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At a Regular Meeting of the Blacksburg/Christiansburg/Montgomery Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Held on the 18th Day of September, 2003 at the Montgomery County Government Center, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, Virginia:

On a motion by C. P. Shorter, seconded by Richard Ballengee and carried unanimously,

Whereas, Two bidders have submitted formal plans to widen Interstate 81 through Virginia in response to VDOT's Public/Private Transportation Act (PPTA) request for proposals; and

Whereas, Several localities have adopted resolutions requesting the development and promotion of rail freight and passenger service parallel to I-81 to compliment limited highway widening and to move a larger volume of long-distance freight traffic from truck on I-81 to freight trains on dual track, high speed rails parallel to I-81; and

Whereas, The Department of Transportation is currently conducting an Environmental Study on I-81 as a part of the I-81 Improvement Project.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Blacksburg/Christiansburg/Montgomery Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) supports looking into including the concept of rail service as a part of the Environment Study being conducted by the Department of Transportation.

ATTEST:



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