

# **Transportation Infrastructure**

With a strategic location at the midpoint of the East Coast, Virginia's Gateway Region enjoys unparalleled access to major markets. The workforce draws from both the Richmond-Petersburg and Virginia Beach-Norfolk metropolitan areas, and is a short drive from Washington, D.C. and North Carolina. With direct access to rail, sea and airports, the region is a prime business location for companies seeking a gateway to global markets.

## Highways

The region is part of a large metropolitan area with direct interstate highway access for highspeed travel in every direction, putting 41 percent of the U.S. population and the most populated domestic markets including New York, Boston, Miami and more within reach in one-day's drive.

- Interstate 95: Primary North-South highway serving the most populated cities on the East Coast, running parallel to the Atlantic Ocean from Maine to Miami
- Interstate 85: Important southeast U.S. arterial highway, travels southwest from Petersburg to the Gulf Coast through Charlotte and Atlanta
- Interstate 64: Major East-West corridor starts in Hampton Roads/Port of Virginia and runs through Richmond to St. Louis
- Interstate 295: Bypass for traffic changing between Interstates 95, 85 and 64
- U.S. Route 460: Four-lane highway with nearly straight-line access to the Port of Vir



nearly straight-line access to the Port of Virginia and industrial sites along the route
Additional connecting "beltway-style" routes available to facilitate traffic flow both inside and through the region

#### Rail

The region is a rail transport crossroads with unparalleled access to key markets and destinations in every direction, rail-served greenfield sites, passenger rail stations and a half-dozen intermodal facilities.

- Freight: <u>CSX</u> track runs north and south through the region; <u>Norfolk Southern</u> runs east and west through the region. Both rail lines connect in Petersburg and also nearby in Richmond.
- Double-stack Rail: All along route from Port of Virginia to Chicago in just two days
- Rail-sided sites and buildings
- Passenger Rail: <u>Petersburg (PTB) Amtrack station</u> service from Miami to New York via the Carolinian/Piedmont line and the Silver Service/Palmetto, with connections to inland U.S. destinations
- Future High-Speed Corridor Stop: Will connect the southeastern (Raleigh to Jacksonville) and northeastern (Washington, D.C. to Boston) regions of U.S.; 98,000 annual passengers expected to pass through the Gateway Region





#### Ports

The region benefits from the many advantages of access to the international shipping terminals of the <u>Port of Virginia</u>, including exclusive incentives for port trade without the hassle of truck congestion immediately surrounding the port. Multi-modal freight access to the port includes direct double-stacked rail, truck access within 1.5 hours, and barge service.





2016 Tonnage: 20.87 million 4.5% annual increase 2016 TEUs:

2.66 million 4.2% annual increase Cargo

64% truck, 33% rail, 3% barge

22 days average transit time to/from Asia and double-stacked rail service nationwide



Located on the region's boundary, with direct access to Interstate 95, the <u>Richmond Marine Terminal</u> offers barge service three times a week to/from the Port of Virginia and global markets, 25-foot channel depth, and on-site warehousing, cranes, and CSX and Norfolk Southern rail access.

### **Airports**

Reach any destination worldwide via local freight and passenger hub airports as well as international hubs nearby in Washington, D.C. There are over 120 nonstop domestic destinations available among nearly 27,000 monthly flights accessible within a 2.5-hour driving radius.

<u>**Richmond International Airport (RIC)</u>**: American/U.S. Airways, Delta, JetBlue, United, Southwest, Allegiant and Interjet currently serve RIC, offering nonstop flights to major domestic destinations and easy access to global destinations. More than 3.5 million passengers travel through RIC annually.</u>

<u>Dulles International (IAD)</u> and <u>Reagan National (DCA)</u>: Washington, D.C. two-hour drive from the region. Air taxi service available from Chesterfield County airport and Dinwiddie County Airport

<u>Newport News (PHF)</u> and <u>Norfolk (ORF)</u>: Smaller-scale international airports with commercial and bulk service located 1.5-hour drive to the east

#### Local General Aviation Airports:

- Chesterfield County Airport: Fully-instrumented, ILS equipped, general aviation airport with transport facility, 5,500-foot lighted runway, charter and flying services, and fully-equipped and –staffed maintenance hangar
- Dinwiddie County Airport: Transport facility, fully-equipped and –staffed maintenance hangar, two runways (5,001 and 3,060 feet), charter flights and air taxi
- Wakefield Municipal Airport: Located in Sussex County along U.S. Route 460 with a transport facility and 4,350-foot lighted runway

