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I-81 Corridor Update

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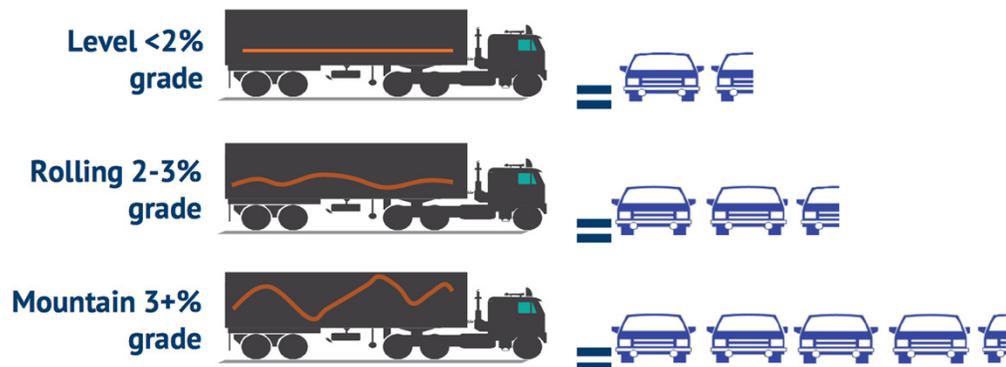
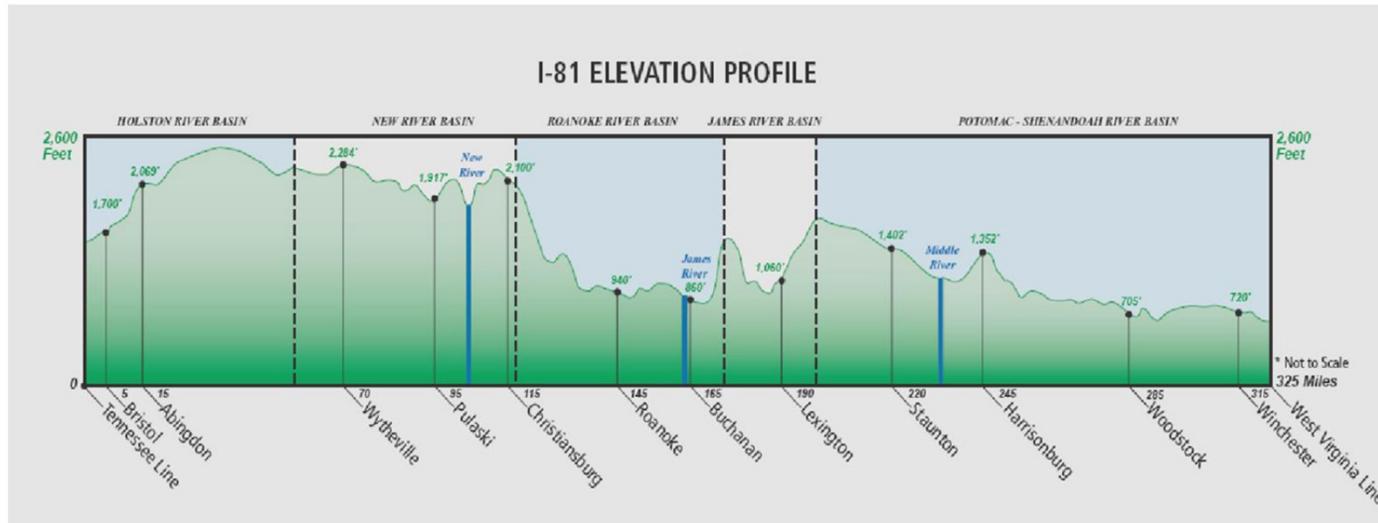
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Interstate 81 Corridor Overview

- **325 miles in Virginia**
- **\$312 billion in goods annually**
- **42% of statewide truck traffic**
- **2,000 crashes a year**
- **30 crashes a year with clearance times greater than 6 hours**
- **Main parallel route – Route 11**

Interstate 81 Overview



Public Meetings on I-81

- **August 2015 – Meeting with state legislators in the corridor in Lexington**
- **20+ CTB public meetings/hearings in the corridor**
- **January 2017 – Meeting with state legislators in the corridor in Richmond at start of General Assembly**
- **7+ meetings with staff in the corridor to discuss VTrans needs and recommendations including I-81 corridor**

Efforts to Improve I-81 Corridor

- **\$180M+ allocated for improved capacity in Rounds 1 and 2 of SMART SCALE**
- **\$110M+ allocated through State of Good Repair**
- **\$310M+ allocated through legacy and other programs**
 - **‘Temporary’ CTB formula**
 - **Safety**

Incident Management Legislation

- **HB2022 (Villanueva) was unanimously adopted by 2017 General Assembly**
- **Shorten incident response times**
- **Reduce lane closures related to incidents**
- **Reduce impact of incident on travelers**

Incident Management Legislation

- **Requires drivers to move vehicles out of the roadway for non-injury crashes**
- **Allows VDOT and its contractors to move vehicles out of the roadway for non-injury crashes**
- **Allows VDOT and its contractors to use shoulders and median crossovers to bypass queuing and reach incidents faster**

Discretionary Federal Grants

- **Virginia applied for FASTLANE grant in late 2016 for I-81 for \$25M for total project cost of \$128M**
- **Trump Administration cancelled the FASTLANE solicitation in spring 2017 and issued solicitation for “INFRA” grants**
- **Virginia is working on a revised I-81 corridor application for the INFRA grant program**

Large Scale Projects

- **Commonwealth only has \$800M to \$1B every two years for SMART SCALE**
- **With HB1887 formulas, maximum in a single project is up to \$630M in NOVA with all High Priority Funds and District Grant Program funds**
- **Available resources make advancing \$100M+ projects without regional funds or tolls difficult**

Large Scale Projects

- **64 Widening on the Peninsula - ~\$625M**
 - ~\$145M in SMART SCALE
 - ~\$480M in Hampton Roads Regional Funding

- **64 High Rise Bridge and Widening - \$600M**
 - \$100M in SMART SCALE
 - \$500M in Hampton Roads Regional Funding

Large Scale Projects

- **Transform66: Outside the Beltway - \$3B+**
 - \$0M in SMART SCALE
 - \$3B+ in toll financing

- **Fred-Ex 95 Express Lanes - \$400M+**
 - \$115M in FASTLANE Grant
 - Remainder in toll financing