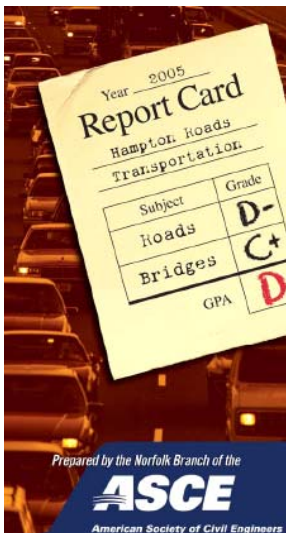




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Join the ASCE Norfolk Branch and Engineering Professionals in Demanding Transportation Funding NOW

The *ASCE Norfolk Branch* stresses the urgency for everyone in your organization to contact their Virginia and Congressional legislators and urge new, sustainable and comprehensive funding to meet our transportation needs. Call for your legislators to support the HRPDC identified transportation improvements for the Hampton Roads region.

It remains a critical time. Virginia's transportation funding crisis continues to be a key issue before the 2008 Virginia General Assembly. Currently no funding exists for over 3/4 of Hampton Roads' severely congested roadways.

This has been our message since we developed the 2005 Hampton Roads Transportation Report Card and assigned a near failing grade of D- for our roads. There was at that time, and continues to be, an unusual consensus that there is a problem and that funding is needed. Unfortunately, funding for transportation continues to be a political football and controlled by intra-party differences at the expense of Virginia's citizens.

There is no single answer for providing the needed source of funding. This is due to the years of legislative inaction, congestion problems compounding and the years it will take to provide solutions. Funding must come from a comprehensive source of revenues such as: committed state and local funds, ensuring federal funds are realized, gas tax, sales tax, user fees, private-public partnerships, innovative project delivery systems and tolls.

Solutions to transportation problems must also be comprehensive and not just involve the construction of necessary new roads and bridges but also multi-modal solutions including mass transit, smart growth, intelligent transportation systems, demand management and adjusting our travel habits.

The ASCE Norfolk Branch has created the necessary tools on our website to locate your legislator and generate letters at - www.demandfunding.com. Our PilotOnline ad (pictured upper left) encourages the public and engineers to visit our site and TAKE ACTION NOW for both Hampton Roads and Virginia.

Become more informed about transportation issues and funding obstacles by reviewing our Report Card and also the following transportation issues related sites:

- http://www.ascenorfolk.org/Shared%20Documents/ASCE_web.posted.FINAL.pdf
- <http://www.itstimevirginia.org>
- www.hrpdc.org
- <http://www.hrpdc.org/Presentations/Trans/2007/State%20of%20Trans%202006%20MPO%20January%2007.pdf>
- <http://beatthegridlock.com>
- www.tripnet.org/state.htm