

INTRODUCED: February 14, 2022

A RESOLUTION No. 2022-R010

To express the City Council's support for and request the Commonwealth Transportation Board to provide funding for the City's SMART SCALE candidate projects for 2022.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 28 2022 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the policies of the Commonwealth Transportation Board require that a locality applying for funding for a transportation project under the prioritization process set forth in section 33.2-214.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, submit a resolution of support for the application for such project duly adopted by its governing body;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

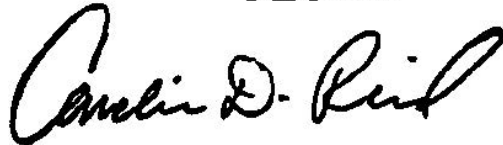
That the Council hereby expresses its support for and requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to provide funding for the SMART SCALE candidate projects to be

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: FEB 28 2022 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

submitted in 2022 that are set forth on the document entitled “City of Richmond, VA, Smart Scale Program Candidate Projects for Round 5,” a copy of which is attached to this resolution.

**A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amelia D. Reil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

City Clerk



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

O&R REQUEST

DATE: January 14, 2022 EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney; Mayor

THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders; Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Robert C. Steidel; Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations

THROUGH: Bobby Vincent Jr.; Director of Public Works

THROUGH: M.S. Khara, P.E.; City Engineer

FROM: Michael Sawyer, P.E.; City Transportation Engineer

RE: TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROUND 5 SMART SCALE PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY CITY/STATE AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE PROJECTS.

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To request the City Council's approval for the City of Richmond participating and supporting the proposed projects related to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Round 5 Smart Scale Program, and to authorize Chief Administrative Officer or his designee, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute all necessary City/State agreements relating to such.

REASON: An approved Council Resolution indicating the Council's request for participation and support of the identified potential projects is required in order to participate in the VDOT Round 5 Smart Scale Program.

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Public Works recommends approval of this ordinance.

BACKGROUND: The General Assembly directed VDOT to establish several initiatives aimed at accelerating road construction and providing funding assistance for the improvements to their transportation system. One such initiative is the Smart Scale Program; under which the City of Richmond is eligible to apply for funding request of transportation projects. The City has successfully applied for these funds every year since the program's inception.



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A City Council resolution in support of the proposed projects (attached) is required to participate in the program. The program will provide for design and construction of certain eligible transportation projects within the City. A formal City/State agreement authorized by the City Council is required before the City can begin design and construction of the approved projects. This is 100% federal reimbursable program that requires no City match. If approved, project funding will be provided starting FY28/FY29. Smart Scale Program is a biennial process.

Virginia's SMART SCALE (§33.2-21.4) is about picking the right transportation projects for funding and ensuring the best use of limited tax dollars. It is the method of scoring planned projects included in VTrans 2040 (Commonwealth's long range transportation plan) that are funded by HB 1887. Transportation projects are scored based on an objective, outcome-based process that is transparent to the public and allows decision-makers to be held accountable to taxpayers. Once projects are scored and prioritized, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has the best information possible to select the right projects for funding. More information about the SMART SCALE project prioritization process, including a technical guide for applicants, is available at www.vasmartscale.org.

VDOT's Smart Scale program has provided approximately \$228M in the first four rounds of the program (FY16 – approx. \$68million for 9 projects, FY17 – approx. \$49million for 6 projects, FY19 – approx. \$26million for 7 projects, FY21 – approx. \$85million for 6 projects). No city match is required; however, leveraged funds boost the ranking as the City projects compete with other jurisdictions in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Round 5 list of potential ten projects (attached) is estimated at \$123million (estimated cost may change after VDOT review and with the use of VDOT project estimating software).

The deadline to submit the City's applications to participate in the Round 5 Smart Scale Program is August 3, 2022. Pre-application is required to submit by April 1, 2022. CTB will adopt and fund projects in June 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: None.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Not participating in this program eliminates the possibility of receiving up to \$123M for these important Capital Improvement Projects.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: No.

REVENUE TO CITY: Approximately \$123M through FY29 if City projects are selected.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: February 14, 2022



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CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: February 28, 2022

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing, and Transportation Standing Committee meeting (February 22, 2022).

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Public Works; Law Department; Planning and Development; Economic and Community Development; Department of Public Utilities; Finance Department; Budget and Strategic Planning; Copies also sent to: City Mayor (Levar M. Stoney); Chief Administrative Officer (J.E. Lincoln Saunders); Deputy Chief Administrative Officer of Operation (Robert Steidel); and City Attorney (2).

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None.

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None.

ATTACHMENTS: List of Smart Scale Program Round 5 Candidate Projects

STAFF: M. S. Khara, P.E., City Engineer, 646-5413
Michael B. Sawyer, P.E., City Transportation Engineer, 646-3435

City of Richmond, VA
Smart Scale Program Candidate Projects for Round 5
 January 10, 2022

#	Project	From	To	Estimated Cost*	Brief Description
1	Hull Street Phase II Improvements	Chippenham Parkway	Hey Road	\$ 11,000,000	Previous submittal: This project will provide pedestrian crossing enhancements, streetscape, shared use path, and signal modernizations.
2	Forest Hill Avenue Phase II Improvements	Powhite Parkway	Dorchester Road	\$ 26,000,000	Previous submittal: This project will create a complete street with sidewalk, bike infrastructure, access management (medians), access to transit stops and pedestrian crossings.
3	Clay Street Streetscape	I-195	Arthur Ashe Boulevard	\$ 9,300,000	Previous submittal: This project creates a complete streetscape with sidewalk, bike infrastructure, access management and pedestrian crossings to support Scott's Addition.
4	Belt Boulevard	Midlothian Turnpike	Hull Street	\$ 22,000,000	Previous submittal: This project will provide pedestrian crossing enhancements, streetscape, bike infrastructure, and traffic control devices.
5	Hey Road	Walmsley Boulevard	Hull Street	\$ 8,000,000	Previous submittal: This project will improve Hey Road with travel lanes, curb and gutter, sidewalks, utility relocations, and a closed drainage system
6	Gillies Creek Greenway	Virginia Capital Trail	Williamsburg Avenue	\$ 3,800,000	Previous submittal: This project will provide a 10' paved, shared-use path extending from the Virginia Capital Trail ultimately to Armstrong High School.
7	Walmsley Boulevard	Commerce Road	Richmond Highway	\$ 14,000,000	This project will directly connect the I-95 Interchange to Richmond Highway with a streetscape with travel lanes, curb and gutter, sidewalks.
8	Norfolk Street Bridge	Belleville Road	Hamilton Street	\$ 13,000,000	This project will connect Scott's Addition to Hamilton Street via a new bridge over the CSX railroad.
9	Commerce Road Streetscape	Walmsley Boulevard	Bells Road	\$ 13,000,000	This project will improve the I-95 interchange, the intersection of Commerce Road and Walmsley Boulevard and provide for streetscape and access management to facilitate freight movements to the
10	Hull Street Shared Use Path	Arizona Drive	James River Branch Trail	\$ 3,000,000	This project will connect the funded shared use path along Hull Street to the funded James River Branch Trail completing a missing link.
				\$ 123,100,000	

Listed projects are not in order of priority

* Estimated cost needs to be verified with VDOT Estimating System and may change