

INTRODUCED: June 11, 2018

A RESOLUTION No. 2018-R059

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 2018.

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Patron – Mayor Stoney  
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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: JUNE 25 2018 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:    JUNE 25 2018    REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_    STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

submitted in 2018 that are set forth on the document entitled “City of Richmond, VA, Smart Scale Program Candidate Projects for Round 3,” a copy of which is attached to this resolution.



CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

O & R REQUEST

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Office of the
Chief Administrative Officer

O&R REQUEST

DATE: May 11, 2018 EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor [Handwritten signature and date 5/24/18]

THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Robert C. Steidel, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - Operations [Handwritten signature]

THROUGH: Bobby Vincent, Director of Public Works [Handwritten signature]

THROUGH: M. S. Khara, P.E., City Engineer [Handwritten signature]

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

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OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

RE: TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROUND 3 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 the City Council approval for the City of Richmond participating and supporting the proposed projects related to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Round 3 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 3 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 two 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 FY24/FY25. Smart Scale Round 3 is a two year process (not annual as were the first two rounds of FY 16 and FY17).

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. Richmond can submit no more than maximum of 10 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](http://www.vasmartscale.org).

VDOT's Smart Scale program has provided approximately \$117million in the first two rounds of the program to the City (FY16 – approximately \$68million for 9 projects and FY17 – approximately \$49million 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 deadline to submit the City's applications to participate in the Round 3 Smart Scale Program is August 1, 2018. Pre-application is required to submit by June 1, 2018. VDOT will recommend candidate projects for public hearing in January 2019. CTB will adopt and fund projects in June 2019.

**FISCAL IMPACT/COST TO CITY:** None.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** Not participating in this program eliminates the possibility of receiving up to \$79million estimated cost of these projects for these important transportation Capital Improvement Projects.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** No.

**REVENUE TO CITY:** Approximately \$79million estimated cost of the projects through FY24/FY25 if City projects are selected.

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption.

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** June 11, 2018

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** June 25, 2018

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Land Use, Housing, and Transportation Standing Committee meeting (June 19, 2018).

**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); Chief Administrative Officer (Selena Cuffee-Glenn) and City Attorney (2)

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES:** None.

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** None.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Round 3 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 3**

Project	From	To	Estimated Cost*	Brief Description
Gillies Creek Greenway	Virginia Capital Trail	Jennie Scher	\$ 6,300,000	This project will provide a paved, shared-use path extending from the Virginia Capital Trail ultimately to Armstrong High School.
James River Branch Trail Greenway	49th	Hopkins	\$ 8,100,000	This project will provide a paved, shared-use path extending 2+ miles and connecting to Southside Plaza Transit Center.
Hull Street Phase III Improvements	Arizona	Warwick	\$ 10,000,000	This project will provide pedestrian crossing enhancements, streetscape, shared use path, and signal modernizations. Connections to Southside Plaza Transit
US Route 1 Phase II Improvements	Maury	Decatur	\$ 4,300,000	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.
Maury Street Phase II Improvements	Commerce	I-95	\$ 7,000,000	This project will provide Improvements to connectivity and capacity in I-95/Maury Street area. Supports Regional TPO Initiative (Commerce Corridor Study) and Richmond Marine Terminal.
Forest Hill Avenue Phase II Improvements	Powhite	Dorchester	\$ 19,000,000	This project will create a complete street with sidewalk, bike infrastructure, access management (medians), access to transit stops and pedestrian crossings.
Leigh Street Streetscape	4th	MLK	\$ 4,600,000	This project creates a complete streetscape with sidewalk, bike infrastructure as appropriate, access management, access to transit stops and pedestrian crossings to support VCU Health Campus and Arena RFP.
Clay Street Streetscape	I-195	Boulevard	\$ 4,900,000	This project creates a complete streetscape with sidewalk, bike infrastructure as appropriate, access management and pedestrian crossings to support Scott's Addition.
Boulevard Bicycle / Pedestrian Trail	Science Museum BRT	Scott's Addition / Boulevard Site	\$ 2,800,000	This project creates a shared use path connection from BRT to Scott's Addition with a future bridge connection over the CSX rail line to the new development site.
Lombardy Street CSX Bridge Replacement	Admiral	Leigh	\$ 12,000,000	This project upgrades the bicycle and pedestrian connections over a CSX owned asset in need of major replacement.
			\$ 79,000,000	

\* Planning Level Cost Estimates will be developed after pre-application is submitted on June 1st and before the application is due August 1st