

Smart Scale Program – Round 7

Transportation Construction Funding Prioritization Process

LAND USE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 2026



Smart Scale Funding Process

Signed into law in 2014 by Governor McAuliffe

- Directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to develop and use a prioritization process to select transportation projects to be funded.
- The legislation is intended to improve the transparency and accountability of project selection as well as provide improved stability in the Six-Year Improvement Program.
- The process will score projects based on an objective and fair analysis applied statewide. This process will help the CTB select projects that provide the maximum benefits for tax dollars spent.



Scoring for Virginia Jurisdictions (Category B)

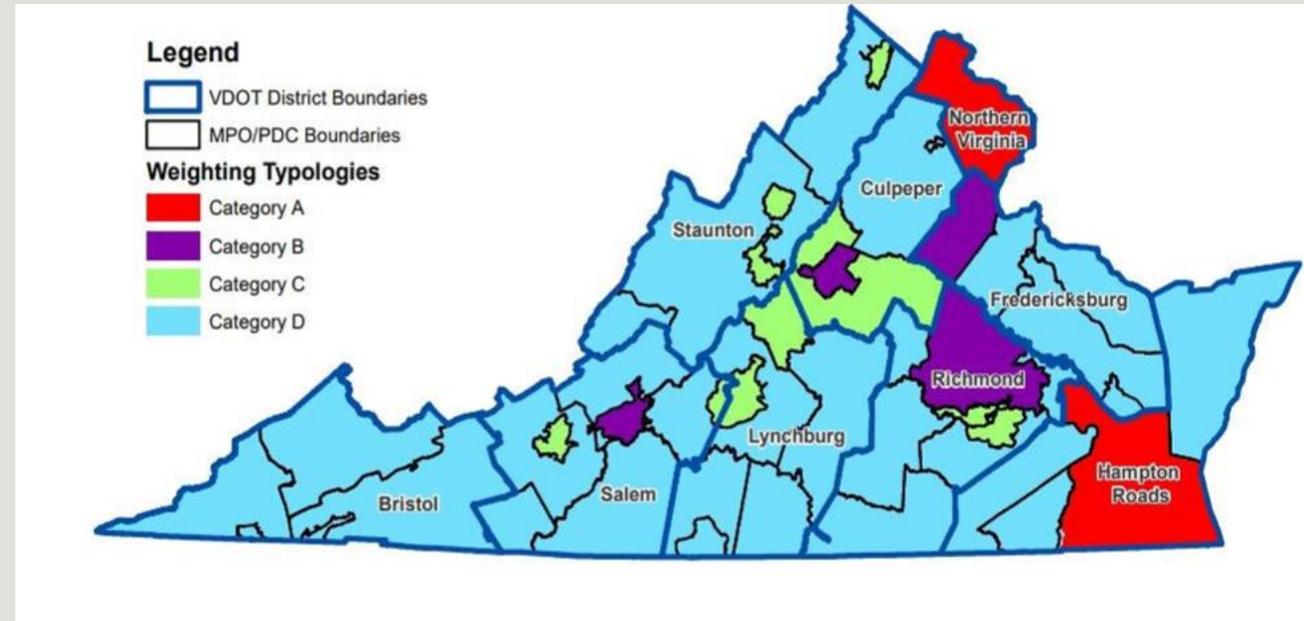
20% Safety

25% Congestion

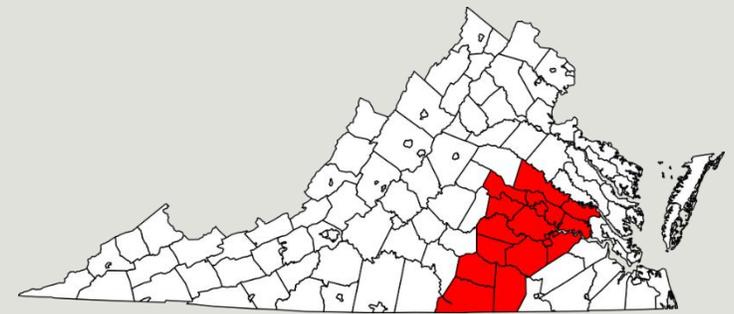
25% Accessibility

20% Economic Development

10% Environment



District vs Statewide Competition



The District Grant Program (DGP) (as defined in § 33.2-371) refers to projects and strategies solicited from local governments that address a need for a corridor of statewide significance, regional network, improvements to promote urban development areas, or safety improvements identified in VTrans, Virginia's Transportation Plan. In this program, candidate projects and strategies from localities within a highway construction district compete for funding against projects and strategies **within the same construction district**.

The High Priority Program (HPP) (as defined in § 33.2-370) refers to regional or statewide significance projects that address a transportation need to be identified for a corridor of statewide significance or a regional network in VTrans, Virginia's Transportation Plan. In this program, projects and strategies compete for funding against projects and strategies submitted **statewide**.



District vs Statewide Competition

Entity	Eligibility	Total Applications Per Round
City of Richmond	DGP or HPP	10 Applications
GRTC	HPP only	10 Applications
RRTPO	HPP only	10 Applications
RRPDC	HPP only	10 Applications

Project Type	High Priority Projects Program	District Grant Program*
Addresses Need on Corridor(s) of Statewide Significance	Yes	Yes
Addresses Need on Regional Network(s)	Yes	Yes
Improvement to Support Urban Development Area(s)	No	Yes
Addresses Identified Safety Need	No	Yes

*Only projects submitted by localities are eligible.



The City has been really successful... \$351M in 6 rounds

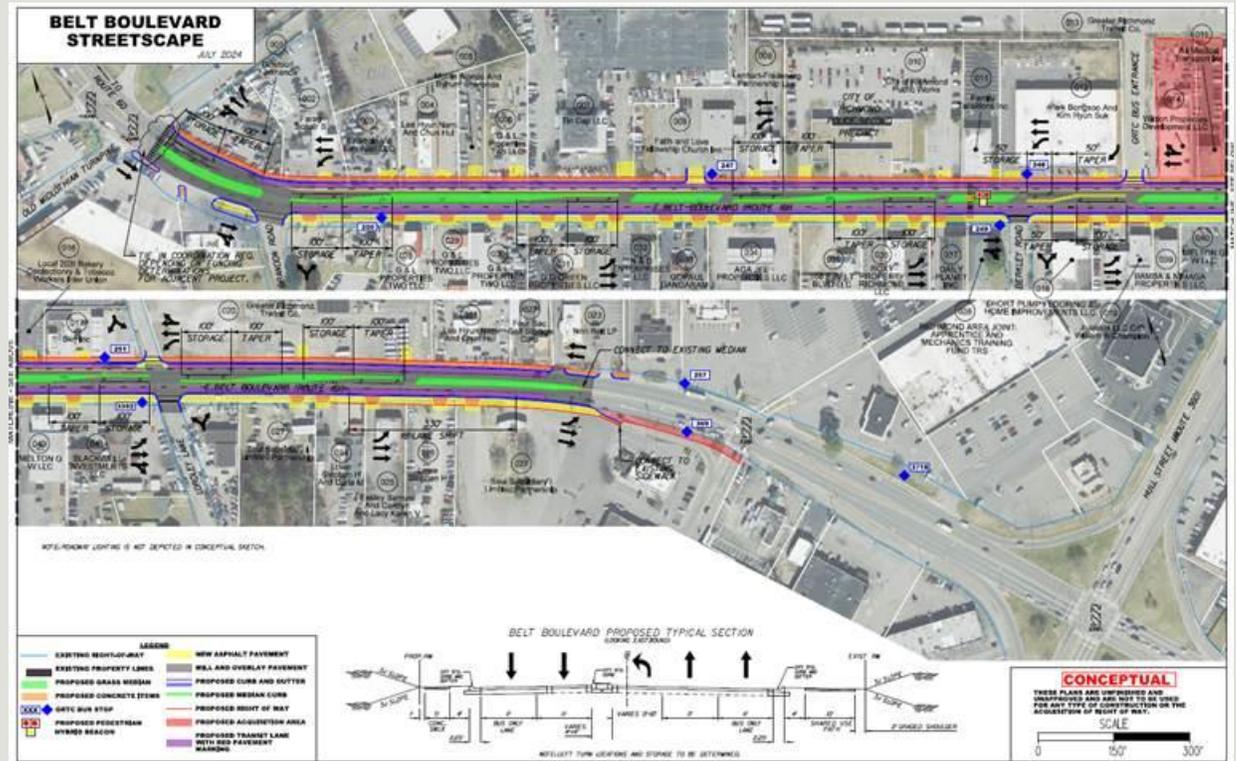
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444	3428 ID ^ Name	Jurisdiction	Organization	Fiscal Year	Score	Funded		
445	3430 6649 ID ^ Name	Jurisdiction	Organization	Fiscal Year	Score	Funded		
447	3432 6652 8928 ID ^ Name	Jurisdiction	Organization	Fiscal Year	Score	Funded		
449	3433 6740 8931 11441	Belt Boulevard (SR161) Transit Streetscape	Richmond City	Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization	2026	10.03	Yes	☰
456	3713 6741 8938 11509	Route 360/I-64 Interchange Improvements	Henrico County, Richmond City	PlanRVA Richmond Regional Planning District Commission	2026	4.06	Yes	☰
461	3725 6778 9001	C Fall Line Trail with Transit Improvements Manchester Br.	Richmond City	Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC)	2024	10.1	Yes	☰
544	3726 6823 9009	A Broad Street Streetscape w/ Pulse BRT Expansion Phase III	Henrico County, Richmond City	Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization	2024	17.16	Yes	☰
545	I-195 I 6914	A Broad Street Streetscape w/ Pulse BRT Expansion Phase I	Richmond City	Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization	2022	8.15	Yes	☰
	7129	RT 60/Stonebridge Plaza/Boulders - Intersection Improvements	Chesterfield County, Richmond City	Chesterfield County	2022	7.68	Yes	☰



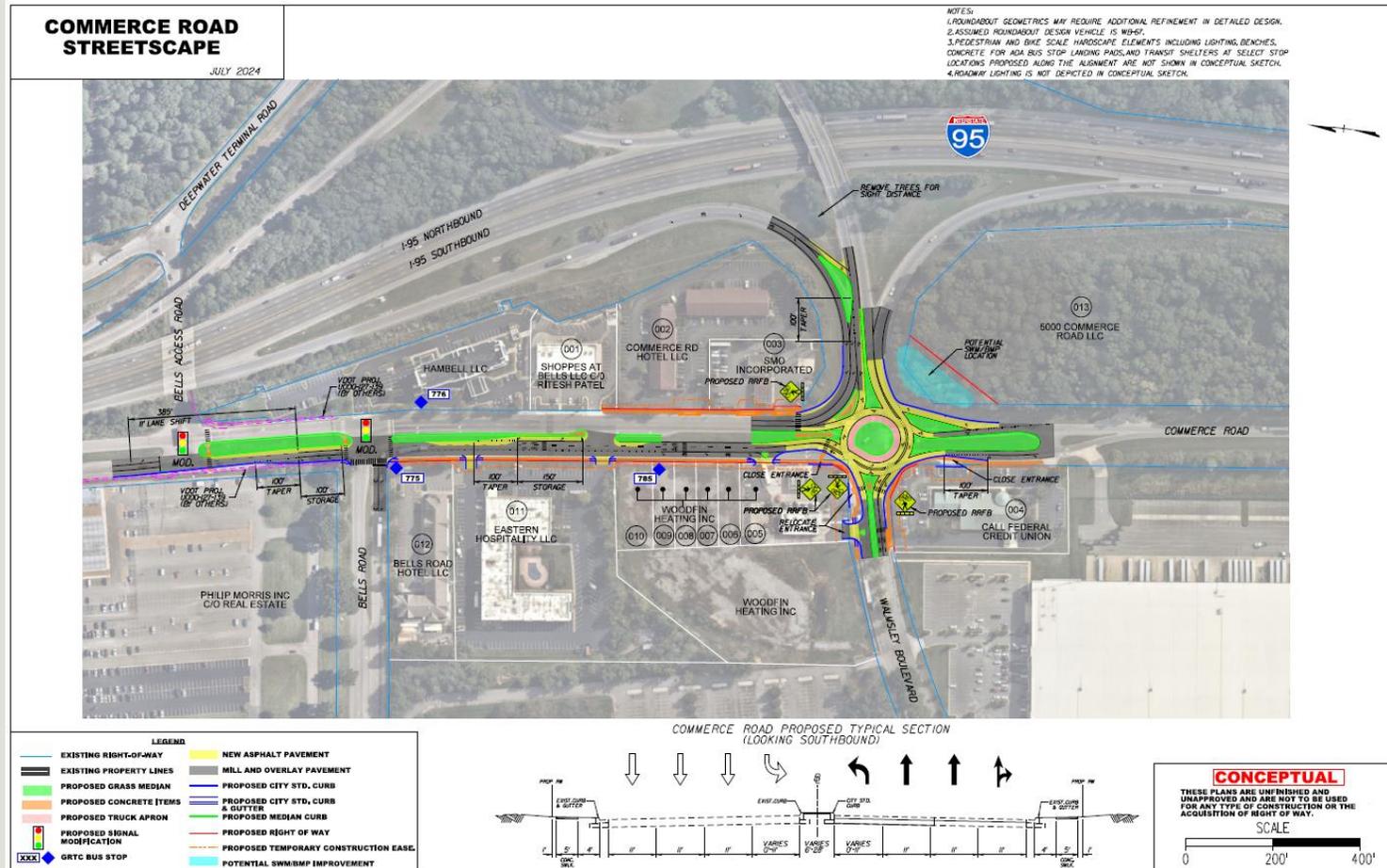
Recent Smart Scale Program Awards

Commonwealth Transportation Board added the following projects (\$86.4M):

- Belt Boulevard Transit Streetscape (\$33.3M)
- Port of Richmond / Commerce Road Gateway Interchange (\$25.5M) (PTF)
- I-64 / Mechanicsville Turnpike Streetscape Improvements (\$27.6M) (Henrico)



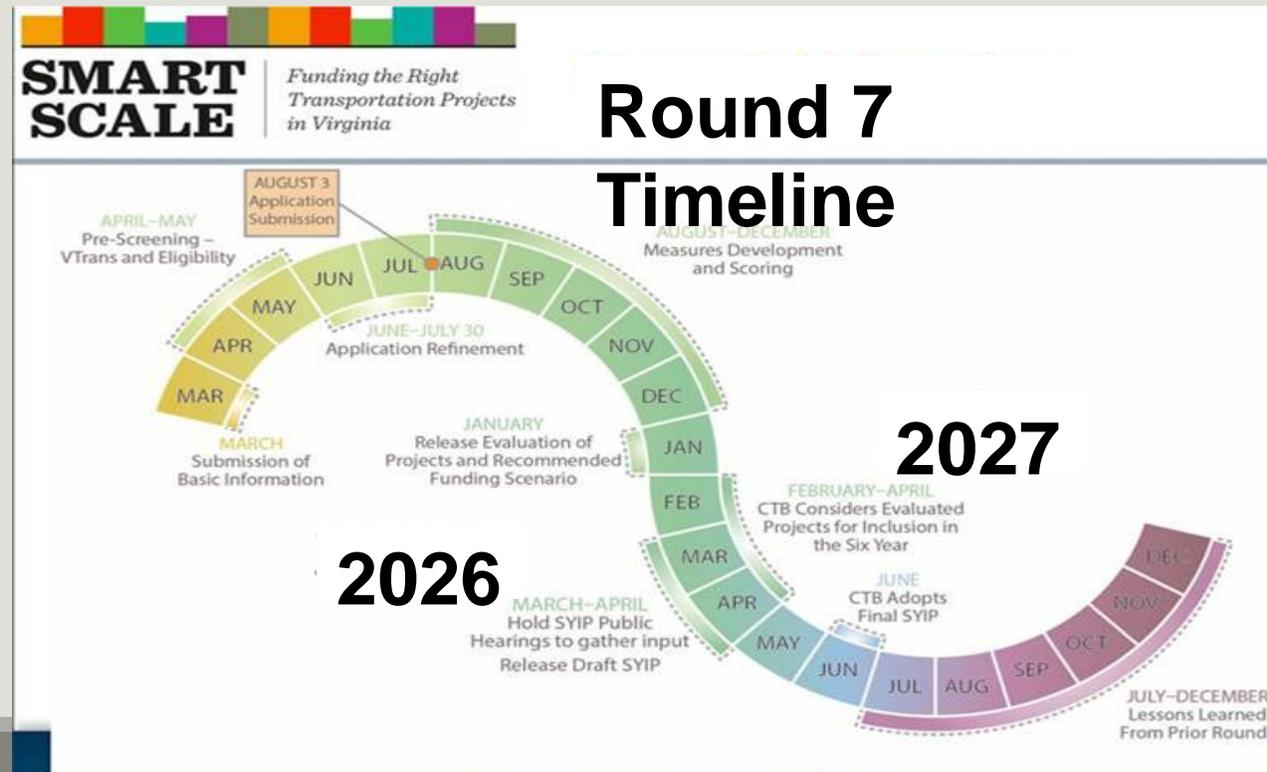
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Smart Scale Round 7 Funding Estimates and Timeline

Smart Scale Round 7 is valued at \$0.8B to \$1.2B of construction projects statewide:

- City of Richmond share based upon population is \$20M-\$30M
- Transportation funding will be available in FY31 and FY32



COR Smart Scale Program Round 7 Selection

Applications vetted by team for ten spots based on:

- Smart Scale Round 6 performance / competitiveness
- High Injury Street Network – Vision Zero and Complete Streets goals
- Fall Line Trail / N-S BRT priorities
- Richmond Connects
- Maintenance Replacement Needs

- A. Hull / Midlothian / Clopton Roundabout for North-South BRT (\$26.8M)
- B. Cowardin and Semmes Avenue Protected Intersection (\$7.9M)
- C. Mechanicsville Turnpike Roundabouts and Streetscape (\$47.1M)
- D. Fall Line Trail – Westwood Roundabout –Arthur Ashe, Hermitage, Brookland Parkway (\$30.5M)
- E. Forest Hill Avenue Phase II (\$40.2M gap with \$16.6M funded)
- F. Fall Line Trail - Commerce Road Phase IIA (\$38.2M funded) – revised scope
- G. Belt - Midlothian Turnpike BRT Roundabouts (\$29.5M)
- H. Southside BRT Phase I (~\$57M) (COR application with GRTC review)
- I. Arthur Ashe Boulevard from Road J to Five Points Roundabout (~\$20M)
- J. Mayo Bridge (\$107M gap with \$88M funded) (COR application with VDOT review)



Anticipated Smart Scale Application Schedule

October 31, 2025	DRPT Engagement Deadline
November 21, 2025	VDOT Engagement Deadline
December 2025	Engage Consultant for application development
January 12, 2026	DRAFT CVTA Funding Scenario for Round 4
January 14, 2026	Submit Resolution of Support to CAO for SSR7 Program Applications
February 9, 2026	Introduction of Resolution of Support to Richmond City Council
February 17, 2026	Public Hearing of Resolution of Support Committee on Land Use, Housing and Transportation
February 23, 2026	Public Hearing of Resolution of Support before Richmond City Council
February 27, 2026	CVTA Public Hearing for Round 4
March 2, 2026	Round 7 Pre-Applications Open
	DED Team provides development input to Virginia SCAN Tool
April 1, 2026	Round 7 Pre-Applications Due
April 15, 2026	Safe and Healthy Streets Commission
June 2, 2026	Round 7 Full Applications Open
August 1, 2026	Round 7 Full Applications Due



Open Discussion



Smart Scale Round 7 - Internal Working Group

Benjamin, Lamont L. - DPW

Benomar, Mohamed S. - DPW

Boenau, Andy E. – DPW-DOT

Burgos, Enrique – DPW-DOT

Clarke, Dironna M. – DPW-DOT

Davenport Jr, Joseph L. - DPW

Ebert, Sharon L. - DED

Khara, M S. - DPW

Kim, John S. - DPW

Kolbe, Michael C. - Mayor's Office

Morris, Scott - DPU

Rodgers, Angie - DED

Vincent, Bobby - DPW

Vonck, Kevin J. – PDR

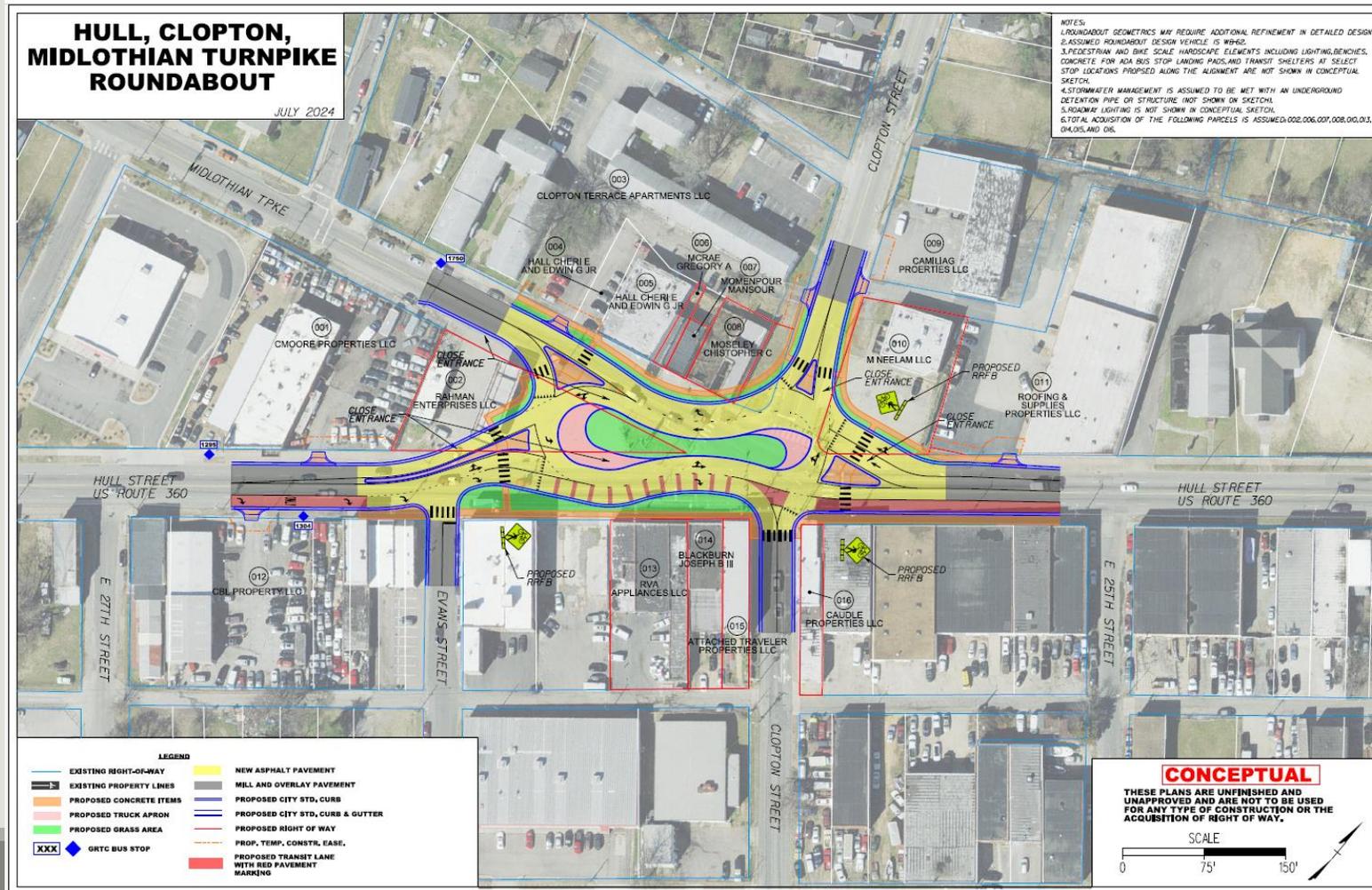
Wagner, Daniel M. – DPW-DOT



A. North-South BRT Hull / Midlothian / Clopton Roundabout

Resubmittal

\$26,807,499
Highest SSR6 B/C
ratio at 8.85

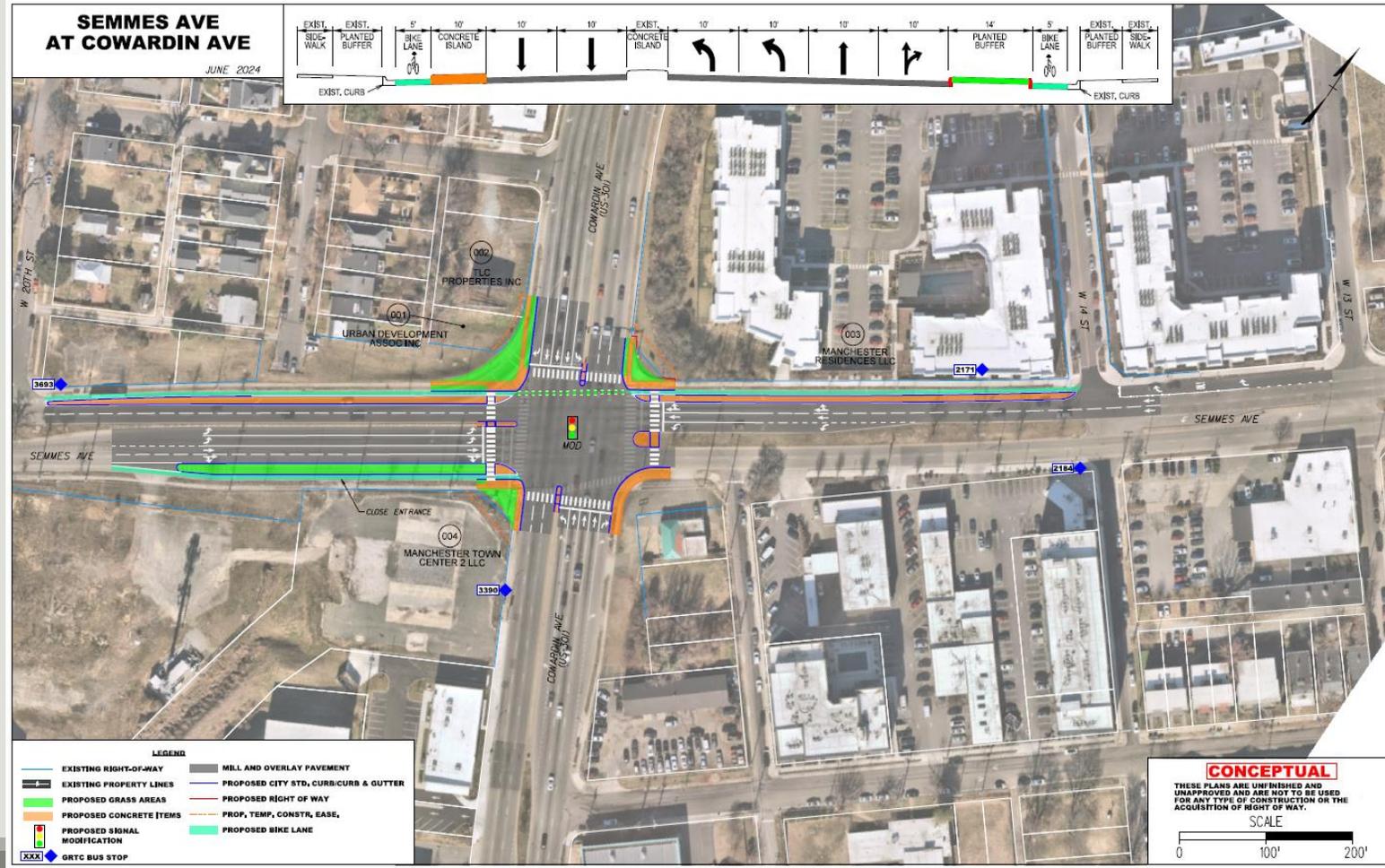


B Cowardin and Semmes Avenue Protected Intersection

Resubmittal

\$7,896,436

2nd Highest SSR6 B/C ratio at 8.35



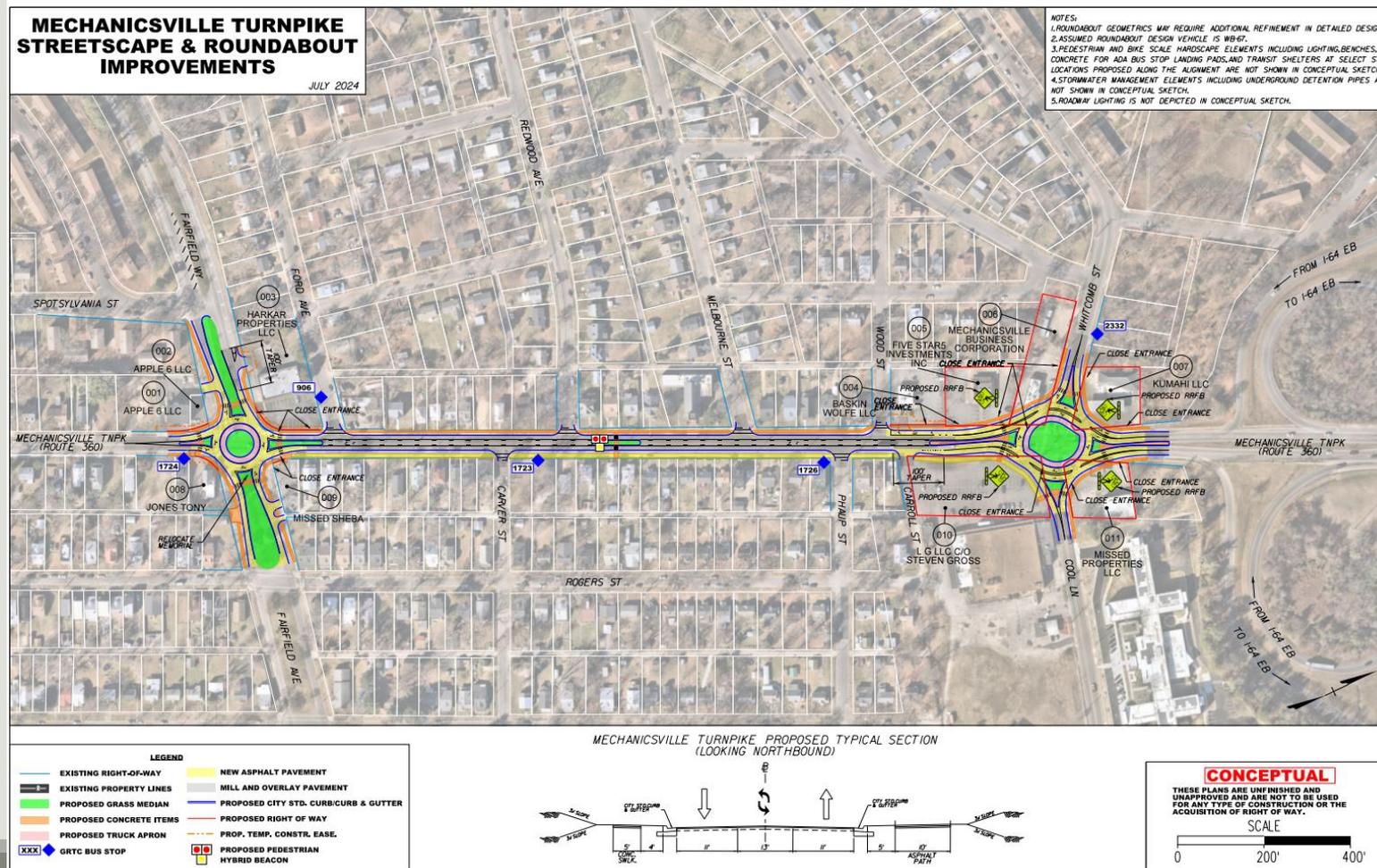
C Mechanicsville Turnpike Roundabouts and Streetscape

Resubmittal

\$47,164,001

Fourth highest SSR6

B/C ratio 7.68

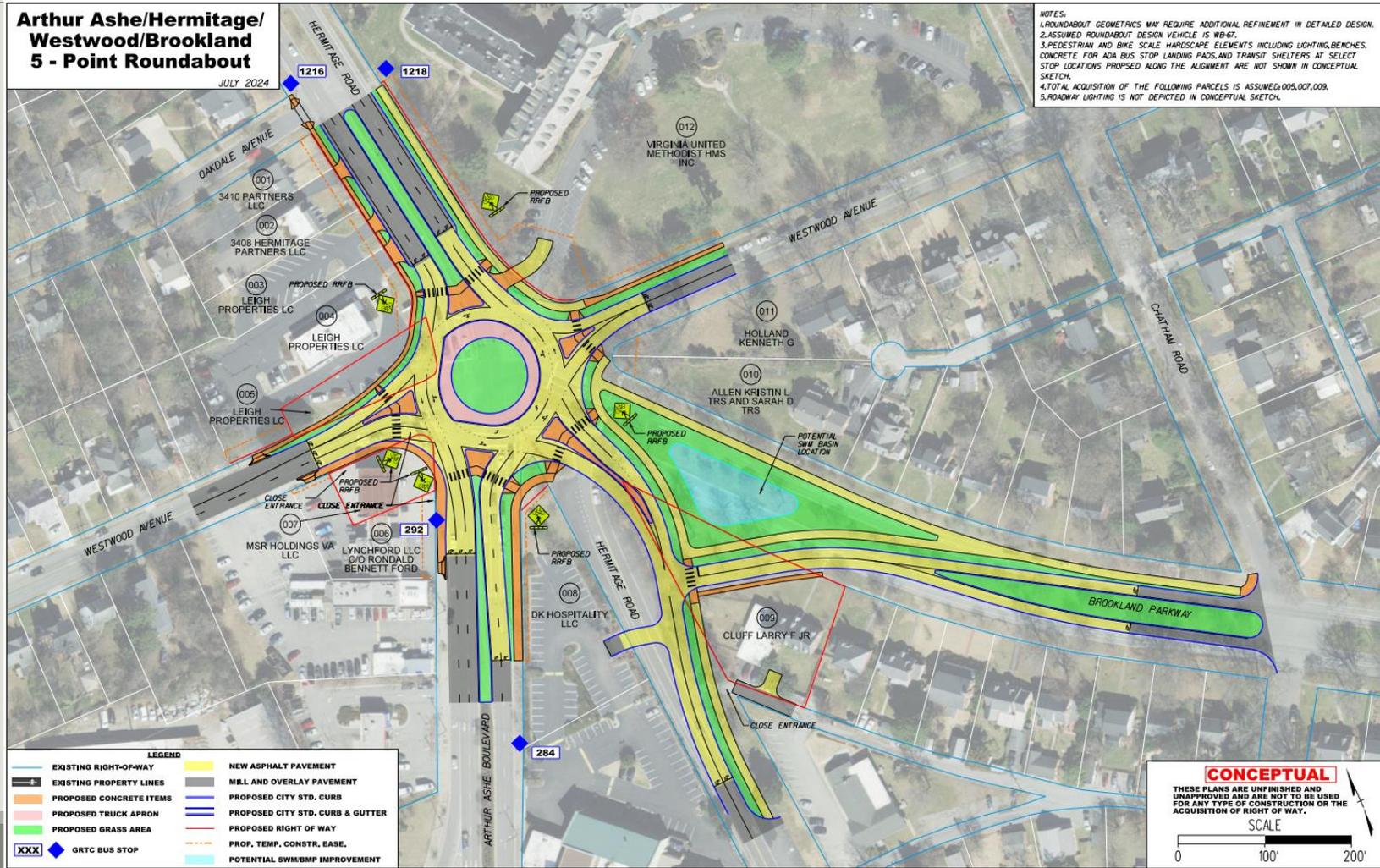


D Fall Line Trail - Hermitage Road Roundabout

Resubmittal

\$30,545,480

3.35 B/C



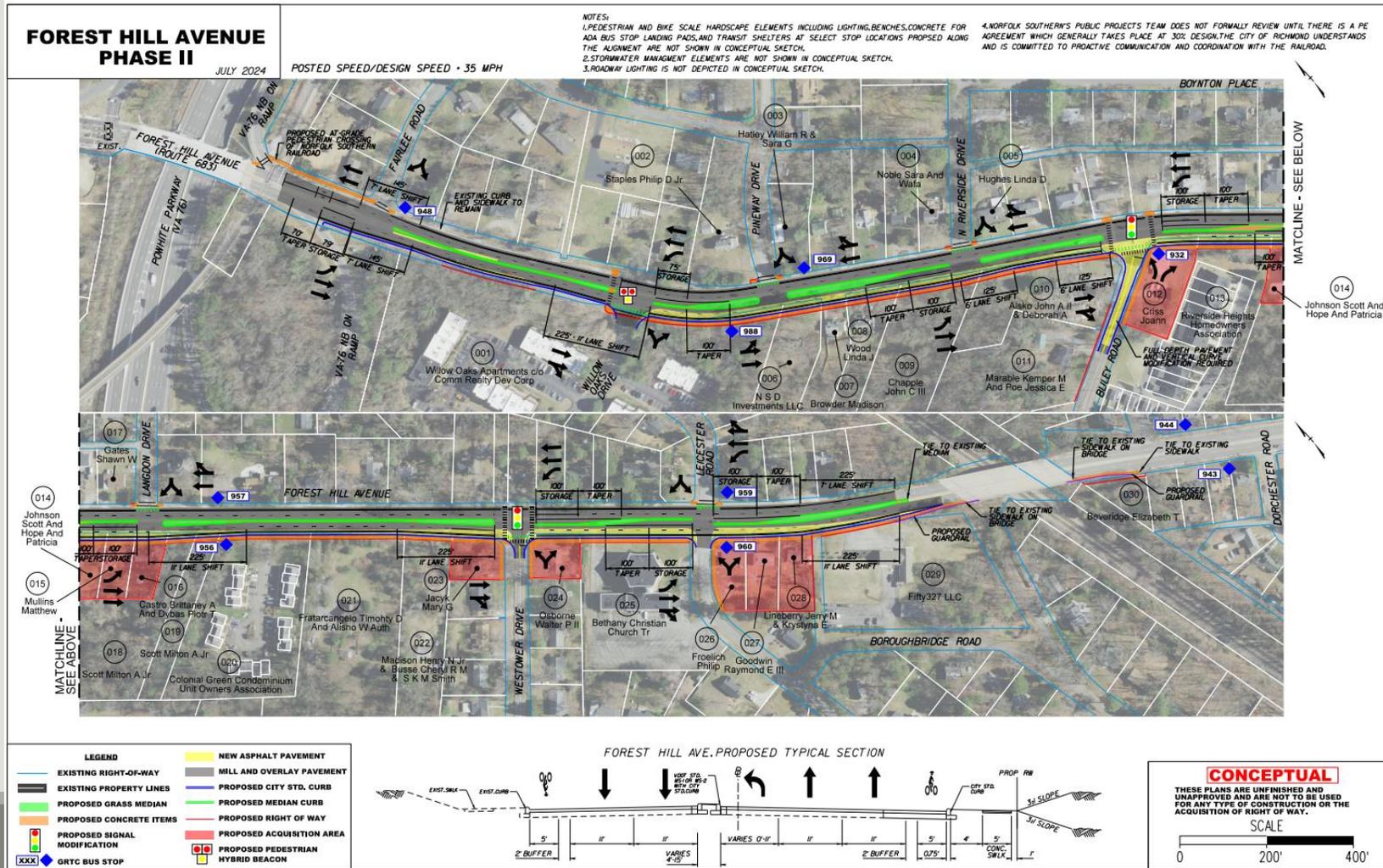
E Forest Hill Avenue Phase II

Resubmittal

\$56,887,785

\$40M to \$53M gap

(2.25 B/C)

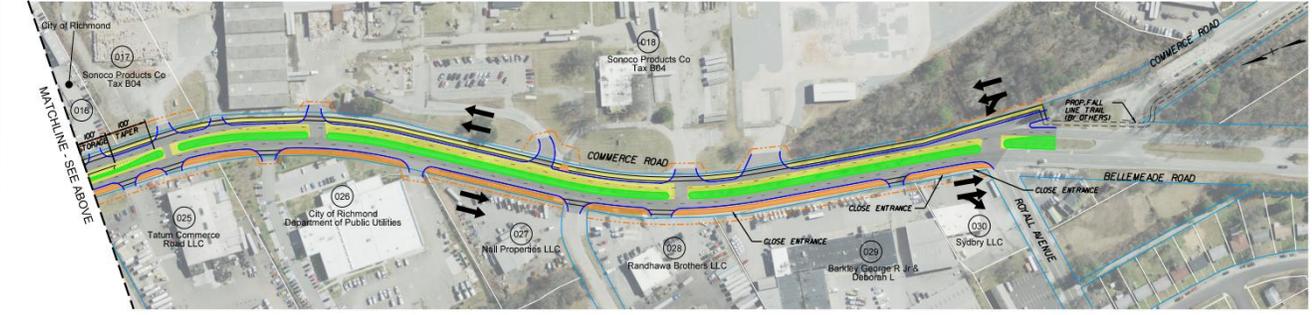
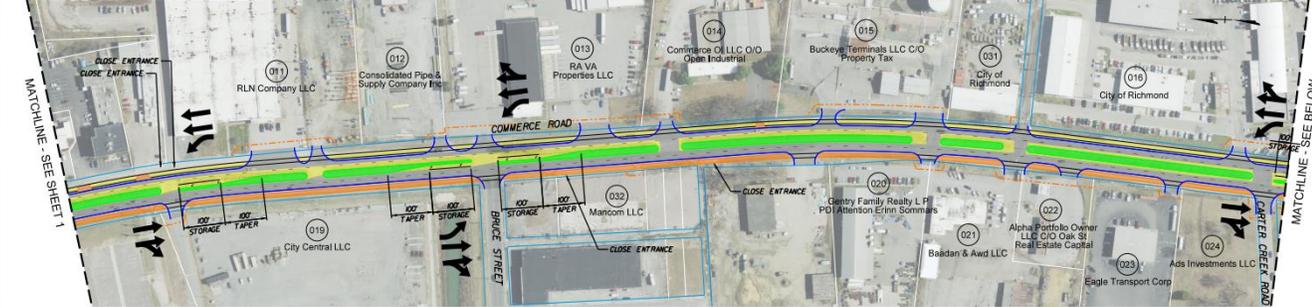


F Fall Line Trail - Commerce Road Phase II

Resubmittal with scope revision
 \$87,661,374 with
 \$49,503,135 gap. (1.91 B/C)

COMMERCE ROAD FLT PHASE II

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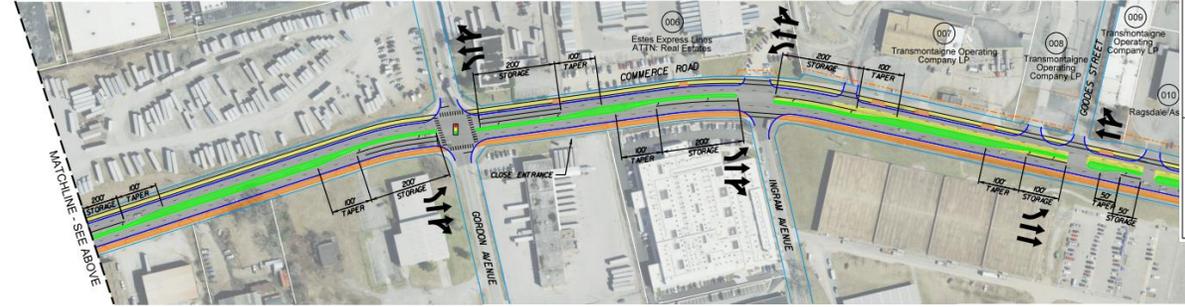
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EXISTING PROPERTY LINES	MILL AND OVERLAY PAVEMENT
PROPOSED GRASS MEDIAN	PROPOSED CITY STD. CURB
PROPOSED CONCRETE ITEMS	PROPOSED MEDIAN CURB
PROPOSED SIGNAL MODIFICATION	PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY
ORTC BUS STOP	PROPOSED ACQUISITION AREA
	PROP. TEMP. CONSTR. EASE.

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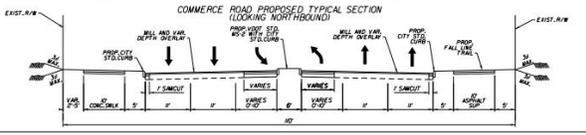
COMMERCE ROAD FLT PHASE II

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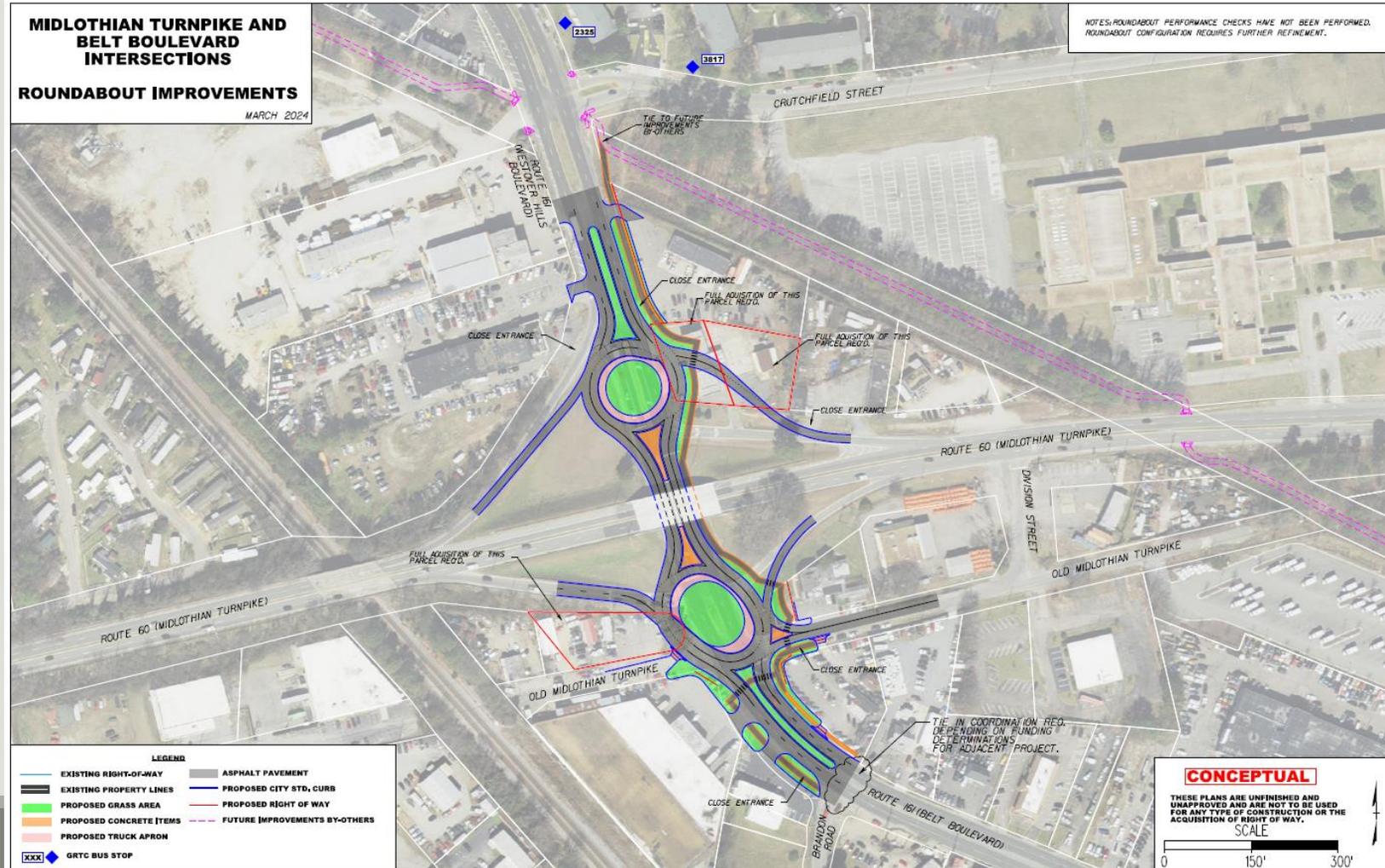
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G Belt - Midlothian Turnpike BRT Roundabouts

Resubmittal
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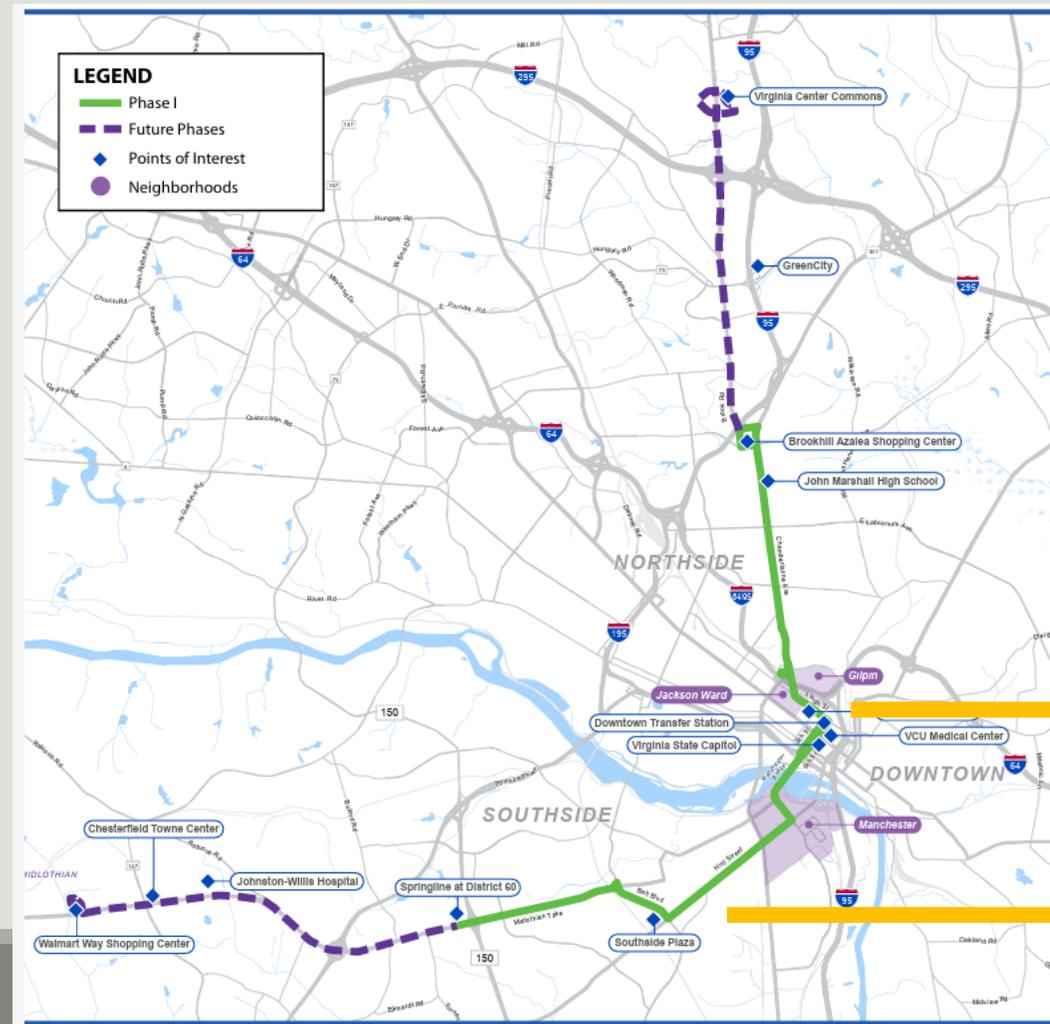
Combine with
Midlothian/Belt
CSX Bridge \$\$



H North-South BRT Phase B

NEW \$57,000,000
with \$49M gap.

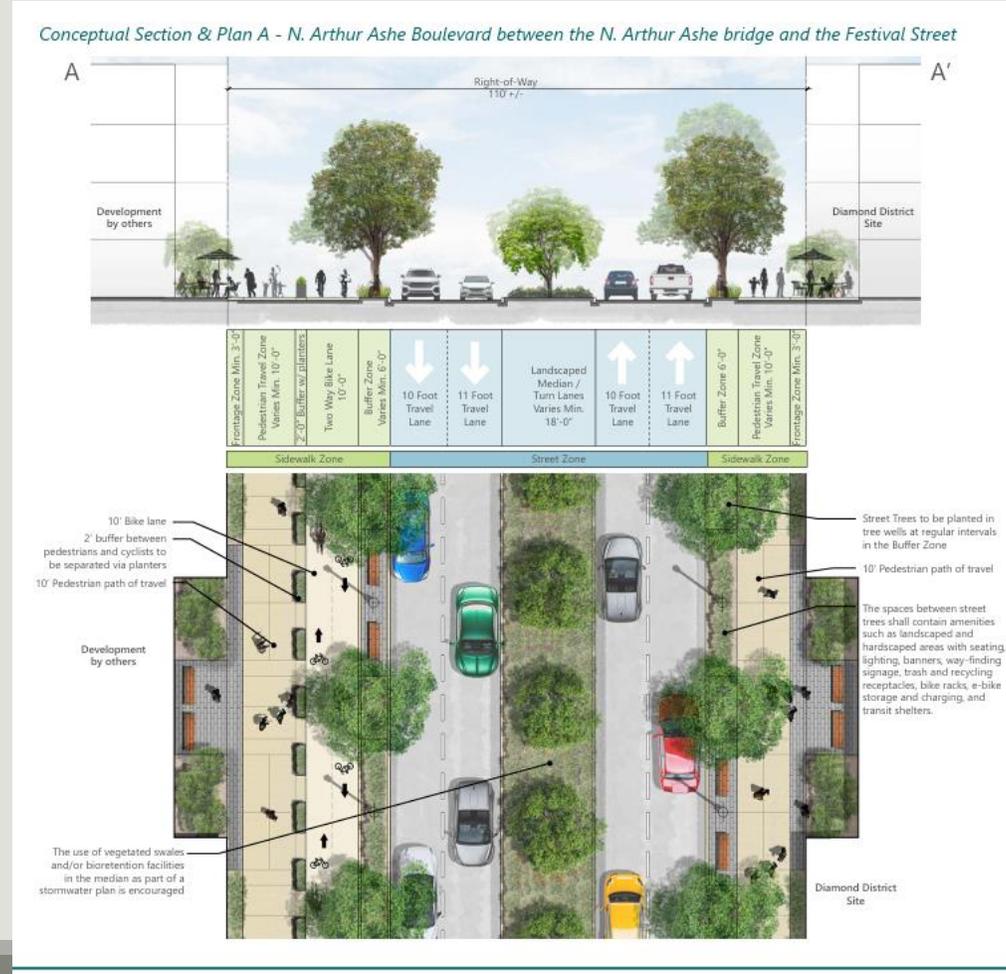
14 BRT Stations
6 Articulated Buses



I NEW Arthur Ashe Boulevard – Diamond District

NEW
\$25M

I-95 to AAB Bridge



J Mayo Bridge Replacement

NEW
\$195M
\$107M gap

