

INTRODUCED: February 10, 2020

A RESOLUTION No. 2020-R011

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 2020.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 24 2020 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

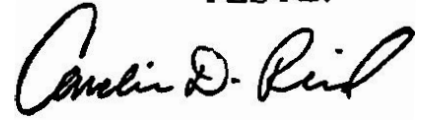
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ADOPTED: FEB 24 2020 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

submitted in 2020 that are set forth on the document entitled “City of Richmond, VA, Smart Scale Program Candidate Projects for Round 4,” a copy of which is attached to this resolution.

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:

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City Clerk



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O & R REQUEST
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Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

O&R REQUEST

DATE: January 10, 2020

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TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

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Handwritten date: 2/4/2020

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

THROUGH: Lenora G. Reid, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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

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THROUGH: Bobby Vincent, Director of Public Works

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

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

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RE: TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROUND 4 SMART SCALE PROGRAM AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY CITY/STATE AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE PROJECTS.

ORD. OR RES. NO: _____

PURPOSE: To request City Council approval for the City of Richmond participating and supporting the proposed projects related to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Round 4 Smart Scale Program, and to authorize Chief Administrative Officer or designee, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute all necessary City/State agreements relating to the projects.

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 4 Smart Scale Program.

RECOMMENDATION: Department of Public Works recommends approval of this resolution.

BACKGROUND: The General Assembly has 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 (previous three rounds).

A City council resolution in support of the proposed projects (attached) is required to participate in the program. This resolution will provide City Council authorization to participate in the program and authorize the CAO to execute all necessary City/State agreements required for participation if and when the projects are funded. A formal City/State agreement is required by VDOT before the City can begin design and construction of the approved projects. The program will provide for construction of certain eligible transportation projects within the City. This is 100% federal reimbursable program that requires no City match. If approved, project funding will be provided starting FY26/FY27. Smart Scale Round 4 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 VTrans2040 (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 holds decision-makers accountable to the taxpayers. The City of Richmond can submit no more than a maximum of ten projects.

Projects are scored on technical criteria. For Central Virginia (including Richmond), criteria is – Safety 20%, Accessibility 25%, Congestion 15%, Economic Development 20%, Environmental Quality 10% and Land Use 10%. Once projects are scored and prioritized by VDOT, 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 \$143 million in the first three rounds of the program to the City (FY16 – approximately \$68 million for 9 projects and FY17 – approximately \$49 million for 6 projects, FY19 \$26 million for 7 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.

Round 4 list of potential ten projects (attached) cost is estimated at \$90.1million (estimated cost may change after VDOT review and with the use of VDOT project estimate software)

The deadline to submit the City's applications to participate in the Round 4 Smart Scale Program is August 3, 2020. Pre-application is required to submit by April 2, 2020. VDOT will recommend candidate projects for public hearing in January 2021. CTB will adopt and fund projects in June 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT/COST TO CITY: None.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Not participating in this program eliminates the possibility of receiving up to \$90.1 million estimated cost of these projects for these important transportation Capital Improvement Projects.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: No.

REVENUE TO CITY: Approximately \$90.1 million estimated cost of the projects through FY26/FY27 if City projects are selected.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: February 10, 2020

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: February 24, 2020

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee meeting (February 18, 2020).

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Public Works, Law Department, Economic & Community Development, Planning and Development Review, Public Utilities, Finance Department, Budget and Strategic Planning. Copies also sent to: City Mayor (Honorable Levar M. Stoney); Acting Chief Administrative Officer and City Attorney (2)

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES: None.

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None.

ATTACHMENTS: Round 4 Smart Scale - List of candidate projects.

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Michael B. Sawyer, P.E., City Transportation Engineer, 646-3435

City of Richmond, VA

Smart Scale Program Candidate Projects for Round 4

January 10, 2020

#	Project	From	To	Estimated Cost*	Brief Description
1	Gillies Creek Greenway	Virginia Capital Trail	Jennie Scher	\$ 6,300,000	Previous submittal: This project will provide a 10' paved, shared-use path extending from the Virginia Capital Trail ultimately to Armstrong High School.
2	James River Branch Trail Greenway	49th	Hopkins	\$ 8,100,000	Previous submittal: This project will provide a 10' paved, shared-use path extending 2+ miles and connecting to Southside Plaza Transit Center.
3	Hull Street Phase II Improvements	Chippinham	Hey	\$ 10,000,000	Previous submittal: This project will provide pedestrian crossing enhancements, streetscape, shared use path, and signal modernizations. Connections to Southside Plaza Transit Center.
4	US Route 1 Phase II Improvements	Maury	Decatur	\$ 4,300,000	Previous submittal: This project will provide key intersection geometric improvements at Maury Street, pedestrian crossing enhancements, streetscape and signal modernizations. Supports Regional TPO Initiative (Commerce Corridor Study) and Richmond Marine Terminal.
5	Forest Hill Avenue Phase II Improvements	Powhite	Dorchester	\$ 19,000,000	Previous submittal: This project will create a complete street with sidewalk, bike infrastructure, access management (medians), access to transit stops and pedestrian crossings.
6	Clay Street Streetscape	I-195	Boulevard	\$ 4,900,000	Previous submittal: This project creates a complete streetscape with sidewalk, bike infrastructure, access management and pedestrian crossings to support Scott's Addition.
7	Commerce Road	Manchester Bridge	Decatur	\$ 4,000,000	This project will provide pedestrian crossing enhancements, streetscape, bike infrastructure, and signal modernizations.
8	Belt Boulevard	Midlothian Turnpike	Hull Street	\$ 18,000,000	This project will provide pedestrian crossing enhancements, streetscape, bike infrastructure, and traffic control devices.
9	Government Road	36th Street	Glenwood Avenue	\$ 6,500,000	This project will stabilize the slope to allow Government Road to remain as a viable street.
10	Hey Road	Walmsley	Hull Street	\$ 9,000,000	This project will improve Hey Road with travel lanes, curb and gutter, sidewalks, utility relocations, and a closed drainage system

Listed projects are not in order of priority \$ 90,100,000

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