MEETING OF THE I-81 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 14, 2025
3:00 P.M.

Blue Ridge Community College
Robert E. Plecker Workforce Center
One College Lane
Weyers Cave, Virginia 24486

1. Call to Order
    - Senator Mark Obenshain, Chair of the Committee

2. Discussion and approval of minutes from December 13, 2024
    - Senator Mark Obenshain, Chair of the Committee

3. I-81 Corridor Improvement Program Update
    - Bart Thrasher, Chief Engineer, Virginia Department of Transportation

4. I-81 Multimodal Improvements Update
    - Virginia Breeze
      Zach Trogdon, Chief of Public Transportation, Department of Rail and Public Transportation

    - New River Valley Passenger Extension
      DJ Stadtler, Executive Director, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

5. I-81 Corridor Finance Update
    - Laura Farmer, Chief Financial Officer, Virginia Department of Transportation

6. I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan Update
    - Ben Mannell, Director, Transportation and Mobility Planning Division, Virginia Department of Transportation

7. Public Comment

8. Closing remarks
    - Senator Mark Obenshain, Chair of the Committee

9. Adjourn

MEMBERS OF THE I-81 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Voting

Delegate Bill Wiley, District 32
Delegate Terry Austin, District 37
Delegate Sam Rasoul, District 38
Delegate Jason Ballard, District 42

Senator David Sutterlein, District 4
Senator Mark Obenshain, District 2
Senator T. Travis Hackworth, District 5

Chair Frank Friedman, Central Shenandoah PDC
Chair Phil North, Roanoke Valley/Alleghany PDC
Chair Hil Johnson, New River Valley PDC
Chair Dennis Morris, Northern Shenandoah PDC
Chair Steven Goble, Jr., Mount Rogers PDC

Ray Smoot, Jr., Salem District CTB Member
Tom Fowlkes, Bristol District CTB Member
John P. Good Jr., Staunton District CTB Member

Ex Officio

Stephen Brich, Commissioner of Highways, VDOT
Tiffany Robinson, Director, DRPT