The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) proposes widening Interstate 81 by adding one 12-foot-wide through lane in each direction between mile marker 136.6 (overpass of Route 641) and mile marker 141.8 (0.3 mile north of Route 419 overpass) in Roanoke County.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 23 CFR Part 771, a Categorical Exclusion (CE) has been prepared to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed I-81 widening project and was approved by the Federal Highway Administration for public availability. In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places has been provided in the CE.

The document will be available for review and comment for 10 business days. The document is available at VDOT’s Salem District Office located at 731 Harrison Avenue in Salem, Virginia. Please contact VDOT to make arrangements for personnel to provide the document for review by calling 540-524-8327, 800-367-7623, TTY/TDD 711 or by emailing joyce.barkley@vdot.virginia.gov. The comment period expires on September 23 2020. Comments regarding the document should be mailed to Ms. Joyce Barkley at VDOT's Salem District Office, 731 Harrison Avenue, Salem, VA 24153; or emailed to joyce.barkley@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference “I-81 Widening Mile Markers 136 to 141 – Categorical Exclusion” in the subject line.

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