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## Public Information Meetings

# Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Plan

**Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 4–7 p.m.**

Southwest Higher Education Center  
One Partnership Circle  
Abingdon, VA 24210

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 4–7 p.m.**

Strasburg High School  
250 Ram Drive  
Strasburg, VA 22657

**Wednesday, June 13, 2018, 4–7 p.m.**

Blue Ridge Community College  
Plecker Center for  
Continuing Education  
One College Lane  
Weyers Cave, VA 24486

**Thursday, June 14, 2018, 4–7 p.m.**

Holiday Inn Valley View  
3315 Ordway Drive  
Roanoke, VA 24017

## Project Overview

The Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIP), the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) are developing a plan to study the entire length of the Interstate 81 (I-81) corridor in the Commonwealth of Virginia. As directed in Senate Bill 971 (now 2018 Acts of Assembly Chapter 743), the study team will identify targeted improvements along I-81 and potential revenue sources that could be dedicated to improvements.

### The I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan will:

- Identify segments of I-81 for improvement
- Identify targeted sets of improvements for each segment that can be financed by evaluated revenue options

- Include corridor-wide incident management strategies
- Evaluate concepts to minimize the impact on local truck traffic, diversion of truck traffic, and additional locations for truck parking
- Assess economic impacts on the corridor from tolling only heavy commercial trucks

### The study team is evaluating the following:

- Safety — crash rate and crash frequency
- Congestion — person-hours of delay
- Resiliency — incident-related delay and multi-hour lane closures

### There are three phases of the study:

1. Problem identification
2. Preliminary alternatives
3. Heavy commercial truck tolling feasibility and economic impacts

## Public Meeting

Welcome to the OIP's public information meeting on the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Plan. We look forward to your participation.

This public information meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for the public to share concerns related to safety and congestion as well as provide comments and/or suggestions on potential improvements. The study team strives to ensure that all members of the community have the opportunity to participate in public discussions on transportation projects and programs affecting them.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a project overview and gather input on the Interstate 81 Corridor Improvement Plan.

Study representatives are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. A comment sheet is available and your input is encouraged. All written comments received will be reviewed by the study team.

Comments will also be summarized and available in the project report that will be available on [www.VA81Corridor.org](http://www.VA81Corridor.org).

## Get Involved

Study representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the public information meeting. Please fill out the comment sheet provided at this meeting if you have any comments or questions. You may leave the sheet or any other written comments in the comment box or mail/email your comments.

Comments must be postmarked, emailed, or delivered to the study manager by **August 6, 2018**.

Mail comments to Mr. Ben Mannell at the address below or email [VA81CorridorPlan@OIPI.virginia.gov](mailto:VA81CorridorPlan@OIPI.virginia.gov). Please include "I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan" in the subject line.

Project information shared at this meeting will be available at [www.VA81Corridor.org](http://www.VA81Corridor.org) and at VDOT's Bristol, Salem, and Staunton District offices.

This public input meeting is being held in the Bristol, Staunton, and Salem Districts. A second series of meetings will be held later in the summer to discuss the development of recommendations based on data and public input. The final series of meetings in the fall will outline the recommended improvements for the I-81 corridor based on the study.

## Anticipated Schedule

Public Input Meetings:

**June 2018**

End of First Comment Period:

**August 6, 2018**

Recommendations Development

Public Meetings:

**August 2018**

Recommended Corridor

Plan Public Meetings:

**October 2018**

Final Executive Summary and Report:

**January 2019**

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