

# IMPROVE 81

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## Program Overview

As a critical north-south backbone of the East Coast's freight network, the I-81 corridor is vital to the efficient movement of goods through Virginia. More than one-third of all trucks and nearly 50 percent of the state's value of goods are transported along the 325-mile corridor. I-81 has the highest percentage of commercial trucks among Virginia's interstates.

Within Virginia, I-81 connects 30 colleges and universities, 21 cities and towns and 13 counties, and parallels the Blue Ridge Parkway making this program critical to supporting job growth and economic vitality while reducing congestion, enhancing safety and reliability, and improving quality of life for everyone in our region.

The I-81 Corridor Improvement Program includes innovative, targeted improvements that will have a substantial positive effect on the safety and reliability of a critical portion of our nation's infrastructure.



## PROGRAM BENEFITS



Enhanced Safety



Reduced Congestion



Economic Development

Activity	Status	Anticipated Completion
Curve improvements (8)	✔ Complete	Fall 2019
Initial accel/decel lane extensions (8)	✔ Complete	Fall 2020
Safety Service Patrol Expansion	✔ Complete	Summer 2019
Additional Cameras (51)	✔ Complete	Spring 2020
Additional Digital Message Signs (30)	🚧 Underway	Fall 2021
Arterial Upgrades	🚧 Underway	Varies by project
Active Construction Projects (4)	🚧 Underway	Varies by project
Remaining capital projects (28)	🚧 Underway	Varies by project

# Planned Capital and Operational Improvements



Widening



Acceleration & Deceleration Extension



Curve Improvements



Truck Climbing Lanes



Auxiliary Lanes



Shoulder Widening



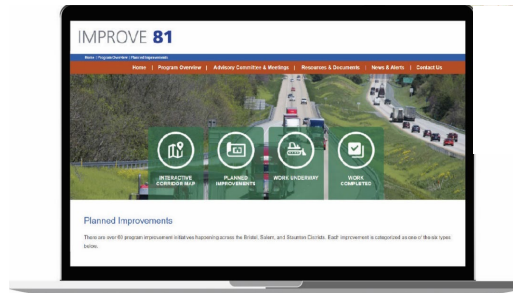
Operational Improvements

## Upcoming Program Improvements

- Exit 137 to Exit 141 Design Build (2 projects bundled)
- MM 48 Single Phase Design-Build
- Continue Design of Capital Improvement Projects
- Complete Projects Under Construction
- Begin Arterial Improvements
- Execute TRIP Program

## Stay Engaged

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