

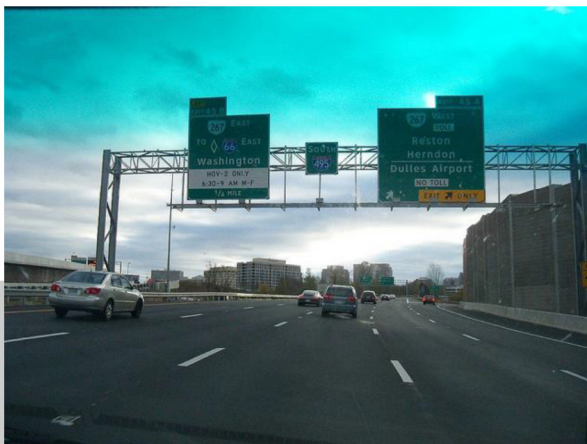


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Welcome to the July 2016 Edition of "On the Move"

Virginia to Unlock the "Atlantic Gateway"

Virginia has recently acquired a \$165 million federal grant to unlock what it calls the "Atlantic Gateway." This gateway will speed passenger rail, freight trains and highway vehicles through one of the most congested corridors on the East Coast.



Source: Doug Kerr, www.flicker.com

The FASTLANE grant combines with \$565 million in private investment, as well as \$710 million in state transportation funds, to carry out some of the biggest projects in the state.

Improvements will include:

- a new Interstate 95 bridge crossing of the Rappahannock River;
- extension of Interstate 395 express lanes north to the Potomac River and I-95 express lanes south toward Fredericksburg;
- construction of new track along the CSX rail corridor crossing the Potomac River, as well as deed to the state of abandoned railroad track from Petersburg to North Carolina for high-speed passenger rail service;

- expansion of mass transit options, including new commuter parking spaces along I-95 and I-395 in Northern Virginia.

McAuliffe stated an estimated \$500 million in planned rail improvements — from CSX and the state six-year plan — as "the largest rail investment in the history of the commonwealth," with benefits in all modes of transportation.

Separately, the government awarded a \$90 million FASTLANE grant for a \$250 million project to rebuild the approaches to Arlington Memorial Bridge, built 84 years ago.

This project also will expand Amtrak and commuter rail service and give Virginia control of the former CSX S-Line which was abandoned over 30 years ago from Petersburg through Southside to the North Carolina line.

Howell's House district stands in the middle of the gateway. The fast-growing Fredericksburg suburbs lie south of where the I-95 toll express lanes end now. These suburbs stand to gain from expanding the Virginia Railway Express commuter service to and from Washington.

Transurban is the state's partner in building the 29-mile express lane network on I-95 and Interstate 495 in Northern Virginia. The grant will allow construction of 17 miles of express lanes to begin in 2017.

Transit improvements will include expansion of commuter and truck parking along the I-95 corridor; expanded bus and Virginia Railway Express service; construction of pavement to eventually allow use of driverless cars; and improved technology to respond to traffic incidents and provide travel information to drivers.

Source: by MICHAEL MARTZ Richmond Times-Dispatch
http://www.richmond.com/news/virginia/government-politics/general-assembly/article_66b6fd8d-5990-518c-ba54-2186e7d9cd4c.html



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How Summer Heat Can Affect Your Vehicle

Extreme heat can not only impact you and your pets but it can also take its toll on your vehicle as well. Here are some tips that you can take to ensure you and your vanpool members are not stranded on the side of the road in these severe heat conditions.



Source: www.flicker.com – US Army

Extreme heat conditions can take its toll on vehicle components including your battery. Heat can negatively impact your car's battery even more than the cold of winter. Heat and vibration can lead to internal breakdown and eventual failure. While you cannot do much about the heat, you can visually check to make sure your vehicle's battery is securely mounted in place to minimize vibration.

In addition to heat and vibration, faster evaporation of the battery fluid can lead to corrosion on terminals and connections. Check your battery for corrosive build up from the battery terminals and cable clamps, and ensure the clamps are tight enough that they don't move.

Batteries are not the only parts of your vehicle that take a beating from the heat. You should pay close attention to your tires. Driving on under-inflated tires impacts the handling and braking of a vehicle and can cause tires to overheat. This increases the likelihood of a blowout. This problem becomes even more of a concern when road temperatures are extremely high.

According to the Rubber Manufacturers Association most vehicles have at least one under-inflated tire. The majority of motorists do not know how to properly inflate their tires. Tires should be inspected when the car has not been driven recently, and they should be inflated to the pressure recommended by the vehicle's manufacturer.

Many maintenance tasks to prepare for extreme summer heat are relatively easy and can be performed by the average driver. By checking your vehicle battery and tires you can save yourself the hassle of a breakdown.

K&K Connection July Birthdays

We would like to wish everyone born in July a very special HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Vincent Byrd
Sam Crandle
Rick Dubik
Mark Giewont
Nancy Jarrett
Kip Johnson
Joycelyn Josey-Harris
Mikeisha Kennedy
Christopher King
Kimberly Korsah
Arthur McWhirt, Jr.
Rosalind Reid
Barbara Stevenson
Charleen Trotter
Gloria Williams

Corrisse Carlton
Beverly Donald
Tina Frison
Yolanda Hurt
Juanita Johns
Olivia Luehrs
Raja Maddi
Gary Senatore
Jerry Ross
Alex Lichtenfels
Charles Mikell
Jeffrey Sherfey
Michael Walsh
Audrey Williams

Welcome to K&K Connections

We would like to say a BIG welcome to all of our new riders for the month of July. We are so privileged that you have decided to make K&K your vanpool company of choice.

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