



## **SUPPORT OBJECTIVE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIZATION OPPOSE SB 31 (Stanley)**

### **Reasons to Oppose SB 31**

- SB 31 would direct \$40 million each year in recordation taxes on deeds and mortgages to construct the \$4 billion proposed Interstate-73. This proposal would sidestep transportation planning and funding processes such as the statewide project prioritization process (now known as SMART SCALE) that the General Assembly unanimously called for in 2014.
- SB 806 would redirect funding currently earmarked for Route 58 as a result of unique provisions the General Assembly adopted over 25 years ago—long before the adoption of current transportation funding and planning provisions. The commitment made to Route 58 should be honored, but when that project is completed the funding stream should return to the General Fund. I-73 should compete with other transportation projects for funding.
- SB 806 would open the door to a parade of similar proposals to fund particular projects that would defeat the whole reason for project prioritization. Again, I-73 should compete with other transportation projects for funding.
- There are many reasons the I-73 project has not advanced, including the tremendous cost of this project and concerns about the adverse impacts of this project and the availability of less expensive alternatives. Regardless of the merits of the project, it should follow the same process as other projects.

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