

TRUCK PARKING TASK FORCE

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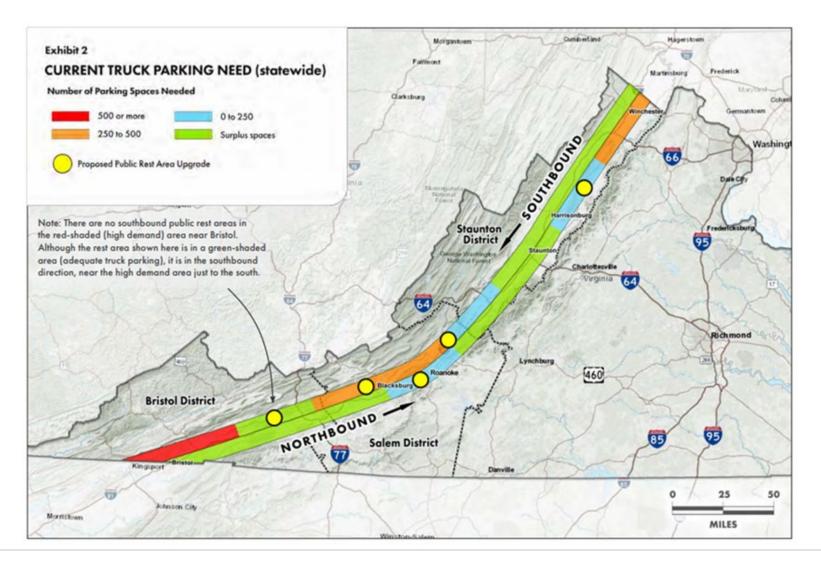
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Current Conditions for Truck Parking

	Current Supply ¹	Estimated Current Need	Total Deficit
Northbound	1,550	1,900	350
Southbound	1,900	2,500	600
Totals	3,450	4,400	950

Source: I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan, Appendix I

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Opportunities for Additional Parking Capacity

- Currently an approximately 9-to-1 ratio of private vs. public truck parking spaces
 - Interviews with drivers indicates a preference for private travel centers due to the availability of services and amenities
 - Significant limitations on commercialization of public rest areas exist, however these spaces also see significant use
- Study found that spaces could potentially be added at public rest areas along I-81
- Significant expansion of private capacity will also be necessary to meet demand

Opportunities

- Public rest area expansions
 - 5 of 14 rest areas appear to have expansion possibilities
 - Smyth Southbound (MM 53) 8 spaces
 - Radford Southbound (MM 108) 26 spaces
 - Ironto Northbound (MM 129) 48 spaces
 - Troutville Southbound (MM 158) 26 spaces
 - New Market Northbound (MM 262) 23 spaces
- Private parking expansions
 - Incentives to private operators could increase supply
- Technology applications
 - Explore implementation of a real-time truck parking availability and reservation system at VDOT rest areas and through partnerships in private facilities

Truck Parking Task Force - Membership

- Virginia Trucking Association
- Owner Operator Independent Driver Association (OOIDA)
- National Association of Truck Stop Owners
- Private Truck Stop Owners
- Trucking Companies
- Regional Planning Organizations
- I-81 Corridor Coalition and Eastern Transportation Coalition
- DMV, VSP, VDOT

Task Force Goals

- Understand the needs of commercial vehicle operators as it relates to truck parking. What services are needed? What is the appropriate mix of full service and minimal service?
- Evaluate options for meeting the need for additional capacity through public investment, private investment, and publicprivate partnerships. What are the hurdles to expanding parking capacity?
- Determine the need for and methods to provide information on truck parking availability in real-time. What is the preferred method of information dissemination? Is the ability to reserve spaces desired?

Task Force Schedule

- The Task Force will meet (virtually) every other month
- Segments will be evaluated beginning at the southern end of the corridor
- Recommendations will be offered to the Committee in Summer 2021

