



DRAFT MINUTES
MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE I-81 COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting
April 28, 2021
2:00PM

The meeting of the I-81 Committee was held virtually using electronic communications. The meeting began at 2:00PM on April 28, 2021.

Opening statement from the Committee Chair, Delegate Wendy Gooditis.

Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency in Virginia on Thursday, March 12, 2021 in response to COVID-19. In light of this action, we have decided to conduct the October Interstate 81 (I-81) Committee meeting using electronic communications in accordance with Item 4-0.01.g. of Chapter 1289 (2020 Acts of Assembly), as the COVID-19 emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble in a single location.

Present: Councilman Bill Bestpitch, Chairman Frank Friedman, Chairman Michael Maslaney, Chairman Willie Greene, Chairman Dennis Morris, Senator Todd Pillion, Senator John Edwards, Senator Creigh Deeds, Delegate Chris Hurst, Delegate Tony Wilt, and Delegate Wendy Gooditis, CTB Member Jerry Stinson, CTB Member Mark Merrill, CTB Member Ray Smoot, Jr. Director Jennifer Mitchell, and Commissioner Stephen Brich

Absent: Senator Sam Rasoul

1. Call to order – Chair of the Committee
2. Approval of minutes from December 11, 2020

Motion by: Frank Friedman for approval

Seconded by: Dennis Morris

Vote: Unanimous

3. I-81 Improvement Program Status

General Discussion: The Committee was briefed on current status of the Program Improvements by the I-81 Corridor Program Delivery Director, Dave Covington.

4. I-81 Multimodal Improvements plan

General Discussion: The Committee was briefed on multimodal improvements by DRPT's Chief of Transit, Jennifer DeBruhl and Chief of Rail, Mike McLaughlin.

5. I-81 Corridor Improvement Program Financial update

General Discussion: The Committee was briefed on a financial update on the I-81 Corridor Improvement plan by VDOT's Chief Financial Officer, Laura Farmer.

6. Public Comment

Two comments were taken during the public comment period

7. Closing remarks made by Committee Chair, Wendy Gooditis.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:34PM. The next meeting date will be determined upon call of the Chair.

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