



THE COMMON COUNCIL

I, Sandra D. Hughes, Clerk of the Common Council, hereby certify on this 14th day of October, 2003, that the following Resolution is a true and exact copy of one and the same adopted by the Common Council of the City of Winchester, assembled in regular session on the 14th day of October, 2003.

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING RAIL ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLEMENT PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS ON I-81

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

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

WHEREAS, two multi-national corporations, Halliburton 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, the rail freight proposals included in the Star Solutions and Fluor Public Private Partnership Act proposals do not adequately address rail freight potential in the whole I-81 corridor, and;

WHEREAS, Norfolk Southern Corporation estimates that seventy percent (70%) of truck traffic on I-81 passes through Virginia to other destinations, 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, and improve the health of people and other forms of life in western Virginia by dampening the rate of increase in diesel engine-generated toxic emissions along I-81; and,

WHEREAS, the creation of additional freight rail capacity paralleling I-81, in Virginia and Tennessee, may spur creation of new freight rail capacity nationwide, resulting in more shipping options at lower cost for the Nation's businesses, and;

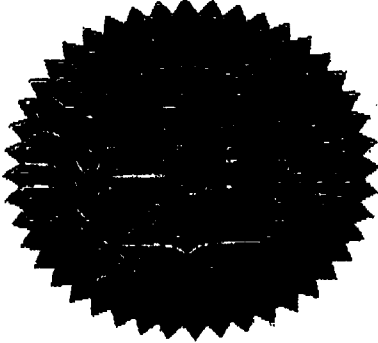
WHEREAS, the Star and Fluor proposals provide no option for passenger rail, although upgrading the corridor's main rail line affords the passenger rail option.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of t
Virginia, strongly petitions for the development and promotion of rail freight an
paralleling I-81 to complement limited highway-widening and to move large ve
distance freight traffic from trucks on I-81 to freight trains on dual track, high-s
81.

Resolution No. 2003-50.

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Winchester on the 14th.

Witness my hand and the seal of the City



Sandra D. Hughes
Sandra D. Hughes, CMC
Clerk of the Common Council