

INTRODUCED: February 12, 2024

A RESOLUTION No. 2024-R006

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 2024.

Patrons – Mayor Stoney, Vice President Lambert and Ms. Jordan

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 26 2024 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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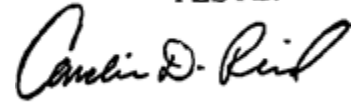
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submitted in 2024 that are set forth on the document entitled “City of Richmond, VA, Smart Scale Program Candidate Projects for Round 6,” a copy of which is attached to this resolution.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney's Office

**A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:**


City Clerk



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Text of Legislative File Admin-2024-0037

DATE: January 17, 2024 **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: Bobby Vincent Jr.; Director of Public Works

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

RE: TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SMART SCALE PROGRAM - ROUND 6 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY CITY/STATE AGREEMENTS RELATING TO VDOT SMART SCALE PROGRAM - ROUND 6 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) Smart Scale Program - Round 6, 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. 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 Smart Scale Program - Round 6.

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. The City has successfully applied for these funds every year since the program’s inception.

A City Council resolution in support of the proposed projects is required to participate in the program. The program will provide for construction of certain eligible transportation projects within the City. A formal City/State agreement is required by VDOT before the City can begin design and construction of the approved projects. The intent of this resolution is to provide City Council authorization to participate in the program and authorize the CAO to execute all necessary City/State agreements required for participation if the projects are funded.

Virginia's SMART SCALE (§33.221.4) 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 that are funded by HB 1887. Transportation projects are scored based on an objective, outcomebased 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 <<http://www.vasmartscale.org>>.

VDOT's Smart Scale Program has provided approximately \$320 M in the first five rounds of the program. 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 6 list of potential eleven projects (attached) is estimated at \$227 million (estimated cost may change after VDOT review and with the use of VDOT project estimating software. Smart Scale Program allows ten projects to be submitted by a locality while eleven projects can be submitted for pre-screening of the applications)

The deadline to submit the City's applications to participate in the Smart Scale Program - Round 6 is estimated at August 1, 2024. Pre-application is required to submit by April 1, 2024. CTB will adopt and fund projects in June 2025. Approved funding will be available in FY30/FY31.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: None. A formal public hearing of this paper will be conducted through City Council Land Use and Transportation Committee. The Department of Public Works recommends approval of this resolution.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL: Richmond 300 Master Plan; No other governmental entity needs to review.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: None. Not participating in this program eliminates the possibility of receiving up to \$227M through FY31 if City projects are selected for these important Capital Improvement Projects.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: February 12, 2024

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: February 26, 2024

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing, and Transportation Standing Committee meeting (February 20, 2024).

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Public Works; Law Department; Planning & Development Review; Public Utilities; Assessor; Finance; Budget and Strategic Planning; Fire Department; Police Department, Mayor's Office, and CAO's Office.

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None.

ATTACHMENTS: Sample Resolution for Smart Scale Program - Round 6
List of Smart Scale Program - Round 6 Candidate Projects

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Coordinated by: Michael B. Sawyer, P.E., City Transportation Engineer, DPW 646-3435

City of Richmond, VA
Smart Scale Program Candidate Projects for Round 6

January 17, 2024

#	Project	From	To	Estimated Cost*	Brief Description
A	Commerce Road Phase II Fall Line Trail	Decatur Street	Bellemeade Road	\$ 30,000,000	Previous submittal: This project will create a complete street with sidewalk, construct the Fall Line Trail, improve access management, access to transit stops and pedestrian crossings.
B	Port of Virginia Interchange / Commerce Road Streetscape	Walmsley Boulevard	Bells Road	\$ 17,000,000	Previous submittal: 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 port.
C	Forest Hill Avenue Phase II Improvements	Powhite Parkway	Dorchester Road	\$ 18,000,000	Previous submittal: This project will create a complete street with sidewalk, bike infrastructure, access management (medians), access to transit stops and pedestrian crossings.
D	Hull Street Phase II Improvements	Chippenham Parkway	Hey Road	\$ 5,000,000	Previous submittal: This project will provide pedestrian crossing enhancements, streetscape, shared use path, and signal modernizations. Connections to Southside Plaza Transit Center.
E	Norfolk Street Bridge	Belleville Road	Hamilton Street	\$ 42,000,000	Previous submittal: This project will connect Scott's Addition to Hamilton Street via a new bridge over the CSX railroad.
F	Fall Line Trail Chamberlayne Parkway Bridge over I-95	Duval Street	Baker Street	\$ 35,000,000	New submittal: This project will replace the bridge for new capacity and construct the Fall Line Trail.
G	US Route 360 Mechanicsville Turpike Roundabouts and Streetscape	Fairfield Avenue	Cool Lane	\$ 13,000,000	New submittal: This project will construct a roundabout at Cool Lane and a roundabout at Fairfield Avenue with appropriate multimodal streetscape on Mechanicsville Turnpike.
H	Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Hermitage Road, Westwood Avenue, and Brookland Parkway Roundabout	250' West of Intersection	250' East of Intersection	\$ 6,000,000	New submittal: This project will construct a roundabout at the intersection of Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Hermitage Road, Westwood Avenue, and Brookland Parkway Roundabout.
I	Cowardin Avenue at Semmes Avenue Protected Intersection	250' West of Intersection	250' East of Intersection	\$ 5,000,000	New submittal: This project will construct a protected intersection at the intersection of Cowardin Avenue and Semmes Avenue.
J	Hull Street / Clopton Street / Midlothian Turnpike Roundabout	250' West of Intersection	250' East of Intersection	\$ 6,000,000	New submittal: This project will construct a roundabout at the intersection of Hull Street / Clopton Street / Midlothian Turnpike.
K	N-S BRT Midlothian Turnpike at Belt Boulevard Interchange	250' West of Interchange	250' East of Interchange	\$ 50,000,000	New submittal: This project will construct two roundabouts and other multimodal interchange improvements for
				\$ 227,000,000	

Listed projects are not in order of priority

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