



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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### **DRAFT MINUTES MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD ACTION MEETING**

VDOT Central Auditorium  
1221 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219  
January 6, 2026

The action meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board was held in the Central Office Auditorium of the Virginia Department of Transportation in Richmond, Virginia, on January 6, 2026. The Chairman, W. Sheppard Miller, presided and called the meeting to order at 12:57 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Messrs. Byers, Coleman, Davis, Fowlkes, Good, Gribbin, Lawson, Laird, Minchew, Smoot, Stant, Ms. Dunlop, Ms. Green, Ms. Sellers, Mr. Brich, ex officio, Commissioner of Highways and Ms. Tiffany Robinson, ex officio, Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation

**Absent:** None

#### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Frank Cihlar addressed the Board expressing his concerns regarding the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

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Mr. Josh Stevens, Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors alumni, addressed the Board expressing his concerns regarding the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

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Mr. Mark Dotson, Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors, addressed the Board expressing his support for the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

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Mr. Chuck French, Shenandoah County Farm Bureau, addressed the Board expressing his concerns regarding the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

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Dr. Don Hindman addressed the Board expressing his concerns regarding the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

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Mr. Mark Perreault addressed the Board on behalf of Micheal Testerman and Virginia Policy Rail Institute, expressing concerns regarding the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

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Ms. Kate Wofford, Executive Director of *Alliance for Shenandoah Valley*, addressed the Board expressing concerns with the Shenandoah Rail Trail project.

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Ms. Lisa Currie, Mayor, Town of Toms Brook, addressed the Board expressing concerns regarding the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

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Mr. Destry Jarvis, Consultant, Battlefield Foundation, addressed the Board regarding the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

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Mr. Brantley Tyndall, State Trail Office, addressed the Board expressing his concerns regarding the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

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Mr. Hobey Bauhan, Virginia Poultry Federation, addressed the Board sharing his support for the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

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Ms. Sallie Wolf Garrison, Rockingham County Board of Supervisors addressed the Board expressing concerns regarding the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

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Mr. Brandon Davis, Chair, Shenandoah Rail Trail Partnership, addressed the Board expressing his concerns regarding the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail.

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Mr. John Jewell, Chairman addressed the Board expressing his concerns regarding the proposed I-81 Corridor Improvements.

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Delegate Bill Wiley addressed the Board expressing his concerns regarding the I-81 Corridor Improvements.

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Mr. John Bishop addressed the Board expressing his concerns regarding the proposed I-81 Corridor Improvements.

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**Approval of Minutes:**

**December 9, 2025**

Made By: Mr. Good, Seconded By: Ms. Sellers  
Motion carried; minutes approved.

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**TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY PLANNING DIVISION**

**Agenda 1.** Action on Approval of Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Program Progress Report.  
Made By: Mr. Fowlkes, Seconded By: Dr. Smoot  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.

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**Agenda 2.** Action on Approval of 2026 Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Plan, as amended. Prior to the vote on this item Mr. Good made a motion to approve with the following changes:

**Add to approval list outlined in the companion Draft I-81 CIP Final Executive Summary:**

Shenandoah Co.: NB 296.8 to 298.6  
Rockbridge Co.: NB 202.2 to 204.8  
Rockbridge Co.: NB 190.5 to 195.7  
Frederick Co.: NB 310.6 to 313.3

**Move to the unfunded project list outlined in the companion Draft I-81 CIP Final Executive Summary:**

Rockbridge Co.: NB 204.8 to 209.9  
Rockbridge Co.: SB 209.9 to 204.8  
Augusta Co.: NB 209.9 to 212.9  
Augusta Co.: SB 212.9 to 209.9

Made By: Mr. Good, Seconded By: Mr. Lawson  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.

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**LOCATION AND DESIGN:**

**Agenda 3.** Action on Limited Access Control Changes (LACCs) for the I-64 and Route 623 (Ashland Road) Intersection Improvements, Project 0064-037-805, P101, R201, C501, UPC# 123919, Located within the Richmond District.

Made By: Mr. Davis, Seconded By: Ms. Sellers  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.

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**LOCAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION:**

**Agenda 4.** Action on Economic Development Access to Dillard Industrial Sites Project ECON-005-173, Amherst County Located within the Lynchburg District.

Made By: Ms. Green, Seconded By: Mr. Laird  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.

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**INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT DIVISION:**

**Agenda 5.** Action on Revised FY26-31 Six-Year Improvement Program Transfers November 15, 2025, through December 12, 2025.

Made By: Ms. Sellers, Seconded By: Mr. Lawson  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.

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- Agenda 6.** Action on Addition of Projects to the Six-Year Improvement Program For Fiscal Years 2026-2031.  
Made By: Mr. Coleman, Seconded By: Mr. Fowlkes  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION:**

- Agenda 7.** Action on Location Approval for the Powhite Parkway Project.  
Made By: Mr. Davis, Seconded By: Ms. Sellers  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.  
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**TRAFFIC OPERATIONS DIVISION:**

- Agenda 8.** Action on Delegation of Authority to Correct Virginia Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), Version 11.0.  
Made By: Mr. Coleman, Seconded By: Ms. Sellers  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.  
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**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:**

- Agenda 9.** Action on Making Efficient and Responsible Investments in Transit Program Review.  
Made By: Mr. Lawson, Seconded By: Mr. Good  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.  
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**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION:**

- Agenda 10.** Action on Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund Allocation to the County of Albemarle for the Boulders Road Improvements Project Located within the Culpeper District.  
Made By: Mr. Byers, Seconded By: Ms. Green  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.  
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- Agenda 11.** Action on Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund Allocation to the County of Chesterfield for the West Area Arterial Collector Project Located within the Richmond District.  
Made By: Mr. Davis, Seconded By: Ms. Green  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.  
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**Agenda 12.** Action to Approve Transfer of SVRT project to VPRA.  
Prior to the vote on this item, Ms. Sellers made a motion to table the resolution until such time as public hearings could be conducted, her motion was seconded by Mr. Fowlkes. A vote was taken on Ms. Sellers' motion with Ms. Sellers, Mr. Fowlkes, Mr. Byers, Mr. Minchew, Mr. Stant, and Mr. Coleman voting in favor of the motion and Mr. Good, Mr. Davis, Dr. Smoot, Mr. Laird, Ms. Green and Ms. Dunlop voting no. Mr. Lawson and Mr. Gribbin abstained from the vote on the motion to table the resolution. With a tie existing on the motion to table the resolution, the Chair voted no, and the motion to table did not pass.

A vote was then taken on the resolution titled *Agreement with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Relating to the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail*.

Made By: Mr. Good, Seconded By: Dr. Smoot

A vote was taken with Mr. Good, Mr. Davis, Dr. Smoot, Mr. Laird, Ms. Green and Ms. Dunlop voting yes; Ms. Sellers, Mr. Fowlkes, Mr. Byers, Mr. Minchew, Mr. Stant, and Mr. Coleman voting no. Mr. Lawson and Mr. Gribbin abstained from the vote on the motion this resolution. With a tie existing, the Chair voted yes, and the motion passed.

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#### **OFFICE OF LAND USE:**

**Agenda 13.** Action on Regulatory Reduction Program and Final Regulatory Amendments: Rules and Regulations for the Administration of Waysides and Rest Areas (24VAC30-50) and Rules and Regulations for the Administration of Parking Lots and Environs (24VAC30-100).  
Made By: Ms. Dunlop, Seconded By: Mr. Good  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.

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#### **TRAFFIC OPERATIONS DIVISION:**

**Agenda 14.** Action on Next Gen Traffic Operations Data Service (Next Gen) Contract Award.  
Made By: Mr. Davis, Seconded By: Mr. Lawson  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.

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#### **SCHEDULING AND CONTRACT:**

**Agenda 15.** Bids.

Recommending award of Order Number N24  
Located within the Staunton District.

Made By: Mr. Good, Seconded By: Mr. Laird

Motion carried, bid approved, unanimously.

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Recommending award of Order Number 162  
Located within the Bristol District.  
Made By: Mr. Fowlkes, Seconded By: Mr. Coleman  
Motion carried, bid approved, unanimously.  
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Recommending award of Order Number 165  
Located within the Bristol District.  
Made By: Mr. Fowlkes, Seconded By: Ms. Dunlop  
Motion carried, bid approved, unanimously.  
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Recommending award of Order Number 344  
Located within the Lynchburg District.  
Made By: Ms. Green, Seconded By: Ms. Sellers  
Motion carried, bid approved, unanimously.  
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Recommending award of Order Number 495  
Located within the Richmond District.  
Made By: Mr. Davis, Seconded By: Mr. Lawson  
Motion carried, bid approved, unanimously.  
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Recommending award of Order Number 560  
Located within the Hampton Roads District.  
Made By: Mr. Stant, Seconded By: Mr. Coleman  
Motion carried, bid approved, unanimously.  
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Recommending award of Order Number N47  
Located within the Hampton Roads District  
Made By: Mr. Stant, Seconded By: Mr. Coleman  
Motion carried, bid approved, unanimously.  
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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Action on resolution commending Jo Anne Perry Maxwell.

Made By: Dr. Smoot, Seconded By: Mr. Stant  
Motion carried, resolution approved, unanimously.  
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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. on January 6, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol Mathis,  
Assistant Secretary to the Board

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