

I-81 Corridor Coalition Stakeholders,

I'm writing to update you on our activities since May.

We've had to postpone our planned Annual Meeting in November due to a conflict with another event. More to come on that.

As usual, included below my signature is a partial list of specific activities that we've undertaken on behalf of the Coalition. If you see anything listed that piques your interest please let's discuss further.

We've continued to work with our Steering Committee Chair, Ken King, and others to restructure the Coalition to increase our effectiveness and funding resiliency. To this end we've been discussing the securing of recurrent annual funding from both public and private sponsors and the expansion of the Coalition footprint to include relevant highway connectors in the Appalachian region.

As always, please feel free to contact us with suggestions and comments or if you'd like more information about anything mentioned here.

Also, please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to see more about what we're up to. Our Twitter feed is particularly relevant (and current) and a good source of current Corridor issues.

As always, thanks for your support!

~Andy

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RECENT AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- We were recently awarded a Phase 2 update of our Network 81 report by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).
- Attendance and presentation at the Intelligent Transportation Systems – Virginia (ITVSA) Conference, Richmond, VA, (05/17-18/18)
- VA DEQ Salt Management Strategy Development (SaMS) Training Presentation, Washington, DC, (05/23/18) [Link to recording](#)
- Worked with Blacksburg Transit to submit an FTA LoNo Grant Application for Electric Buses (5/30/18)
- Attended the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Network Appalachia Meeting in Washington, DC (6/05.18)

- Participation in VDOT's Traffic and Safety Research Advisory Committee Meeting. Charlottesville, VA (06/06/18)
- Participation in VDOT's System Operations Research Advisory Committee, Charlottesville, VA, (6/7/18)
- Participation in VDOT's Environmental Research Advisory Committee Meeting, Richmond, VA (6/8/18)
- VDOT I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan Meeting, Roanoke, VA, (6/14/18)
- Presented at the Eastern PA Freight Summit, Bethlehem, PA, (6/21-22/18)
- Visit with and presentation to VA Transportation Secretary Valentine and others in her administration at with VDOT, Blacksburg, VA (6/29/2018)
- Attended TRB ADC60 Resource Conservation and Recover Committee Summer Workshop, Spokane, WA, (7/14-18/18)
- Met with ATSC's Rob Williams, to discuss I-81 improvements and potential partnering VTTI, (8/02/18)
- AUVSI Ridge and Valley Board Meetings (multiple)
- National Coalition on Truck Parking, Parking Capacity Working Group meeting online (8/09/18)
- National Coalition on Truck Parking, Technology and Data Working Group Meeting, online (8/16/18)
- Coordination with freight researchers at the Texas Transportation Institute on proposal to the Safe-D UTC (second call: 8/17/18)
- Recently submitted a proposal to VDOT "Roadside Placard Readers for Advanced Notice and Response at Safety Critical Facilities".