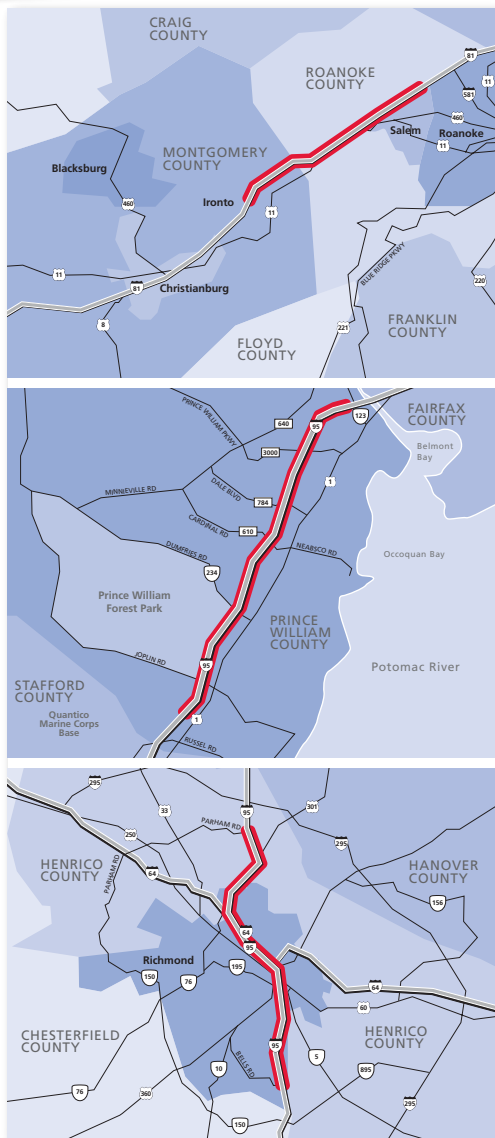


## WHERE ARE THE HIGHWAY SAFETY CORRIDORS?



### **INTERSTATE 81, MONTGOMERY AND ROANOKE COUNTIES**

A 15-mile section of I-81 between mile marker 127, near the town of Ironto in Montgomery County, and mile marker 142, near the city of Salem, was the first designated corridor in Virginia. Speeding and heavy truck traffic have contributed to this area's designation.

The speed limit is 60 - 65 mph.

### **INTERSTATE 95, NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

The second corridor covers 11 miles of I-95 in Northern Virginia, from Route 619 at Triangle to Route 123 at the Occoquan River. Aggressive and inattentive drivers have made this road worthy of being named a corridor.

The speed limit is 60 mph.

### **INTERSTATE 95, RICHMOND**

The third corridor is a 13-mile stretch of I-95 that extends from Bells Road in the southern part of Richmond to Parham Road north of the city. This area became a corridor after posting a crash rate more than twice the state average.

The speed limit is 55 - 60 mph.

## IN HIGHWAY SAFETY CORRIDORS, SLOWER = SAFER



For more information on Virginia's Highway Safety Corridors, go to [VirginiaDOT.org](http://VirginiaDOT.org).

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One of the best ways to avoid having a crash is to drive the speed limit. That's especially true in Highway Safety Corridors – high-crash stretches of interstate. There's one on I-95 in Prince William County, I-95 in Richmond and on I-81 from Ironton to Salem. So when you see the signs, slow down. Driving faster might save you a few minutes, but driving slower might just save your life.

### SAFETY FIRST

More than 900 people die on Virginia's highways each year. To help save lives, the 2003 Virginia General Assembly directed the Virginia State Police, Department of Motor Vehicles and the Virginia Department of Transportation to create a Highway Safety Corridor program that addresses safety in high-crash locations on interstate and primary roads.

### PROCEED WITH CAUTION

Because Highway Safety Corridors are areas where a crash is more likely to occur, it only makes sense that you'll want to use extra caution when driving through them. Here are a few tips to help make sure you get where you're going safely:

- **Buckle up.** Nearly half of all highway deaths were motorists who were not wearing safety belts. Taking a moment to buckle up could save you or your child.
- **Avoid distractions.** Driver inattention is the cause of numerous crashes. Remember, your primary responsibility when driving your car is to operate the motor vehicle. You can make a phone call, change the CD or fix your hair at the next stop. Keep your hands on the steering wheel and eyes on the road.

- **Obey speed limits.** Speed limits in the corridors range from 55 to 65 miles per hour. Traveling just a bit slower can give you more time to see what's ahead and to stop quickly if necessary. Drive for the conditions.
- **Share the road.** Cutting people off, weaving and tailgating are sure ways to put everybody at risk – including you.

### VIOLATORS PAY

Because one careless driver can endanger the lives of everyone on the road, it's important that everyone obeys all traffic laws, especially in Highway Safety Corridors. That's why Virginia State Police patrol designated corridors heavily. This increased police presence, along with big fines for violators, are effective ways to make Highway Safety Corridors safer for all of us.

- Tickets for traffic infractions – such as speeding – could result in fines up to \$500.
- Tickets for criminal offenses – such as reckless driving or driving under the influence – could result in fines up to \$2,500.

