COMMUTE: On a typical commuting day, do you travel on any of the following roads?

Route 460.

Yes	38	10%
No	332	90%

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I-64 on the Peninsula.

Yes	124	34%
No	246	66%

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I-64 on the Southside.

Yes	154	42%
No	216	58%

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Mid-Town Tunnel.

Yes	68	18%
No	302	82%

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Downtown Tunnel.

Yes	80	22%
No	290	78%

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Monitor-Merrimack Memorial Bridge Tunnel.

Yes	73	20%
No	297	80%

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Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel.

Yes	100	27%
No	270	73%

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I-264 in Virginia Beach and Norfolk.

Yes	148	40%
No	222	60%

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11. On a typical commuting day, how many minutes do you think traffic CONGESTION adds to your trip?

Under 10 minutes	3	1%
10 minutes	53	11%
12-18 minutes	4	1%
20-29 minutes	96	19%
30-39 minutes	62	12%
40-59 minutes	137	27%
60 minutes/1 hour	38	8%
1 hours+	85	17%
No commute/DK/Refused	22	4%

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D1. Gender.

Male	243	49%
Female	257	51%

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D2. Age.

18-29	16	3%
30-39	41	8%
40-49	84	17%
50-59	130	26%
60-64	76	15%
65-Up	152	30%
Refused	1	0%

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D3. Party ID.

Democrat	162	32%
Republican	147	29%
Independent	136	27%
Other/DK/Refused	55	11%

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D4. Race.

African American	116	23%
White	351	70%
Hispanic	8	2%
Asian American	9	2%
Other	1	0%
DK/Refused	15	3%

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Area

Chesapeake	65	13%
Hampton	41	8%
Newport News	58	12%
Norfolk	61	12%
Portsmouth	30	6%
Suffolk	26	5%
Virginia Beach	137	27%
Gloucester	10	2%
Isle of Wight	11	2%
James City	22	4%
Southampton	5	1%
Surry	4	1%
York	19	4%
Franklin City	3	1%
Poquoson	4	1%
Williamsburg	4	1%

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