

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE I-81 EXIT 247 BRIDGE AND INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS**

At a regularly scheduled meeting of the Harrisonburg City Council held on Tuesday September 27, 2016, on a motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the following resolution was adopted by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_:

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia now prioritizes transportation projects for funding based on the cost effectiveness of those projects to meet performance goals, as established by the Smart Scale program; and

WHEREAS, the HARRISONBURG CITY COUNCIL desires to submit an application for an allocation of funds for the I-81 Exit 247 Bridge and Interchange Improvements under the Smart Scale prioritization program; and

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

WHEREAS, the 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 and offramp to improve safety, eliminate the current cloverleaf interchange, eliminate an unsafe weave movement, and includes provisions for 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 recently completed and approved a study which evaluated improvements at I-81 Exits 245 & 247 and which recommended similar 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 for state and federal funding under the Smart Scale program.

ADOPTED this 27th day of September, 2016.

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Christopher B Jones, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk Pro Tempore