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September 22, 2003

At the regular meeting of the Smyth County Board of Supervisors held at the County Administration Building on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, the following order was entered:

“Rees Sheaer appeared to discuss the I-81 Rail resolution with the Board. Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Jennings, BE IT RESOLVED that the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Interstate 81 (I-81) corridor is increasingly used by trucks carrying freight between the northeast, the Great Lakes region, the southeast and southwest; and

WHEREAS, I-81 truck traffic has grown to 30 to 40 percent of total traffic – over double the design capacity for heavy trucks; and

WHEREAS, the increase in traffic congestion and accidents along the entire I-81 corridor is of utmost concern to citizens of western Virginia; and

WHEREAS two private construction groups – Fluor Virginia and STAR Solutions – have submitted conceptual proposals to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to expand the number of lanes and other improvements on I-81; and

WHEREAS in its Fall 2002 request for proposals, VDOT asked that proposals consider ‘developing the corridor as a multi-modal facility, shifting a portion of future commercial traffic to rail’, and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia is planning the future of the I-81 corridor and those decisions contain dramatic impacts for the future of western Virginia.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we the members of the Board of Supervisors of Smyth County, Virginia, strongly petition for the development and promotion of rail freight and passenger alternatives as a integral and necessary component of the Interstate 81 Improvement project.”

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Edwin B. J. Whitmore, III  
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