

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD**  
**777 North Capitol Street, N.E.**  
**Washington, D.C. 20002**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SUBMISSION OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA PROJECTS  
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA'S SMART SCALE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT  
PRIORITIZATION PROCESS**

**WHEREAS**, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), which is the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, has the responsibility under the provisions of Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the TPB approved the 2020 Amendment to the Visualize 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan, which was developed as specified in the Federal Planning Regulations and is the MPO's long-range plan of record; and

**WHEREAS**, localities, agencies and public transportation providers that wish to submit projects for the Commonwealth of Virginia SMART SCALE funding must demonstrate that the project is included in or is exempt from inclusion in the MPO's long-range transportation plan, or, if the project is not in the plan, the project must have an MPO resolution of support, in order to be considered for the SMART SCALE prioritization process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) receives all highway and transit SMART SCALE project submissions, has transmitted the attached list of preliminary applications received by June 1, and has worked with TPB staff in reviewing the highway and transit project submissions for submission eligibility; and

**WHEREAS**, absent a determination by TPB staff that a project is already included in the approved plan, submission of projects for SMART SCALE funding requires a resolution of support by the TPB; and

**WHEREAS**, submission of projects to the Commonwealth for the SMART SCALE process does not infer nor commit TPB to include any project into its long-range plan; and

**WHEREAS**, all projects that are awarded SMART SCALE funding and are not already included in Visualize 2045, as amended or updated, must each be treated as a new project to the TPB's process and will be evaluated accordingly as specified in the TPB's Technical Inputs Solicitation Submission Guide; and

**WHEREAS**, VDOT expects the final list of projects submitted to be a subset of the attached preliminary list and will provide the TPB with a list of projects that were submitted at the August 3 deadline, and will also provide TPB with the list of projects that were awarded funding;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board supports submission of the following Northern Virginia projects to the Commonwealth of Virginia SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process as listed in the attached materials:



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Stephen C. Brich, P.E.  
COMMISSIONER

May 21, 2020

The Honorable Kelly Russell, Chair  
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board  
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capital Street, N.E., Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20002-4201

RE: Northern Virginia SMART SCALE application process - TPB resolution of support to apply for funding

Dear Ms. Russell,

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) seeks the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) approval of a resolution of support for the submission of Northern Virginia SMART SCALE projects that are not currently in Visualize 2045.

Virginia House Bill 2, signed by the Virginia Governor on April 6, 2014 and effective as of July 1, 2014, required the development of a prioritization process, now known as SMART SCALE, and directed the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to develop and use a performance based scoring process for project selection. The purpose of SMART SCALE is to fund the right transportation projects through a prioritization process that evaluates each project's merits using key factors, including: improvements to safety, congestion reduction, accessibility, land use, economic development and the environment. The evaluation focuses on the degree to which a project addresses an identified problem or need relative to the requested funding for the project. Once projects are scored and prioritized, the CTB has the best information possible to select the right projects for funding.

As part of the SMART SCALE prioritization process, Virginia law requires that Northern Virginia localities, agencies and public transportation providers that wish to submit projects for Virginia SMART SCALE funding must show that the project is included in or is exempt from inclusion in each Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) or, if the project is not in an MPO's CLRP, it must have a MPO resolution of support.

There are several projects that Virginia TPB member jurisdictions wish to be considered for the SMART SCALE prioritization process, therefore the TPB, as the MPO representing Northern Virginia, is being asked to approve a resolution of support for those projects that are not in the TPB's current long-range plan, Visualize 2045. This resolution will not be an endorsement of a project, rather it will enable a project to be submitted for review. If the project does get awarded with SMART SCALE funding, it will then re-enter the TPB process as a new project and will be evaluated accordingly as specified in the TPB's Technical




Solicitation Submission Guide. In addition, the first year of the awarded funding will be 2026, therefore there will be time for any project that gets funded to be included in Visualize 2045.

Enclosed is the list of Northern Virginia's projects submitted as pre-applications for the Commonwealth of Virginia 2020 SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process. VDOT requests that the resolution of support be approved by the TPB Steering Committee at its June 5, 2020 meeting.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have additional questions, please contact Norman Whitaker at 703-259-2799 or via email at [Norman.Whitaker@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:Norman.Whitaker@vdot.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,



Helen Cuervo, P.E.  
District Administrator

Cc: Rene'e Hamilton, VDOT

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
2020 SMART SCALE PROJECT PRIORITIZATION PROCESS**

SMART SCALE PROJECT PROPOSALS NOT CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN VISUALIZE 2045

*\*\* Project listed in Visualize 2045 as a study*

**Bus Transit Projects (2)**

- Upper King Street Multimodal Reconstruction Alexandria City
- South Washington Bus Stop Expansion & Access to Transit Falls Church City

**Rail Transit (1)**

- Courthouse Metro Second Elevator Arlington County

**Highway Projects (11)**

- Route 1 at E. Glebe Road Intersection Improvements Alexandria City
- Arlington Blvd Safety Improvements - Glebe to Fillmore Arlington County
- Braddock Road at Old Lee Road Improvements Fairfax County
- Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements Phase I \*\* Fairfax County
- Seven Corners Ring Road (Phase 1A Segment 1A) \*\* Fairfax County
- Sterling Road Multi-modal Improvements Herndon Town
- Worldgate Drive Extension Herndon Town
- Route 7 Improvements, Phase 3:(Route 9 to Dulles Greenway) Loudoun County
- Route 28-Centreville Road Corridor Improvements Manassas Park City
- Route 123 and Old Bridge Rd Intersection Improvements Prince William County
- North Woodbridge Mobility Improvements Prince William County

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects (5)**

- Route 1 South Median Refuge Island Alexandria City
- Mount Vernon Trail North Enhancements Arlington County
- Arlington National Cemetery Wall Trail Arlington County
- Chain Bridge Road Sidewalk and Bus Stop Improvements Fairfax City
- Country Club Commons Connector Trail Fairfax City

**TDM (1)**

- Town of Vienna: Park-and-Ride (Patrick Henry Library) Vienna Town

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: SMART SCALE PROJECT PROPOSALS ALREADY INCLUDED IN VISUALIZE 2045

**Bus Transit Projects (2)**

- Duke Street Transitway Alexandria City
- Landmark Mall Transit Center Alexandria City

## Highway Projects (22)

- Route 1 (Fraley Boulevard) Widening Dumfries Town
- Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements Fairfax County
- Soapstone Road Extension/Dulles Toll Road Overpass Fairfax County
- Route 7 and Baron Cameron Avenue Interchange Fairfax County
- Davis Drive Extension and Dulles Toll Rd Rock Hill Overpass Fairfax County
- Frontier Drive Extension Fairfax County
- Fairfax County Parkway Widening (Route 123 to Nomes Court) Fairfax County
- Shirley Gate Road Extension Fairfax County
- Route 7 Widening (Route 123 to I-495) Fairfax County
- Route 7 Widening (I-495 to I-66) Fairfax County
- Rte 15 Leesburg Bypass Interchange with Edwards Ferry Road Leesburg Town
- Sycolin Road-Loudoun Center Place to Crosstrail Boulevard Loudoun County
- Route 1 & 123 Interchange and Intersection Improvements Prince William County
- Wellington Road Widening: Devlin Road to Rt. 234 Bypass Prince William County
- Wellington Road Widening: University Blvd to Balls Ford Rd Prince William County
- Route 234 and Sudley Manor Dr Intersection Improvements Prince William County
- Route 15 Improvements with Railroad Overpass Prince William County
- University Blvd Extension - Devlin Rd to Wellington Rd Prince William County
- Van Buren Road Improvements: Route 234 to Cardinal Dr Prince William County
- Rte 1 Widening from Cardinal Dr/Neabsco Rd to Rte 234 Prince William County
- Rte 55 Widening and Catharpin Rd Intersection Improvements Prince William County
- Route 294 and Old Bridge Road Intersection Improvements Prince William County