



Project Purpose:

To bring the citizens of Virginia Beach into an open, inclusive and productive conversation about transportation possibilities and challenges for the community.

Project Design Assumptions:

- Virginia Beach will be making significant decisions related to transportation investments
- Transportation options have significant consequences for the way the city works and the quality of life for its citizens
- The transportation future for Virginia Beach includes choices about differing transportation modes, including public transportation
- The community dialogue should be about the future and what could be
- Informed citizens make better partners in future decisions

Project Components:

Information

Neutral dedicated **Web site**

Expert **speakers series** – live and on the Web site

Participation

The **Citizens Working Group** is open to any citizen interested in participating. The group will help identify transportation options, experts and cities that demonstrate alternatives.

Online opportunities will include surveys, discussion forums, and Web site locations for sharing transportation related photos, videos and information. The active participation features of the Web site will require registration.

Small group community dialogue will occur towards the end of the year-long project. The views of participants as a group and also as individuals will be collected at these gatherings.

Project Outcomes:

The project provides different opportunities for citizens to express their preferences on transportation-related goals, relative resource allocations and future transportation possibilities. That input will be gathered in a project report given to the City Council and the community. The effects of the project will go on into the future, as the citizens of Virginia Beach make quality-of-life choices about transportation options.

Project Schedule: The project is estimated to last about a year and finish up in late 2010.