



Democratic Primary

Lt. Governor Ralph Northam: He supports increased funding for transportation, including by setting a minimum level for Northern Virginia's regional gas tax. "We obviously need to look at a lot of different ways of funding transportation...Tolls is another option. But we've got to be very careful not to cripple different regions with very high tolls...So we need to look at each project," Northam said. He supports the state's current rating system for transportation projects that is intended to direct funding to the most cost-effective projects. He said Metro must take care of its own issues before a funding plan could be considered. "We need to make all of Virginia know that Northern Virginia is very important to our economy and that they carry a lot of water for Virginia, and so leadership is going to need to take a plan to the General Assembly; there's going to have to be bipartisan support. And I hope I can lead that discussion and find a dedicated source of revenue for Metro so that we can keep it vibrant," Northam said. (<http://www.wtop.com/virginia/2017/06/race-for-virginia-governor-2017-primary-preview/>)

Fmr. Representative Tom Perriello: "Virginia's infrastructure is not going to get better on its own. We have to invest in maintaining and upgrading it if we're going to stay economically competitive and improve quality of life for Virginians. As Congressman for the 5th District, I served on the House Transportation Committee, and fought for funding to upgrade Virginia projects like the Robertson Bridge in Danville, as well as for much greater infrastructure investments in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that would have addressed transportation needs and put more Virginians to work. I worked on infrastructure bank options and advocated for greater public transit." (<http://www.tomforvirginia.com/issue/infrastructure>)

Republican Primary

Ed Gillespie: "We need to take meaningful steps to further ensure that every transportation dollar is spent wisely. Virginia must direct its resources toward transportation projects that have the best chance to reduce congestion, improve safety, and promote economic opportunities for Virginians. With the right reform and management policies, we can help take cars off of the road and further mitigate traffic congestion. We should leverage the use of public-private partnerships in a responsible way that protects taxpayers. We can work with the private sector to expand access to broadband and take steps to protect our technology systems from cyber threats. If we do this, we can make our entire transportation infrastructure (including our roads, airports, port, rails and technology systems) an engine to support economic growth." (<http://www.edforvirginia.com/issue/transportation-infrastructure>)

Supervisor Corey Stewart: "Richmond has invested billions, maybe trillions, on lane widening, HOV, hot lanes, and tolls across the Commonwealth, and still Virginia is plagued by terrible traffic. Richmond's bureaucrats don't understand how to allocate resources to serve our transportation needs. Intelligent investment in infrastructure will grow our state's economy, improve our quality of life, and bring good paying jobs to Virginia." (<http://www.coreystewart.com/issues>)

Senator Frank Wagner: "Transportation is a big component for growing and diversifying Virginia's economy. Only Frank Wagner has been fighting for the transportation funds necessary to build a transportation system that reduces today's congestion and is flexible enough to be utilized by new transportation technologies of the future. A priority for Frank is constructing Interstate 73 and the Coal Fields Expressway in order to create more jobs in Southside and Southwest Virginia. Different regions have different needs and as your Governor, Frank Wagner will address them all." (<http://www.wagnervagovernor.com>)

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