

Reasonable Solutions

Reasonable Solutions for I-81: A Six-Point Plan for the Future was endorsed by numerous local governments, civic groups and residents from 2005 through 2007.

- Complete spot improvements to I-81, such as climbing lanes and redesigned exits, which will improve safety and relieve congestion. Data should support the need and type of each improvement, many of which are identified in earlier VDOT studies.
- Use the highway's median for improvements to limit the encroachment of the road on private property and to avoid further impacts on adjacent landowners, communities, farmland, battlefields and tourism.
- Significantly step up law enforcement to improve safety.
- Incorporate meaningful transit options for both urban and rural areas in road improvement plans. Coordinate with cities, local governments, major employers and universities.
- Pursue implementation of a rail component for a balanced transportation system that would increase options for freight capacity, maintain economic competitiveness and avoid air quality and congestion problems as road use grows.
- Provide funding for land acquisition to mitigate impacts of I-81 on cultural resources in the corridor, most notably battlefields.

Counties: Augusta, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Clarke, and Albemarle Counties

Localities: City of Roanoke; Towns of Front Royal, Tom's Brook, New Market, Edinburg, Mt. Jackson

Agencies, Civic Groups:

Appalachian Trail Conservancy
Augusta Community Partnership
Civil War Preservation Trust
Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River
National Parks Conservation Association
National Trust for Historic Preservation
Potomac Conservancy
Pure Water Forum
Rail Solution
Rockingham CAP
Scenic 340 Project

Shenandoah Forum
Shenandoah Preservation League
Shenandoah Resource Conservation & Development Council
Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation
Shenandoah Valley Network
Shenandoah Valley Travel Association
Valley Conservation Council
Virginia Conservation Network
Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association
Virginia League of Conservation Voters

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