

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 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 30, 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 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 materials:



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Stephen C. Brich, P.E.
Commissioner
June 22, 2022

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The Honorable Pamela Sebesky
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 Sebesky:

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 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 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..

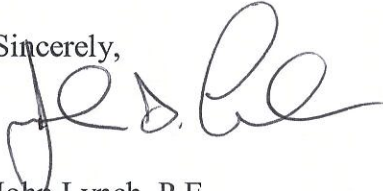
There are several projects that Virginia TPB member jurisdictions wish to be considered for the SMART SCALE prioritization process, therefore the TPB, as the MPO representing Northern Virginia, is being asked to approve a resolution of support for projects that are not in the TPB's current long-range plan, Visualize 2045. This resolution will 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 2028, therefore there will be time for any project that gets funded to be included in Visualize 2045.

Enclosed are the list of 45 Northern Virginia's projects submitted as pre-applications for the Commonwealth of Virginia 2022 SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process. VDOT requests that the resolution of support be approved by the TPB Steering Committee at its July 8, 2022 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Lynch', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

John Lynch, P.E.
Northern Virginia District Administrator

cc: Maria Sinner, P.E., Assistant District Administrator for Planning and Investment Management, Northern Virginia District
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**NORTHERN VIRGINIA PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
2022 SMART SCALE PROJECT PRIORIZATION PROCESS**

SMART SCALE PROJECT PROPOSALS NOT CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN 2022 UPDATE OF VISUALIZE 2045

Highway Projects (15)

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| • I-395 Exit Ramp Improvements at Duke Street | Alexandria City |
| • Arlington Blvd/Washington Blvd Interchange Ramp 1 | Arlington County |
| • Arlington Blvd/Manchester Street Left-Turn Lane Extensions | Arlington County |
| • South Street Extension | Fairfax City |
| • Seven Corners Ring Road (Phase 1) | Fairfax County |
| • Sterling Road Complete Street Improvements | Herndon Town |
| • East Market Street Improvements: Route 15 Bypass to Plaza Street | Leesburg Town |
| • Route 15 at Braddock Road Roundabout | Loudoun County |
| • East Church Road and North Lincoln Avenue Roundabout | Loudoun County |
| • Route 28 – Centreville Road Corridor Improvements | Manassas Park City |
| • Route 294 (Prince William Pkwy) Corridor Improvements | Prince William County |
| • Route 234 Business (Battleview Road to Godwin Drive) | Prince William County |
| • US 29 (Lee Highway) Corridor Improvements | Prince William County |
| • Minnieville Road/Prince William Pkwy Interchange | Prince William County |
| • Minnieville Road/Dale Blvd Intersection Improvements | Prince William County |

Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects (13)

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| • Duke Street and Van Dorn Street Intersection Improvements | Alexandria City |
| • George Snyder Trail Eastern Extension | Fairfax City |
| • East End Multimodal Improvements | Falls Church City |
| • Cascades Parkway Bike & Ped (Nokes Blvd to Victoria Station Dr) | Loudoun County |
| • Cascades Parkway Bike & Ped (Church Rd to Victoria Station Dr) | Loudoun County |
| • Cascades Parkway Bike & Ped (Nokes Blvd to Woodshire Dr) | Loudoun County |
| • Franklin Park to Town of Purcellville Trail | Loudoun County |
| • Route 7 Shared Use Path and Sidewalk Projects | Loudoun County |
| • Lovettsville – S. Loudoun & S. Locust Street Ped Improvements | Loudoun County |
| • Lovettsville – Berlin Turnpike at E. Broad Way Intersection | Loudoun County |
| • Godwin Drive Share Use Path | Manassas City |
| • Park Central Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements | Manassas Park City |
| • Route 15 Pedestrian Bridge | Prince William County |

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

Bus Transit Projects (1)

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| • Metroway Extension | Alexandria City |
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Highway Projects (16)

- Route 7 Widening (Route 123 to I-495) Fairfax County
- Route 7 Widening (I-495 to I-66) Fairfax County
- Frontier Drive Extension Fairfax County
- Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements Fairfax County
- Soapstone Road Extension/Dulles Toll Road Overpass Fairfax County
- Fairfax County Parkway Widening (Route 123 to Nomes Court) Fairfax County
- Town Center Parkway Underpass Fairfax County
- Herndon Parkway Improvements at Worldgate Drive Extension Herndon Town
- Route 15 Leesburg Bypass Interchange with Edwards Ferry Road Leesburg Town
- Route 7 Improvements – Phase 3 (Route 9 to Dulles Greenway) Loudoun County
- Route 1 at 123 Interchange and Intersection Improvements Prince William County
- Route 1 Widening from Cardinal Drive to Route 234 Prince William County
- Route 123 at Old Bridge Road Intersection Improvements Prince William County
- Route 234 at Sudley Manor Drive Intersection Improvements Prince William County
- Route 234 at Clover Hill Road Intersection Improvement Prince William County
- Van Buren Road Improvements (Route 234 to Cardinal Drive) Prince William County