

Memorandum

TO: Planning Commission members
DATE: March 15, 201
RE: Feasibility study

This is an update for your information. Last year, the County applied for and was awarded a grant of \$70,000 to procure a feasibility study regarding public transportation. The County, working as an agent for the Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia (SSEVA), is working with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. The planned study will help determine the feasibility of public transportation in the Southampton County/Franklin area, and set the appropriate areas upon which to focus.

In the next few months, a consultant will be assigned to the County to prepare the study. SSEVA already provides the I-Ride service, funded by charitable donations and funds from various organizations, as well as limited fares. The feasibility study will help determine what types of services are needed in the County/City, what the trip generators are, and what passenger counts might be. The study will focus on people who are transit dependent, those who cannot/do not drive, rather than those who may choose to use public transit. Once a system is determined, ways to encourage people who use transit as a choice will be sought, but the main focus at this time will be those who depend on transit.

The I-Ride program began as a service for seniors and the handicapped, but is now open to all. The passenger mix is now 50/50 between seniors and the handicapped, and non-senior/non-handicapped riders. I-Ride has three fixed-route lines at the present, including routes that go to the free clinic in Suffolk. The I-Ride route information is attached.

There is a Rural Public Transit program that provides funding for public transit in rural areas, with 50% of the funding from the Federal government, 15% from the Commonwealth, and 35% from the locality. There are also Federal funds available for capital costs, including vehicles and buildings. These funds require a 10-15% matching funds amount from the locality. The locality funds can be from sources that now contribute to the I-Ride program, including the County and City, United Way, Franklin/Southampton Charities, the Camp Foundation, and various other agencies. I-Ride now is funded entirely by these and other sources.

Upon completion, the feasibility study will permit the County to apply for grants to study the operational feasibility of a rural public transit system, including elements of a business plan for a transit system. Further feasibility studies can determine when/where to build transit facilities. The first study will be completed by fall of this year most likely, in time for the County to apply for the next round of grant funding with submission in February of 2012.

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May 25, 2010

Ms. Beth Lewis
Southampton County
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Courtland, VA 23837

Dear Ms. Lewis

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) has completed its review of Southampton County's FY2011 OLGA applications and has recommended approval of the following projects to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB):

General Statewide Planning

Transit Feasibility Study \$70,000 No Local Match Required

These recommended projects are part of DRPT's DRAFT FY2011-16 Six Year Program of Projects and have been presented to the CTB at their May meeting for review. A Final FY2011-16 Six Year Program of Projects will be approved by the CTB at their June meeting.

A copy of the DRAFT FY2011-16 Six Year Program of Projects is available on the DRPT website www.drpt.virginia.gov. DRPT and the CTB value your input. Therefore, you are strongly urged to look over the DRAFT Program and make use of the comment period.

Any changes to the availability of local funding contributions should be brought to DRPT's attention immediately.

If you have any questions concerning these projects or the review process please contact me at (804) 786-7858

Regards,

Ken Pollock
Rural Transit Program Administrator



Technical Assistance Grant Application

App Num: 005390

Applicant:	Southampton County	Status:	Pending
For Fiscal Year:	2011	Start Date:	1/27/2010 3:28:32 PM
Type:	Technical Assistance	Last Updated:	1/28/2010 10:09:47 AM
Version:	Original		

Project Information

Project Name:	Southampton County - City of Franklin Rural Public Transportation Feasibility Study
Project Scope:	A feasibility study is planned. A study as proposed will help determine the feasibility of public transportation in the area, and the appropriate areas upon which to focus. The proposed plan will also set priorities to advance the goals of the 2007 Hampton Roads Rural Transportation Plan, and will provide the information needed to seek additional funding in ensuing years to create a rural transportation plan which has as its goal providing safe, efficient public transportation to Southampton County and Franklin residents. An important part of the study will consider the services provided for both people with disabilities and those members of the growing over-60 age group. People with disabilities and those over 60 work and continue to remain active in the community and those groups are most likely to depend on public transportation. This study will carefully consider those populations in determining the feasibility and priorities for rural public transportation.
Project justification:	Southampton County and the City of Franklin have no public transportation. The proposed study will help determine the feasibility of public transportation for the County and the contiguous rural City. The study will also assist in setting priorities to advance the goals of the 2007 Hampton Roads Rural Transportation Plan which include enhancing the quality of life of the residents of the area through efficient movement of people, protection of the environment, and enhanced access to economic activity. An important population to include in the study is the people with disabilities and those over 60. These populations require safe, efficient, reliable public transportation to take part in the economic and social fabric of the community.
Project Readiness:	In the 2010-2011 fiscal year, it is planned that the feasibility study will be completed, and goals and priorities set. Once goals and priorities are set, further grant funding to create a rural transportation plan and put the rural transportation plan into effect will be sought in ensuing years.
Technical Capacity:	Michael Johnson, County Administrator (757)653-3015 mikejohnson@co.southampton.state.va.us

Project Budget

Cost Estimate:	70000
Amount Requested:	65000
Name of this Other Federal Program Source 1:	

Name of this Other Federal Program Source 2:

Name of this Other Federal Program Source 3:

Total Amount of Federal Aid from any Other Federal Program for the upcoming fiscal year that will be used to support expenses in your proposed operating budget: \$0

Project Operating Budget Expenses

Expense Item	Amount
Professional Services (2480)	\$70,000
TOTAL: \$70,000	

Project Schedule

Date	Event
7/1/2010	Start Date
7/15/2010	Procure consultant services
8/1/2010	Provide consultant with notice to proceed
10/31/2010	Develop draft report and recommendations
11/30/2010	Develop final report and recommendations
12/20/2010	Review of report by Southampton County Board of Supervisors and Franklin City Council
12/31/2010	End Date

Monitor and Evaluation

Monitor and Evaluation Plan: Monitor and Evaluation Plan -Proposed feasibility plan to be prepared by consultant. -Monthly meetings with agency staff as assigned will be held to review progress. -Agency staff will review draft plan and provide comments. -Agency staff will review final plan and make recommendation to elected officials for acceptance. Project Scope - This request seeks funds to procure a study to determine the feasibility and priorities of a public transportation plan for Southampton County and the City of Franklin.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION 1209-12

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia, held in the Southampton County Office Center, Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, 26022 Administration Center Drive, Courtland, Virginia on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT

The Honorable Dallas O. Jones, Chairman
The Honorable Walter L. Young, Jr., Vice Chairman
The Honorable Walter D. Brown, III
The Honorable Carl J. Faison
The Honorable Anita T. Felts
The Honorable Ronald M. West
The Honorable Moses Wyche

IN RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR STATE AID TO
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Supervisor Young:

BE IT RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized by the Board of Supervisors of Southampton County, Virginia, to execute and file an application with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for a grant of financial assistance in the amount of \$65,000.00 to defray costs borne by Southampton County for public transportation purposes and to accept from the Department grants in such amounts as may be awarded and to furnish the Department such information as necessary to process the grant request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board certifies that the funds shall be used in accordance with the requirements of Section 58.1-638.A.4 of the *Code of Virginia* (Retail Sales and Use Tax Act), and that the Board will provide funds not-to-exceed \$6,500, which may be used to match the state funds in the ratio as required by the Act, that the records of receipts of expenditures of funds granted may be subject to audit by the Department and/or the Auditor of Public Accounts, and that the funds granted to the County shall be used only for such purposes as authorized by law.

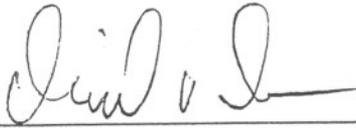
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Seconded by Supervisor Felts.

Voting on the Item: YES – Jones, Young, Brown, Faison, Felts, West and Wyche

NO – None.

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Michael W. Johnson, Clerk
Southampton County Board of Supervisors



I-Ride

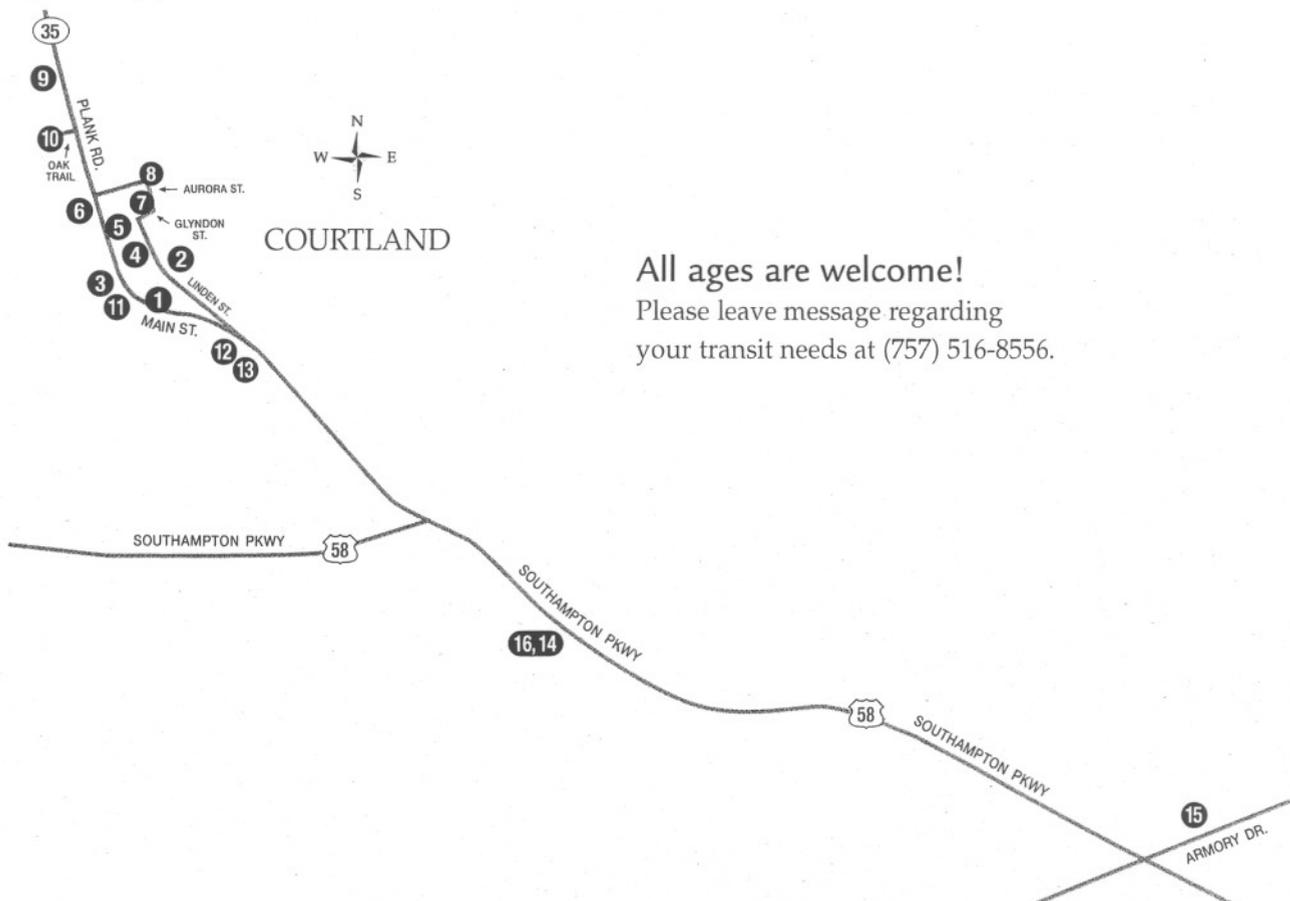
Courtland/Southampton

Getting you there for \$1 a ride

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- Tokens may be purchased at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, 693 Oak St., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. M-F and Senior Services office, 100 W. Fourth St., 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. M-F.
- Operates M, W, F, 9:12 a.m.-1:48 p.m. (except holidays).

	AM				PM		
1 Walter Cecil Rawls Library (Main St.)	9:12	9:40	10:36	11:04	12:14	12:42	1:26
2 Rawls Museum (Linden St.)	9:13	9:41	10:37	11:05	12:15	12:43	1:27
3 Southampton Court House (Main St.)	9:15	9:43	10:39	11:07	12:17	12:45	1:29
4 Southampton Co. Office Ctr. (Main St.)	9:16	9:44	10:40	11:08	12:18	12:46	1:30
5 Downtown Courtland (Main St.)	9:17	9:45	10:41	11:09	12:19	12:47	1:31
6 Courtland Post Office (Main St.)	9:18	9:46	10:42	11:10	12:20	12:48	1:32
7 Glyndon Duplex (Glyndon St.)	9:19	9:47	10:43	11:11	12:21	12:49	1:33
8 Courtland Head Start (Aurora St.)	9:20	9:48	10:44	11:12	12:22	12:50	1:34
9 Southampton Co. School Board, Public Works (Plank Rd.)	9:22	9:50	10:46	11:14	12:24	12:52	1:36
10 Steven Woods Apts. I, II, III (Oak Tr.)	9:24	9:52	10:48	11:16	12:26	12:54	1:38
11 Southampton Court House (Main St.)	9:27	9:55	10:51	11:19	12:29	12:57	1:41
12 Shands Shopping Ctr./ Courtland Medical Ctr. (Main St.)	9:29	9:57	10:53	11:21	12:31	12:59	1:43
13 Courtland Health Care Ctr. (Main St.)	9:30	9:58	10:54	11:22	12:32	1:00	1:44
14 Food Lion (Southampton Pkwy.)	9:34	10:02	10:58	11:26	12:36	1:04	1:48
15 Wal-Mart (Armory Dr., Franklin)		10:10		11:34		1:12	
16 Food Lion (Southampton Pkwy.)		10:30		12:08		1:20	



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I-Ride

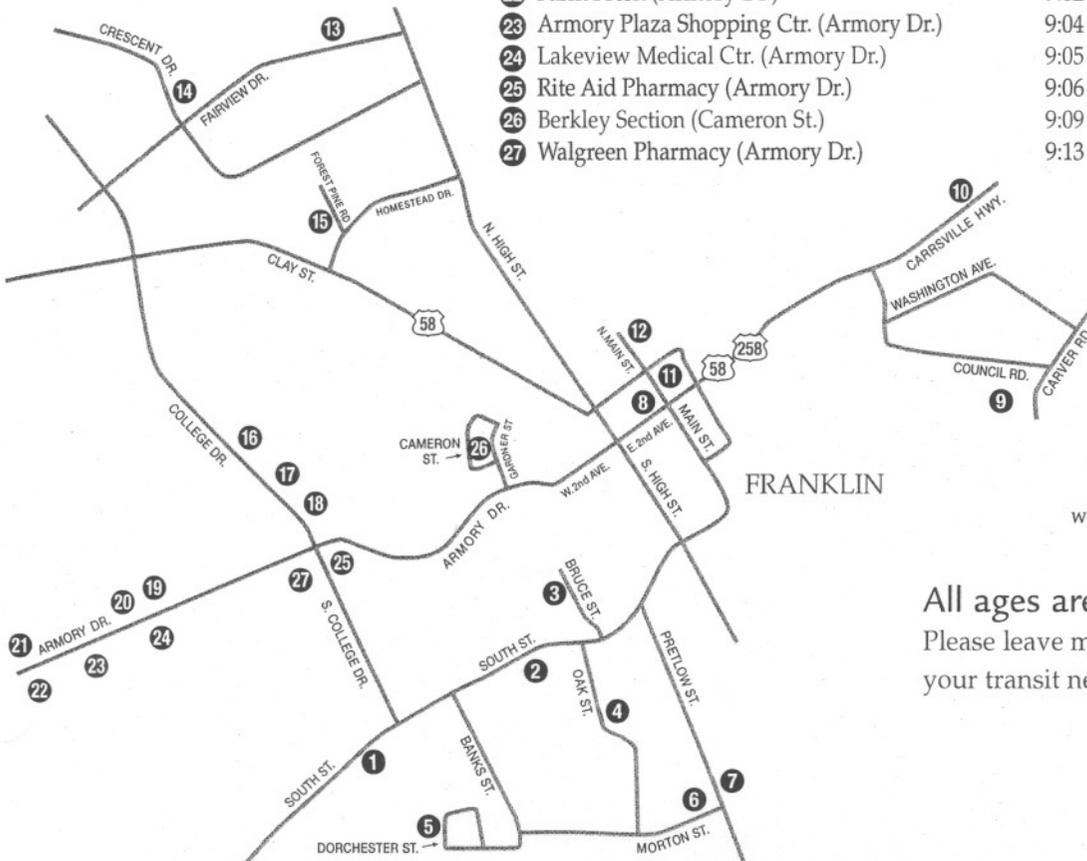
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	AM		PM			
1 Holland Trace Apartments (South St.)	8:00	9:20	10:52	12:15	1:35	3:11
2 Franklin South Apartments (South St.)	8:03	9:23	10:55	12:18	1:38	3:14
3 Railroad Ave./Old Town Terrace (Bruce St.)	8:05	9:25	10:57	12:20	1:40	3:16
4 Martin Luther King Center (Oak St.)	8:07	9:27	10:59	12:22	1:42	3:18
5 Dorchester Square Apartments (Dorchester St.)	8:10	9:30	11:02	12:25	1:45	3:21
6 Newport Village Apartments (Morton St.)	8:14	9:34	11:06	12:29	1:49	3:25
7 Franklin Combined Courts (Pretlow St.)	8:16	9:36	11:07	12:31	1:51	3:27
8 Franklin Farmers' Market/City Hall/ Downtown Franklin (2nd Ave. & Main St.)	8:19	9:39	11:11	12:34	1:54	3:30
9 Camptown (Council Rd. & Washington Ave.)	8:23	9:43	11:15	12:38	1:58	3:34
10 Springdale Apartments/Airway Shopping Center (Carrsville Hwy.)	8:27	9:47	11:20	12:42	2:02	3:38
11 Dept. of Social Services (Main St.)	8:33	9:53	11:25	12:48	2:08	3:44
12 Cooperative Ministries/Post Office (N. Main St.)	8:34	9:54	11:26	12:49	2:09	3:45
13 Southampton Memorial Hospital (Fairview Dr.)	8:39	9:59	11:31	12:54	2:14	3:50
14 Franklin YMCA /Franklin High School (Crescent Dr.)	8:41	10:01	11:34	12:57	2:17	3:53
15 Forest Pines Apartments (Forest Pine Rd.)	8:44	10:04	11:36	1:01	2:21	3:57
16 Franklin Library (N. College Dr.)	8:49	10:09	11:41	1:06	2:26	4:02
17 Paul D. Camp Workforce Training Ctr.	8:51	10:11	11:43	1:08	2:28	4:04
18 Paul D. Camp Community College (N. College Dr.)	8:51	10:11	11:43	1:08	2:28	4:04
19 Lowe's Hardware (Armory Dr.)	8:55	10:15	11:47	1:11	2:31	4:07
20 Southampton Crossing Shopping Ctr. (Armory Dr.)	8:57	10:17	11:49	1:13	2:33	4:09
21 Wal-Mart Shopping Ctr. (Armory Dr.)	9:00	10:20	11:52	1:15	2:35	4:11
22 Farm Fresh (Armory Dr.)	9:02	10:37	11:54	1:17	2:52	4:13
23 Armory Plaza Shopping Ctr. (Armory Dr.)	9:04	10:39	11:56	1:19	2:54	4:15
24 Lakeview Medical Ctr. (Armory Dr.)	9:05	10:40	11:57	1:20	2:56	4:16
25 Rite Aid Pharmacy (Armory Dr.)	9:06	10:41	11:58	1:22	2:58	4:18
26 Berkley Section (Cameron St.)	9:09	10:44	12:01	1:25	3:01	4:21
27 Walgreen Pharmacy (Armory Dr.)	9:13	10:48	12:05	1:29	3:05	4:25



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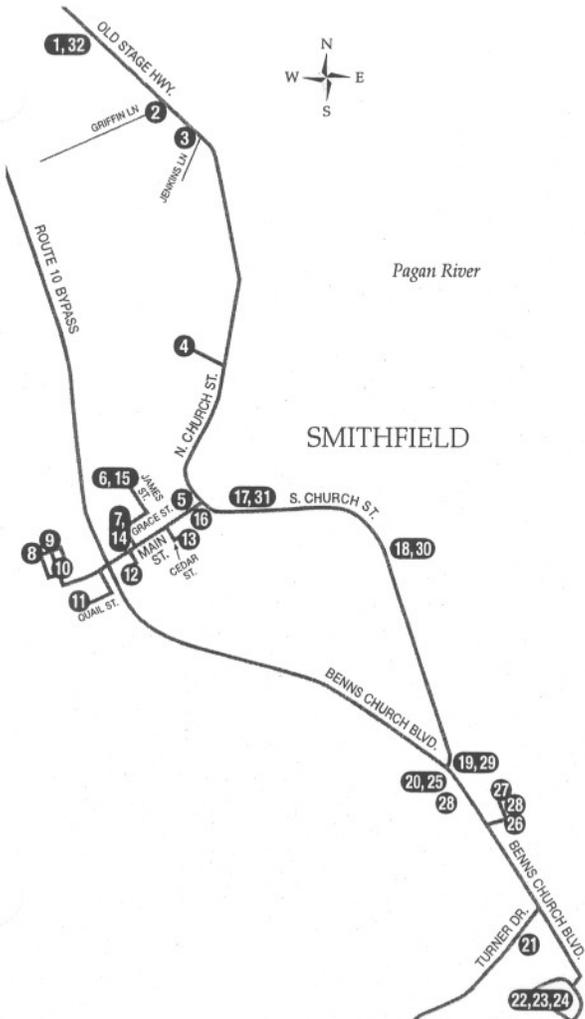
ISLE of WIGHT I-Ride

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- Tokens may be purchased at the Smithfield & Isle of Wight Visitor Center at 319 B Main Street.
- Operates M-F, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. (except holidays)

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	AM		PM	
1 Smithfield Apts. (Old Route 10 and Smithfield Apt. Lane)	8:00	9:31	12:24	2:20
2 Thomas Park Community (Griffin and Thomas Lane)	8:03	9:34	12:27	2:23
3 Thomas Park Community (Thomas Park and Jenkins Lane)	8:05	9:36	12:29	2:25
4 Pinewood Heights Community (Pinewood Heights Baptist Church on Old Rt. 10)	8:09	9:41	12:34	2:29
5 Historic Main St. Shopping District/Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center	8:12	9:45	12:37	2:32
6 Paul D. Camp Comm. College/Library/YMCA (Washington and James St.)	8:15	9:48	12:40	2:35
7 Health Department (Grace St.)	8:18	10:01	12:48	2:38
8 Jersey Park Community, (West and VA Ave.)	8:21	10:04	12:51	2:41
9 Jersey Park Community (VA Ave. and East St.)	8:23	10:06	12:53	2:43
10 Jersey Park Community (Windsor Ave. and Middle St.)	8:25	10:08	12:55	2:45
11 Lakeside Heights (Old Route 10 and Quail St.)	8:27	10:10	12:57	2:47
12 Church Manor Apts. (Main St. and Church Manor Apt. Trail)	8:30	10:13	1:00	2:50
13 Covenant Place Apts. (Main St. and Cedar St.)	8:32	10:15	1:02	2:52
14 Health Department (Grace St.)	8:34	10:17	1:04	2:54
15 Paul D. Camp Comm. College/Library/YMCA (Washington and James St.)	8:36	10:19	1:06	2:56
16 Bank of Southside Virginia (Main St.)	8:39	10:22	1:09	2:59
17 Smithfield Station (S. Church St.)	8:41	10:24	1:11	3:01
18 Smithfield Medical Center (S. Church St.)	8:44	10:27	1:14	3:04
19 Smithfield Square Shopping Center/Bloom (Bennis Church Blvd.)	8:49	10:32	1:19	3:09
20 Smithfield Shopping Plaza/Farm Fresh/Rite Aid (Bennis Church Blvd.)	8:52	10:37	1:25	3:15
21 Smithfield High School (Turner Dr.)	8:55	10:41	1:28	3:18
22 Red Oak Mobile Homes (Bennis Church Blvd. and Black Oak at mailbox)	8:58	10:44	1:32	3:22
23 Red Oak Mobile Homes (Bennis Church Blvd. and White Oak at mailbox)	9:00	10:46	1:34	3:24
24 Red Oak Mobile Homes (Bennis Church Blvd. and Red Oak at school bus stand)	9:02	10:48	1:37	3:27
25 Smithfield Shopping Plaza/Farm Fresh/Rite Aid (Bennis Church Blvd.)	9:06	10:53	1:42	3:32
26 Bradford Mews (Gumwood Dr. and Cattail Ln.)	9:10	11:59	1:48	3:36
27 Bradford Mews (Cattail Ln. and Waterford Crossing)	9:12	12:00	1:51	3:38
28 Rite Aid Store (Bradford Mews entrance)	9:14	12:02	1:53	3:40
29 Smithfield Square Shopping Center/Bloom (Bennis Church Blvd.)	9:16	12:06	1:56	3:43
30 Smithfield Medical Center (S. Church St.)	9:21	12:12	2:00	3:48
31 Smithfield Station (S. Church St.)	9:25	12:18	2:07	3:52
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