

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION AND THE I-81 ADVISORY PANEL
TO SUPPORT RAIL ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLEMENT PLANNED
IMPROVEMENTS TO I-81**

WHEREAS, the I-81 corridor is increasingly the route of choice for trucks traveling northeast and the south/southwest because of congestion and expanding shipments generated by the North American Free Trade Act; and

WHEREAS, Norfolk Southern Corporation estimates that 70 percent of truck traffic passes through Virginia to destinations outside of our borders; and

WHEREAS, the two proposals submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to expand the number of lanes and other appurtenances on I-81 do not adequately address rail freight potential in the whole I-81 corridor and provide no option for passenger rail, although upgrading the corridor's main rail line secures the passenger rail option; and

WHEREAS, proper inclusion of a freight/passenger rail component in a comprehensive surface transportation policy assures notable reduction in needed interstate lane capacity and associated design and construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the increased use of railroads to move freight will improve safety by reducing dangerous vehicular congestion on I-81, will improve energy conservation by reducing the amount of diesel fuel consumed for freight transportation, will improve the health of people and other living things in our community by lowering air pollution and toxic emissions along I-81 and protect the impact on the natural, scenic, and historic resources in our Shenandoah Valley; and

WHEREAS, the two proposals under consideration by VDOT do not comply nor do they address VTrans 2025 (Virginia's Statewide Multimodal Long-Range Transportation Plan), Frederick Counties Comprehensive Policy Plan, Win-Fred MPO transportation plan and further does not fulfill the Request for Proposal for Public Private Transportation Act on I-81 improvements; and

WHEREAS, by the time the improvements described in either of the two proposals are completed, the increased capacity created will barely meet the projected traffic volumes for the forecast year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Frederick County, hereby calls upon the federal, state and local government officials along the Interstate 81 corridor from Harrisonburg, Pennsylvania, to Chattanooga, Tennessee, to work cooperatively with the rail companies to develop an intermodal railroad; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board calls upon the Virginia Department of Transportation to seriously and objectively consider this option when developing a plan to deal to address the truck induced problems of I-81.

ADOPTED, this 22nd day of October, 2003.

The above motion was approved by the following recorded vote:

Richard C. Shickle - Aye
Robert M. Sager - Aye
Sidney A. Reyes - Aye
Gina A. Forrester - Aye
W. Harrington Smith - Aye
Margaret B. Douglas - Aye
Lynda J. Tyler - Aye



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 1279 RAIL TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1279 creates a Rail Transportation Development Authority, and

WHEREAS, the Frederick County Board of Supervisors has supported initiatives to create more opportunities for rail transportation alternatives, and

WHEREAS, a rail authority would provide additional opportunities to focus on rail transportation initiatives,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Frederick, Virginia, does hereby support SB 1279.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of this resolution be mailed to Frederick County's delegation in the General Assembly.

Passed this 12th day of February, 2003, by the following recorded vote:

Richard C. Shickle	<u>Aye</u>	W. Harrington Smith, Jr.	<u>Aye</u>
Robert M. Sager	<u>Aye</u>	Margaret B. Douglas	<u>Aye</u>
Sidney A. Reyes	<u>Aye</u>	Lynda J. Tyler	<u>Aye</u>
Gina A. Forrester	<u>Aye</u>		

A COPY TESTE:



John R. Riley, Jr., Clerk
Board of Supervisors

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