

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), as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorized November 15, 2021 when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law, for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2022, the TPB approved the 2022 Update to Visualize 2045, the long-range transportation plan for the National Capital Region, which was developed as specified in the Federal Planning Regulations and is the MPO's metropolitan transportation 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 consistent with the MPO's metropolitan transportation plan, and, 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 SMART SCALE project submissions, has transmitted the attached list of preliminary applications received by the April 1 pre-application deadline, and has worked with TPB staff in reviewing the project submissions for submission eligibility; 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 Transportation Improvement Program; 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 1 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 VDOT letter and materials:

Adopted by the TPB Steering Committee at its meeting on Friday, June 7, 2024.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Stephen C. Brich, P.E.
Commissioner

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May 28, 2024

The Honorable Christina Henderson, Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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RE: Northern Virginia SMART SCALE application process – TPB resolution of support to apply for funding

Dear Chair Henderson:

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 the recently adopted update of 2022 Visualize 2045 Plan.

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 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 the an MPO's CLRP, it must have a 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 projects that are not in the TPB's current

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long-range plan, 2022 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 Technical Solicitation Submission Guide. In addition, the first year of the awarded funding will be FY2028, therefore, there will be time for any project that gets funded to be included in Visualize 2045.

Enclosed are the list of 28 Northern Virginia's projects submitted as pre-applications for the Commonwealth of Virginia 2024 SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process. VDOT requests that the resolution of support be approved by the TPB Steering Committee at its June 7, 2024 meeting.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any additional questions, please contact Regina Moore at (703) 963-5388 or via email at Regina.Moore@vdot.virginia.gov

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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**NORTHERN VIRGINIA PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
2024 SMART SCALE PROJECT PRIORIZATION PROCESS**

SMART SCALE PROJECT PROPOSALS NOT CURRENT INCLUDED IN THE 2022 VISUALIZE 2045 PLAN

Highway Projects (12)

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| • Eisenhower Ave. and Van Dorn St. Improvements | Alexandria City |
| • Glebe Rd Safety Improvements (I-66-Columbia Pike) | Arlington County |
| • US 50 at VA 27 Interchange Access Improvements | Arlington County |
| • Braddock Rd Phase II | Fairfax County |
| • Herndon Parkway Improvements at Sunset Park Drive | Herndon Town |
| • Old Ox Widening (Shaw Rd to Fairfax County Line) | Loudoun County |
| • Route 7 / Route 601 Intersection Improvements | Loudoun County |
| • Route 15 at Braddock Rd Roundabout | Loudoun County |
| • Route 28 (Centreville Rd Corridor Improvements) | Manassas Park City |
| • Dale Blvd/Rippon Blvd Corridor Improvements | Prince William County |
| • Prince William Parkway (Route 294) Corridor Improvements | Prince William County |
| • US 29 (Lee Highway) Corridor Improvements | Prince William County |

Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects (7)

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| • Duke St and Route 1 Intersection Improvements | Alexandria City |
| • King St – Bradlee Safety and Mobility Enhancements | Alexandria City |
| • Catoctin Circle Turn-lane and sidewalk | Leesburg Town |
| • Cascades Parkway (Bike and Ped) Church Rd to Victoria Station Dr | Loudoun County |
| • Cascades Parkway (Bike and Ped) Nokes Blvd to Woodshire Dr | Loudoun County |
| • East Broad Way Sidewalk | Loudoun County |
| • North Berlin Turnpike Shared Use Path | Loudoun County |

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SMART SCALE PROJECT PROPOSALS ALREADY INCLUDED 2022 VISUALIZE 2045 PLAN

Highway Projects (9)

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| • Frontier Dr Extension (CE 3460) | Fairfax County |
| • Route 7 Widening (I-495 to I-66) (CE3161) | Fairfax County |
| • Town Center Parkway Underpass (CE3699) | Fairfax County |
| • I-395 Shirlington Rotary & S. Glebe Interchange Improvements (CE3762) | NVTA |
| • Route 7 Improvements – Route 9 to Dulles Greenway (CE3733) | Loudoun County |
| • Route 123 and Old Bridge Road Intersection Improvements (CE3757) | Prince William County |
| • Route 234 (Clover Hill Rd Intersection Improvements) (CE3703) | Prince William County |
| • Route 234 and Sudley Manor Dr Intersection Improvements (CE3467) | Prince William County |
| • Van Buren Rd Improvements (Rt 234 to Cardinal Dr) (CE3372) | Prince William County |