



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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### **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**June 19, 2008**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Dr. Davis    Seconded By: Mr. Bowie    Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

#### **Title: Joint Multistate Study Agreement on Transportation Issues and Needs in the I-81 Corridor**

**WHEREAS**, the Interstate 81 Corridor is considered to be a significant economic and cultural asset to the Commonwealth of Virginia and surrounding states; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been considerable growth in traffic in the corridor, specifically long-haul truck traffic, and that traffic is expected to more than double over the next 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, class I rail carriers serve the corridor with a network that extends throughout the entire east coast and provides an alternative to the growing freight traffic on I-81; and

**WHEREAS**, rail and highway investments in Virginia will have little impact if similar investments are not made throughout the entire I-81 Corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a common interest with the other states in the I-81 Corridor to maintain and even improve mobility and safety of the traveling public and freight in the corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), the Tennessee Department of Transportation, the West Virginia Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and the New York State Department of Transportation ( collectively the Signatory States) are jointly interested in studying the mutual transportation needs of the I-81 Corridor (the study area to be known as the I-81 Regional Commerce Corridor); and

**WHEREAS**, the States along the I-81 Regional Commerce Corridor have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding delineating the general scope of a study to identify and address I-81 Corridor needs and the responsibilities of each Signatory State to effectuate this study.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to § 33.1-12 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commonwealth Transportation Board hereby authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding, and any amendments thereto, with the Signatory States, and any other state or Canadian province that may join the I-81 Regional Commerce Corridor, and such other agreements as may be necessary between the Signatory States, to study and address the transportation needs of the I-81 Corridor.

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