



Roanoke Valley-Alleghany

REGIONAL commission

Regional Commission 2024 Legislative Priorities

1: Economic Development

- Continue economic development investments in the region focused on industrial site development and reducing regulatory burden.
- Consider economic development programs and incentives that support workforce housing.

2: Transportation

- Invest in the region's secondary road network through a funding structure focused on rural needs that does not compete with the existing SMART SCALE program.
- Support analysis to identify and evaluate additional revenue opportunities to support congestion-related improvement of the I-81 corridor.

3: School Construction & Maintenance

- Continue funding the 2023 Construction Grant program.
- Redesign the grant program to focus on a locality's composite index, level of distress, and site readiness for new school projects.
- Provide workforce grants for career and technical education capital projects.

4: Airport Investment

- Support infrastructure investments in the RBRA focused on runway safety improvement and expansions, including securing necessary funding to match potential FAA construction funds.

5: Catawba Hospital Revitalization

- Support the expansion of Catawba Hospital into a state of the art, first of its kind recovery treatment facility.

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