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A. HIGHWAYS

Interstate 81 cuts through the northwest corner of Warren County, and is located just 6 miles from the Virginia Inland Port. This major East Coast highway stretches north through New York into Canada and south to Knoxville, Tennessee.

Interstate 66 is a major east-west highway connecting I-81 and the nation's capitol. A 15-mile segment of I-66 cuts through Warren County from I-81, around Front Royal, and on to the Fauquier County Line. I-66 terminates in Washington D.C.

U.S. Highway 340, from Greenville, Virginia to Frederick, Maryland, runs through the County in a path roughly following the South Fork of the Shenandoah River.

U.S. Route 522, from Powhatan, Virginia to Sellingsgrove, Pennsylvania, enters the County at Chester Gap on the east, proceeds through Front Royal, and joins U.S. 340 North to the Frederick County/Clarke County line. U.S. 522 then continues north through Winchester, through West Virginia and Maryland, and into Pennsylvania.

There are 258 miles of publicly maintained roads in Warren County outside of Front Royal. Of these, 197 miles are secondary roads, 46 miles are primary roads, and 15 miles are Interstate routes. An additional 21 miles of federally-maintained roads, known as the Skyline Drive, are found within the County in the Shenandoah National Park.

On its way from Gainesville, Virginia to Moorefield, West Virginia, State Route 55 enters the County at Manassas Gap on the east and exits near Strasburg.

The northern end of the Skyline Drive begins just south of Front Royal. It follows the summit of the Blue Ridge Mountains until it connects with the Blue Ridge Parkway near Waynesboro. The Parkway continues south into western North Carolina.

B. BUS SERVICE

The FRAT (Front Royal Area Transit) Bus provides transit service for the Town of Front Royal Monday through Friday from 8:30am - 12:30pm and 1:00pm - 5:00pm. The last run begins at 4:00pm. All routes begin and end at the Front Royal/Warren County Visitor Center. The Virginia Regional Transportation Association (VRTA) operates this service to enhance mobility throughout the community.

The FRAT Bus is radio dispatched, ADA accessible and equipped with the latest wheelchair lifts and security systems. Persons with disabilities who are ADA certified may be picked up and dropped off curbside anywhere within 3/4 of a mile of our regular route. Please call in advance.

No smoking, drinking, eating or food in open containers allowed.

Contact:
Virginia Regional Transportation Association (VRTA)
toll free at (877) 777-2708 or (540) 341-3464.

Trailways-Greyhound Bus Service provides connecting routes to several towns out of terminals in Winchester and Waynesboro.

Dominion Charter offers charter bus service to Warren County residents. Commuter Service is offered by B.T.S., Inc.

C. RAILROADS

The Norfolk-Southern Corporation, consisting of Southern Railroad and Norfolk & Western Railroad, offers freight and intermodal service to Warren County. Norfolk & Western traverses the County in a north-south fashion, and the Southern Railroad crosses in an east-west direction.

Both lines intersect at Front Royal. Norfolk & Western is the more heavily used of the two lines. Piggyback service is currently available in Alexandria, but is projected to be transferred to Front Royal in the near future.

The nearest passenger service is in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia and Culpeper, Virginia.

D. MOTOR FRIEGHT CARRIERS

There are several motor freight carriers, which serve the Warren County area. There are three major trucking companies in Front Royal, but the majority operates out of the Stephens City/Winchester area. Motor freight carriers serving Warren County include -

<u>Company</u>	<u>Terminal</u>
Averitt Express	Winchester, VA
Hahn Transportation	Front Royal, VA
Skyline Express, Inc.	Front Royal, VA
Con-Way Trucking	Winchester, VA
Roadway Express, Inc.	Winchester, VA
Wilson Trucking Corporation	Winchester, VA

E. TAXI AND LIMOUSINE SERVICE

There are five taxicab companies located in Front Royal. Steve’s Taxi, Elwood’s Cab Company, King Cab, LC Cab Company and Yellow Cab of the Shenandoah.

There is a Van Limo service in Front Royal called Royal Transit, Inc. It provides door-to-door service, pick-ups and departures from airports, and leads tours of major points of interest such as D.C. museums, zoo, and shopping centers. Charter service for family or group rates is available.

Two private limousine services are based in Winchester, which transports passengers to and from Dulles and National Airports. While they do not maintain a scheduled route in Warren County, they both will provide limousine service on a request basis.

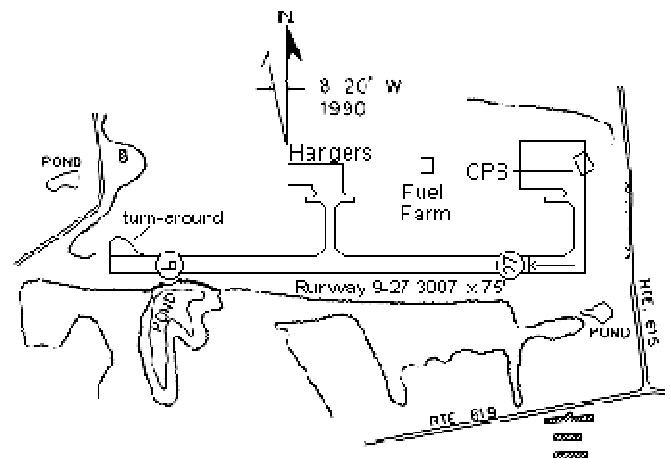
Limousine service to and from National, Dulles, Richmond, and Roanoke Airports is also provided for Warren County customers by Turner Travel Service, Inc., located in Harrisonburg, through their Plane Connection. The Plane Connection operates by reservation only.

F. AIR TRANSPORTATION

The Front Royal/Warren County Airport is located near the Town of Front Royal. Basic information concerning this facility is as follows:

Airport Elevation = 709'
 Number of Runways = 1
 Longest Runway Length = 3019'
 Runway Lighting = LIRL
 Taxiway = Stub
 No Instrument Approach

The airport is a public use facility, publicly owned.



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Winchester Regional Airport, located only 12 miles north of the Inland Port, provides facilities for charter, instruction, servicing, and storage of private planes. A new terminal facility was completed in 1990. Some of the basic information concerning this facility is as follows:

Airport Elevation = 720'
 Runway Length = 5500'
 Runway Lighting = MIRL, VASI, MALSAR
 Taxiway = Parallel, 40' wide
 Instrument Approach = ILS

Warren County and four other jurisdictions jointly fund the Regional Airport.

Washington Dulles International Airport provides international commercial air service for Front Royal and Warren County. Located 48 miles east of the Front Royal, Dulles airport has 353 average domestic daily departures, with 72 U.S. cities served, and 175 average foreign weekly departures, with 26 foreign cities served.

Reagan National Airport, located 70 miles east of Front Royal in Washington D.C., has 361 average daily departures, with 63 U.S. cities served with direct flights, and 83 weekly departures to Canada. Washington National offers 31 daily flights to La Guardia, 25 to Kennedy, and 11 to Newark.

G. PORT FACILITIES

The Virginia Inland Port (VIP) is located in Front Royal and became operational in March 1989. The terminal serves as an intermodal container transfer facility providing an interface between truck and rail for transfer of ocean-going containers to and from the Ports of Virginia. The shipper saves both time and money compared to use of the Port of Baltimore. There are container berths at Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News.

For more information, contact:

Virginia Inland Port
P.O. Box 345
Front Royal, VA 22630
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Stan Crockett, Manager

The Virginia Inland Port (VIP) is located in Front Royal and, being 220 miles inland, effectively brings the benefits of The Port of Virginia 220 miles closer to U.S. markets. Five-day-a-week rail service between the VIP and the marine terminals in Hampton Roads allows direct access to the trade routes of 75 international shipping lines.

In addition to the movement of international export and import cargo, the VIP is a full-service domestic rail ramp for Norfolk Southern's domestic service, offering destination and/or origination in Atlanta, Birmingham, Chicago, Dallas, Jacksonville, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Miami and New Orleans.

A deepwater terminal 135 miles away, near Richmond and Hopewell, Virginia. The terminal features modern cranes and container loading equipment, as well as livestock loading pens. The channel depth there is approximately 25 feet.

Major international port facilities are available at Baltimore, approximately 85 miles away. The channel depth there is about 42 feet.