

Summary of Responses to Online Transportation Safety Survey conducted by the York County Transportation Safety Commission from October 2, 2017 through November 7, 2017

Using surveymonkey.com, the York County Transportation Safety Commission conducted an online survey of County residents in the fall of 2017. Eighty-eight people answered the survey, which was posted on the York County web site. The purpose of the survey was to give York County’s citizens an opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns regarding transportation safety in the County. This was not a scientific survey, and the results should not be used to draw inferences about the opinions of the greater population. The top ten answers to each of the survey questions are provided in the tables below.

Question 1

As a motor vehicle operator, what do you feel are the three (3) most dangerous intersections (where you have to be the most careful) in the County?

Rank	Intersection	Responses
1	Route 17 & Victory Boulevard	29
2	Route 17 & Route 173	19
3	Victory Boulevard & Hampton Highway	16
4	Victory Boulevard & Big Bethel Road	13
5	Route 17 & Walmart entrance	8
6	Route 17 & Cook Road	6
6	Route 17 & Wolf Trap Road	6
8	Not in York County	5
8	Route 17 & Ft. Eustis Boulevard	5
10	Penniman Road & Merrimac Trail	4
10	Five forks intersection in Yorktown	4
10	Victory Boulevard & Kiln Creek Parkway	4

Question 2

As a motor vehicle operator, what are the three (3) roadway segments you find the most dangerous (where you have to be the most careful) in the County?

Rank	Intersection	Responses
1	Allens Mill Road	21
2	Cook Road	15
3	All of Route 17	11
4	Hampton Highway	10
4	Route 17 between Lakeside Dr. and Rte. 173	10
6	Oriana Road	9
7	Hornsbyville Road	8
8	All of Victory Boulevard	7
8	Victory Blvd between Rte. 17 and Newport News city boundary	7
10	Victory Blvd between Rte. 134 and Big Bethel Rd	6
10	Yorktown Road	6

Question 3

As a motor vehicle operator, list up to three (3) locations where you would like to see improvements made and what those improvements are (e.g., add a left turn lane, change a YIELD sign to STOP sign, etc.). Please be specific.

Route 17

- At the intersection of 17 & Oriana/Lakeside, the light allowing cars coming from Oriana is often too short and only allows a couple cars to pass while 17 gets the unfair majority of the time.
- Add crosswalks on Route 17 at multiple locations
- A shorter wait at Old York-Hampton Hwy/Rte. 17 traffic light OR a demand-light at same intersection
- Extend the duration of stop light for traffic entering/crossing Rte. 17 from Ft. Eustis Blvd.
- On Route 17, south of the reservoir, the exit to Route 134 needs lane sticks like those in front of Walmart on Jefferson Avenue to stop people from using the exit lane and cutting back onto Route 17 at the last minute
- Lengthen the merge lane onto Route 17 from Hampton Highway
- At northbound Rte. 17 and Dare Road, remove the median on Dare Road and put right turn lane on Dare to turn right onto northbound Route 17
- Retime the traffic lights on Road 17 to give side roads a longer green time (especially at Dare Road)
- Widen Rt. 17 up to Coleman Bridge
- Install sidewalks and/or bike paths along Route 17
- Add a second right turn lane from Route 17 southbound onto Victory Boulevard westbound
- Stopper bumps down to keep people from using turn lane, on Rt 17 in front of Washington Square, as a fourth lane
- Install bike lanes on both sides of all of Route 17 in York County
- Add a right turn lane on southbound Route 17 onto Darby Road
- Longer entry ramp from 134 to GWH going towards Victory., or actually take down that overpass... people can use Victory to get to and from 134 and POQUOSON
- remove merge lane from Ft Eustis onto 17S and make into regular turn lane with traffic light
- Paint the curbing (high visibility) around the median at the intersection of Cook Rd/Route 17 intersection for better visibility

Victory Boulevard

- Add a dedicated left turn lane on northbound Big Bethel Road at Victory Boulevard
- left turn on Big Bethel onto 171 both directions
- Add more turn lanes at Big Bethel Road and Victory Boulevard
- Improve visibility at Victory Boulevard and Big Bethel Road
- Widen Victory Boulevard to four lanes to and from Poquoson
- Make the Victory Blvd/Hampton Highway intersection a "No Right Turn on Red" intersection. Victory traffic turning in front of 55 mph traffic is dangerous. Some drivers turning on red do not take into account traffic making U-turns from across divided highway (i.e., eastbound Victory drivers turning in front of traffic making U-turns from Victory northbound to southbound)
- Add a left turn lane at Victory Boulevard and Susan Newton Lane
- VICTORY BLVD EAST AT ROUTE 17 WHERE THRU LANE ENDS - NEED LARGE ARROWS ON A SIGN IN THE MEDIAN & FLASHING LIGHTS
- Victory Blvd. heading to Poquoson, specifically from Rt. 134. I live in Meadowlake Farms neighborhood and can never exit my neighborhood via Bowman due to heavy traffic. Seems to always get stuck because of the light at Big Bethel. This is also very dangerous when coming from Poquoson

down to Rt. 134. Although cones were put up to block people from passing on the right (when trying to make a left hand turn into Meadowlake Farms), people continuously pass on right side.

- Extend the land on Victory Blvd. PAST the Walmart side entrance through and past Kiln Creek Parkway
- A left turn lane on Victory at Calthrop Neck
- Wall on 171 from behind Edgewood housing for a distance where traffic is less congested
- Add left turn lanes on Victory Boulevard at Bowman Terrace
- Add bicycle lanes on Victory Blvd
- Stopper bumps down to keep people from using the turn lane on Victory Blvd. in front of Kmart as a fourth lane
- Change the signal timing at the intersection of Route 17 and Victory Boulevard to better clear traffic from Victory

Flashing Yellow Arrows

- Take away flashing yellow light on Rte. 17 turning left onto Goodwin Neck
- Remove the flashing yellow arrow signal at Route 17 and Goodwin Neck Road
- Eliminate flashing yellow left turn light at the Rte. 17/Goodwin Neck/Denbigh Blvd this intersection
- Take the flashing yellow arrow away at the intersection of Wolf Trap and Goodwin Neck Roads
- Left turn caution light at US Rte. 17 @ Coventry 24/7
- Remove flashing yellow arrow signals
- Remove flashing yellow arrows on Routes 17 and 134
- Remove flashing yellow arrows on Route 17
- Add a flashing yellow arrow signal on southbound Route 17 at Wolf Trap Road
- Add yellow caution lights to the blind intersection on Oriana Road at Burts Road
- Allow a flashing yellow light for turning off of HWY 134 heading south and turning into Mill Crossing. This should be added to this intersection and numerous others after rush hour.

Hampton Highway

- The traffic light on Hwy 134 does not stay green long enough at the intersection of the library and YMCA. As I approach this intersection on Hwy 134, I rarely get a green light on 134 as traffic from the YMCA or Greenlands trip the light red very quickly
- On Long Green Blvd, near Library & YMCA, something is needed to fix the jam & hazards that occur when everyone is trying to leave simultaneously. Another lane? Another way to exit the YMCA parking lot onto Hampton Hwy?
- On Hampton Highway headed southeast, extend left turn lane at the YMCA/Tabb Library light
- Extend the right turn lane from Route 134 into Edgewood
- Reduce the speed limit on Route 134 northbound at the approach to Yorktown Road
- Get rid of the island on Theater Rd. at 134 and allow Yorktown Road to connect thru to Walmart.

Signage

- Install a larger STOP sign at Hornsbyville and Waterview Roads
- Install a sign on Cook Road advising bicyclists to use Surrender Road instead of Cook Road
- There should be more warning signs for the intersection of Dare Road and Lakeside Drive. It's an inconspicuous intersection and the first time driving down that road, I nearly missed that there was a STOP sign
- Install four-way STOPs at key intersections along Kiln Creek Parkway

- Install STOP signs (3-way stop) at the intersection of Hornsbyville Rd. and Old York-Hampton Hwy
- Increase warning signage at the intersection of Cook Road and Hamilton Road. Maybe a lighted sign on Hamilton Road.

Kiln Creek

- Reduce the speed limit on Kiln Creek Parkway to 30 MPH
- Install speed bumps on Kiln Creek Parkway
- Crosswalks on Kiln Creek Pkwy
- Kiln Creek crosswalk across Victory Blvd.

Speed Limits

- Increase the speed limit on Old York-Hampton Highway from 35 to 45 MPH.
- Reduce the speed limit on Battle Road from 45 to 35 MPH
- Reduce the speed limit for trucks on Goodwin Neck Road
- Reduce the speed limit on Cook Rd to 45 MPH along the entire road

Miscellaneous

- Add shoulders to Cary’s Chapel Road
- Add a left turn lane on Denbigh Boulevard in front of Rip's
- Lengthen the left turn lane at the Denbigh Blvd and Rt 17 interchange.
- Lakeshead and Hubbard, Road mirrors, cut away land so you can see oncoming traffic
- Connect Oriana Road to Bland Blvd. to provide another way to reach Jefferson Avenue
- Install a traffic signal on Ft. Eustis Boulevard at the McDonald's/Colonial Harbor entrance/exit
- Widen Allens Mill Rd
- Install sidewalks along all of Government Road and Penniman Road
- Add walk signals, crosswalks, and sidewalks at Merrimac Trail and Penniman Road
- Eliminate U-Turn at Yorktown Rd light on Hampton Hwy
- Improve visibility at the intersection of Showalter Rpad and Lindsay Landing
- Widen Government Rd
- Cut brush and overgrowth to improve visibility around numerous side streets (e.g., Surrender Road and Cook Road).
- Add a bike trail on Lakeshead drive
- Wolf Trap and Goodwin Neck - change stop light to a rotary (traffic circle)
- Wolf Trap and 17, add a straight arrow to the straight lane, it is now blank
- Clear undergrowth around Surrender Road and Cook Road intersections for better site clearance
- Add a left turn lane on Cook Rd to turn into York High School

Question 4

As a bicyclist, list up to three (3) specific locations in the roadway environment where you feel unsafe/less safe riding a bicycle.

Rank	Location	Responses
1	Route 17	17
2	Cook Road	13
3	Victory Boulevard	11
4	Allens Mill Road	10

Rank	Location	Responses
5	Hornsbyville Road	9
6	Everywhere	8
6	Big Bethel Road	8
6	Hampton Highway	8
6	Yorktown Road	8
10	Goodwin Neck Road	5
10	Wolf Trap Road	5

Question 5

As a bicyclist, list up to three (3) locations where you would like to see improvements made for bicyclists and what those improvements are (e.g., add bike lanes, widen the roadway shoulders, etc.). Please be specific.

Rank	Proposed Improvement – add bike lanes, shoulders, or widen	Responses
1	Cook Road	12
2	Route 17	11
3	Yorktown Road	8
3	Victory Boulevard	8
3	Big Bethel Road	8
3	Hampton Highway	8
7	Allens Mill Road	5
7	Hornsbyville Road	5
9	Oriana Road	4
9	Goodwin Neck Road	4
9	Wolf Trap Road	4
9	Seaford Road	4
9	Lakeside Drive	4
9	East Rochambeau Drive	4

Question 6

As a pedestrian, list up to three (3) specific locations where you feel unsafe/less safe walking in the roadway environment.

Rank	Location	Responses
1	Route 17	16
2	Victory Boulevard	13
3	Hampton Highway	12
4	School Zones	8
4	Yorktown Road	8
6	Everywhere	7
6	Dare Road	7
6	Big Bethel Road	7
9	Penniman Road	5
10	Cook Road	4

Question 7

As a pedestrian, list up to three (3) locations where you would like to see improvements made for pedestrians and what those improvements are (e.g., build a sidewalk, provide a crosswalk, etc.). Please be specific.

Rank	Intersection	Responses
1	Sidewalks/crosswalks on Route 17	11
1	Sidewalks/crosswalks at schools – in general or specific locations	11
3	Sidewalks along Victory Boulevard	10
4	Sidewalks/crosswalks on Hampton Highway (especially near YMCA & library)	7
5	Sidewalks/trails on Yorktown Road/Big Bethel Road	6
6	Penniman Road (sidewalks in various locations)	4
6	Crosswalks/pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Rte. 17 & Ft. Eustis Blvd.	4
8	None	3
8	Crosswalks on Kiln Creek Parkway	3
10	Sidewalks on Cook Road	2
10	Sidewalks on Merrimac Trail	2
10	Sidewalks on Government Road	2
10	Sidewalks on Wolf Trap Road	2
10	Widen shoulders on Lindsay Landing Lane	2
10	Crosswalk/sidewalk on Bypass Road	2

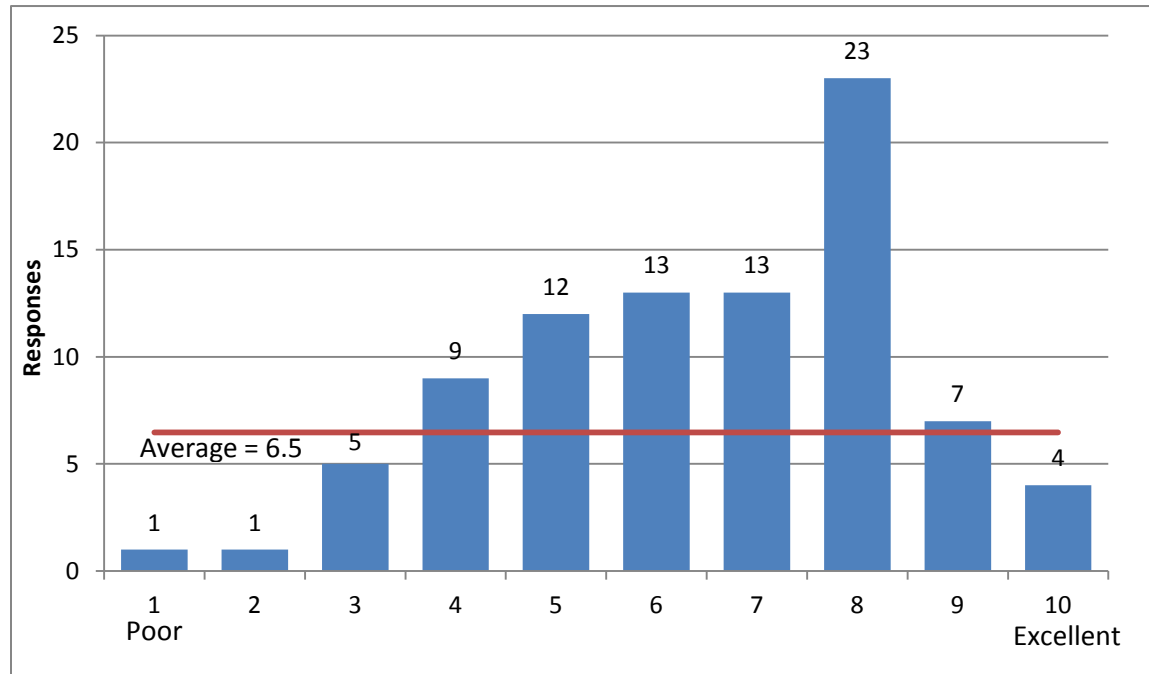
Question 8

Based on your experience as a boat operator (motor, sail, paddle, etc.) on York County's waterways, list up to three (3) safety concerns you have about boating in York County.

Rank	Concern	Responses
1	Poor marking of channels	5
2	Boating under the influence	4
3	Sandbox/Thorofare area	3
3	Jet skis/wakeboarding	3
5	Excessive oyster grounds/crab pots	2
5	Kids	2
7	Not enough public boat launch ramps	1
7	Unlicensed boaters	1
7	Lack of law enforcement	1
7	Nets	1
7	Lack of "no wake" signs near private property	1
7	Overloaded boats (too many people on them)	1
7	Not being able to make a wake in the event of severe weather	1
7	Water quality	1
7	Shallow launch ramps at Back Creek	1

Question 9

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) owns, operates, and maintains most of the roadways within the County. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being poor and 10 being excellent, how well do you feel VDOT keeps the roadways in the County safe?



Question 10

As a resident of York County, what do you believe should be the main focus of the Transportation Safety Commission?

- Auto safety
- Motorist safety
- Making our residential streets safer
- Keep roadways safe
- Safer roads
- Auto traffic safety
- Enforce speed and maintain the roads
- Speed Limit enforcement
- Speed control on our roads and red light runners.
- DISTRACTED DRIVERS using CELL PHONES and causing delays and crashes. It's a big and growing worse problem.
- Making the roadway environment useful and safe for pedestrians and bicyclists. Unfortunately, many of our main thoroughfares are ≥ 45 mph, which makes this difficult. However, that is why it is MORE important to protect pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Increasing ability to bike and walk safely. This positively impacts public health, encourages residents to shop within the county, and is attractive to a younger workforce
- Pedestrian walkways

- Addressing concerns for the safety of cars, bikes, and walkers by studying areas of conflict and applying for grants or suggesting certain funding be budgeted for monies to build facilities to protect those audiences.
- Bike lanes
- Sidewalks, streetlights, CROSSWALKS WITH SIGNALS.
- Becoming more cycling-focused and providing public transportation for the growing older residents of York County.
- Provide residents safe roads whether biking, walking, or driving. There are many areas where brush, grass need to be trimmed back at curves and pulling out from many side streets is hard to see vehicles coming. York County does not provide areas for bike/pedestrian safety. Not all intersections need the flashing yellow left turn signal either. Get rid of the flashing yellow at 17 and Denbigh or change to only flash yellow at the least busy time of the day... as in the late evening hours.
- Enabling cyclists & pedestrians a safe environment to get around the county. With no public transportation to speak of, York County should be providing people who must or choose to walk or cycle a safe means to do so.
- To help keep roads maintained properly for safe travels and provide resources or paths/ trails for people to enjoy and utilize the streets. Lighting for safety. We have a great location, but you cannot use most of it, because if you are a biker or walker, all areas are unsafe due to lighting and narrow roadways
- Making roads safe for cars and pedestrians
- Pedestrian/bicycle safety. The work that has been done on 17 has been awesome. Traffic has improved tremendously. However, I do not feel safe walking/biking anywhere in York County. I see a lot of walkers/bikers in very unsafe conditions, traffic whizzing by them at 50-60 mph while they try to use what little shoulder space there is available to not get hit.
- Promoting safe pedestrian experiences and addressing the issue that Route 17 is getting busier and the old intersections are working less and less efficiently
- Making improvements that will keep motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians safe.
- The safety of residents and users of our roadways and waterways. Also, just in case this question is not asked... the blinking yellow lights, dumbest idea ever! Someone is going to end up in an accident because of impatient drivers trying to go across. Use the red lights to allow those to turn. Whoever thought that was a timesaver should be fired.
- I've been seeing lots of dangerous behavior related to the yellow-blinking left turn lights. While I do appreciate how they help alleviate traffic buildup at intersections, I am a bit concerned about new problems that may arise from people making bad choices at these lights.
- Safety at intersections (I think the blinking yellow is dangerous at some intersections, people take chances), Condition of roadways, enough notice for signs of instruction
- Making interceptions safe
- Update ailing infrastructure and maintain safe road conditions
- The Commission should gather safety concerns from citizens, and work with VDOT and James City County to resolve them. The Commission should also inform people of which projects have been scheduled to address problems. This could be done on the County website.
- Provide a good means to get citizen concerns heard and addressed.
- Advocate for improvements from the state and communicate with residents on safety issues as they come up.
- Make roads safety especially in winter storm conditions. Better response and service on the side and back roads.
- Widening of roads

- LINE OF SIGHT – REMOVE ALL PLANT LIFE FROM INTERSECTIONS AND MEDIANS IN THE COUNTY SO I CAN SEE ONCOMING TRAFFIC.
- Monitor roadways to ensure foliage is trimmed so that signage and traffic signals are not blocked from view, coordinate light signals on HWY 17, review road conditions to repair deterioration and leave roads alone when they are serviceable.
- School children
- Hazardous intersections and widening back roads (i.e. wide enough for busses and cars to pass each other, maintenance of POTHOLES)
- Maintain lights and roads
- US Route 17 three lanes North & South to the Coleman Bridge
- Ensure VDOT maintains roadways on a pre-arranged schedule and repairs any acute problems quickly
- On and off ramps on highways less stressful to get on and off.
- Hwy 17

Question 11

The Commission is planning to hold a Community Forum in Yorktown at York Hall on Thursday, October 26 at 6:30 PM to receive input from citizens on transportation safety in the County. Would you consider attending?

Response	Number	Percent
Yes	22	24.4%
No	15	16.7%
Maybe	51	56.7%
No Response	2	7.8%
Total	90	100.0%

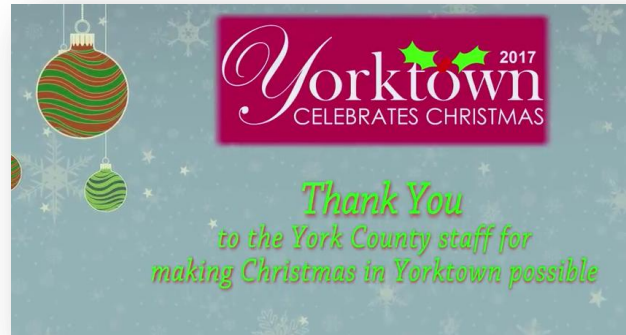


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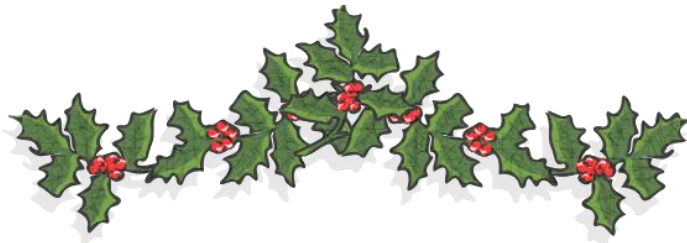
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Season's Greetings & Happy New Year!



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