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VIRGINIA:

At a meeting of the Washington County, Virginia Board of Supervisors held Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at 7:00 PM, at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia, the following were present:

PRESENT

Joe W. Derting, Chairman
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ABSENT

Dulcie M. Mumpower

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mr. Barker, it was resolved to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 2003-35 SUPPORTING RAIL ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLEMENT PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS TO I-81

WHEREAS, the I-81 corridor is increasingly the route of choice for trucks traveling between the northeast and the south and southwest because of congestion on I-95 and expanding shipments generated by the North American Free Trade Act, and

WHEREAS, two multi-national corporations -- Haliburton and Fluor corporations -- have submitted proposals to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to expand the number of lanes and other appurtenances on I-81, and

WHEREAS, minimal rail freight proposals in the Star Solutions and Fluor Public Private Transportation Act proposals do not adequately address rail freight potential in the whole I-81 corridor, and

WHEREAS, these same proposals 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 Commonwealth of Virginia is planning the future of the I-81 corridor, those decisions containing dramatic impacts for the future of western Virginia, and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia's decisions on this corridor will determine whether I-81 and connecting interstates will become a multi-state "East Coast Truck By-Pass," and


WHEREAS, the increased use of railroads to move freight will improve safety by reducing dangerous vehicular congestion on I-81, improve energy conservation by reducing the amount of diesel fuel consumed for freight transportation, improve the health of people and other living things in Southwest Virginia by lowering air pollution and toxic emissions along I-81, and improve the local economy by assuring time-competitive, low-cost rail shipping options for local businesses and industrial prospects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Washington County, Virginia, strongly petitions for the development and promotion of a "steel interstate," high-speed rail freight and passenger service parallel to I-81, to complement limited highway-widening, addressing future surface transportation needs in the I-81 corridor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Washington County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting held Tuesday, August 12, 2003.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (6-0)

Mr. Baker	Aye
Mr. Derting	Aye
Mr. Ingle	Aye
Mr. McCall	Aye
Mr. Rector	Aye
Mr. Roberts	Aye



 Mark K. Reeter
 County Administrator