



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE 81 ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Virtual Meeting  
October 23, 2020  
9:00AM

The meeting of the I-81 Committee was held virtually using electronic communications. The meeting began at 9:00AM on October 23, 2020.

Opening statement and roll call from Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment Deputy Director, Ronique Day.

Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency in Virginia on Thursday, March 12 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: Senator Todd Pillion, Chairman Frank Friedman, Chairman Bill Bestpitch, Chairman Michael Maslaney, Chairman Willie Greene, Senator Sam Rasoul, Senator John Edwards, Delegate Chris Hurst, Delegate Tony Wilt, and Delegate Wendy Gooditis, CTB Member Ray Smoot, Jr., Director Jennifer Mitchell, Commissioner Stephen Brich

Absent: Senator Creigh Deeds, Chairman Dennis Morris

1. Shannon Valentine, Secretary of Transportation presented on the roles, responsibilities of the Committee, and highlighted operational improvement projects.
2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair  
Procedural action: Election of committee chair and vice-chair by Deputy Secretary Nick Donohue

Motion for Delegate Wendy Gooditis for the Chair of the Committee made by: Chris Hurst

Seconded by: Delegate Sam Rasoul

Vote: Unanimous

Motion by: Senator John Edwards for vice-chair, Delegate Chris Hurst

Seconded by: Ray Smoot

Vote: Unanimous

3. Approval of minutes from October 1, 2019

*Referenced by the attached presentation*

Motion by: Chairman Frank Friedman for approval

Seconded by: Delegate Sam Rasoul

Vote: Unanimous

4. David Covington, Director, I-81 Corridor Program Delivery, VDOT presented project status update.

*Referenced by the attached presentation*

General Discussion: The Committee was briefed on the status of the I-81 Corridor Improvement Program to include COVID impacts to I-81 traffic, operational improvements and capital project status.

5. Emily Stock, Program Manager, DRPT presented an update on multi-modal improvements.

*Referenced by the attached presentation*

General Discussion: The Committee was briefed on multimodal improvements along the I-81 corridor to include transit and rail investment.

6. Cathy McGhee, Director, Innovation and Research, VDOT presented on Truck Parking.

*Referenced by the attached presentation*

General Discussion: The Committee was briefed on the Truck Parking Task Force and truck parking demand along the I-81 corridor.

7. Laura Farmer, Director, Chief Financial Officer, VDOT presented on Financial Overview.

*Referenced by the attached presentation*

General Discussion: The Committee was briefed on the current performance of the I-81 Corridor Improvement Fund, legislative updates to the fund and the current debt issuance plan.

8. Delegate Wendy Gooditis, Chairman of the Committee gave closing remarks and opened the floor for public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m. The next meeting date will be determined upon call of the Chair.

All presentations to the Committee and meeting video can be found at [IMPROVE81.ORG](https://www.improve81.org)

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