



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE I-81 COMMITTEE**

Virtual Meeting  
December 11, 2020  
3:00PM

The meeting of the I-81 Committee was held at virtually using electronic communications. The meeting began at 3:00PM on December 11, 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, Bill Bestpitch, Chairman Michael Maslaney, Chairman Willie Greene, Chairman Dennis Morris, Senator Sam Rasoul, Senator Creigh Deeds, Delegate Chris Hurst, Delegate Tony Wilt, and Delegate Wendy Gooditis, CTB Member Ray Smoot, Jr., and Commissioner Stephen Brich.

Absent: Senator John Edwards and Director Jennifer Mitchell

1. Call to order – Chair of the Committee, Delegate Wendy Gooditis
2. Approval of minutes from October 23, 2020

Motion by: Mark Merrill for approval

Seconded by: Ray Smoot, Jr.

Vote: unanimous

3. Discussion on meeting requirements in accordance with §33.2-3603 of the *Code of Virginia*.

General Discussion: The Committee was briefed on current meeting requirements and discussed the desire to convene a minimum of twice a year, instead of four times a year.

Action: Vote to approve a proposed budget amendment that will request the General Assembly to amend the Code from four annual meetings to a minimum of two.

Motion to approve – Ray Smoot, Jr.

Second - Dennis Morris

Vote: unanimous

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

No public comment was offered.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:15PM. The next meeting date will be determined upon call of the Chair.

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