



A Resolution of the Harrisonburg Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization

in Support of the I-81 Exit 247 Improvements

WHEREAS, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) is the designated regional transportation planning organization and has the responsibility for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has now adopted a project prioritization program under House Bill 2 (HB2) whereby transportation projects are selected for funding based on the cost effectiveness of those projects to meet performance goals; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harrisonburg intends to submit the I-81 Exit 247 Improvements for consideration for funding under the HB2 prioritization program; and

WHEREAS, I-81 is identified in the VTRANS 2040 Needs Assessment as a Corridor of Statewide Significance; and

WHEREAS, under the adopted HB2 prioritization program, projects located on a Corridor of Statewide Significance are required to have a Resolution of Support from the relevant regional entity, in this case, the HRMPO; and

WHEREAS, the HRMPO Policy Board understands this project to include the reconstruction of four (4) structurally deficient bridges within the I-81 Exit 247 limited access area, reconfiguration of the northbound I-81 onramp to improve safety and eliminate the current cloverleaf interchange, and provision of increased deceleration lane length on I-81 for both north and south bound off ramps at Exit 247; and

WHEREAS, the HRMPO just completed and approved a study which evaluated improvements at I-81 Exits 245 & 247 and which recommended these same improvements as features in the preferred alternative at this interchange;



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HARRISONBURG - ROCKINGHAM MPO POLICY BOARD that it does hereby endorse, on this the 20th day of August 2015, the proposed I-81 Exit 245 improvements as described to compete for state and federal funding under the new HB2 program.

ATTEST:

Mr. Rick Chandler,
Chairman
Harrisonburg-Rockingham Policy Board

Mr. Kevin McDermott
Transportation Program Manager
Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO