



Roanoke Valley-Alleghany

REGIONAL commission

2024 Legislative Priorities

Amended December 14th, 2024

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.**

Transportation

- **Invest in the region's secondary road network through a funding structure focused on rural needs without competing or drawing from the existing SMART SCALE program.**
- **Develop a funding strategy for the I-81 project pipeline which takes into account inflation-related shortfalls as well as a sustained commitment to projects beyond the current 2033 I-81 Corridor Improvement funding program.**
- **Support analysis to identify and evaluate additional revenue opportunities to support congestion-related improvement of the I-81 corridor.**

School Construction and 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.**

Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport Investment

- **Support infrastructure investments in the RBRA focused on runway safety improvement and expansions, including securing necessary federal, state, and local funding.**

Catawba Hospital

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