

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE I-81 EXIT 247 IMPROVEMENTS

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrisonburg City Council held on Tuesday September 8, 2015, on a motion by Council Member Byrd, seconded by Council Member Degner, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 to 0:

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 CITY COUNCIL desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds for the I-81 Exit 247 Improvements 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, the CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL 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 provisions of increased deceleration lane length on I-81 for both north and south bound off ramps at Exit 247; and

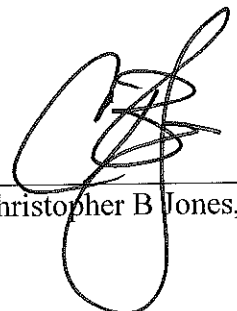
WHEREAS, the Harrisonburg Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization just completed and approved a study which evaluated improvements at I-81 Exits 245 & 247 and which recommended these same improvements as features in the preferred alternative at this interchange;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL hereby supports this application for the improvements described to compete state and federal funding under the HB2 program.

ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2015.

ATTEST:


Erica S. Kann, City Clerk


Christopher B Jones, Mayor