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Agenda item # 3

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 18, 2025

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Kasprowicz, **Seconded By**: Ms. Green

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: SMART SCALE Project Cancellation
Columbia Pike Smart Corridor Project (UPC 111656) – Northern Virginia District

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (the "Board's") SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process last approved December 4, 2023, and as revised January 16, 2024, (the "Policy") states that a project that has been selected for funding through either the High Priority Projects Program or Highway Construction District Grant Program may be cancelled only by action of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Policy states that surplus Construction District Grant Funds no longer needed for delivery of a project will remain in the applicable Construction District Grant Program and may not be used in other districts and, further, provides that such surplus funds may either be reserved to address budget adjustments for current SMART SCALE projects or for allocation in the next solicitation cycle for SMART SCALE; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Policy states that surplus High Priority Projects Program Funds no longer needed for delivery of a project will remain in the statewide High Priority Projects Program and, further, provides that such surplus funds may either be reserved to address budget adjustments for current SMART SCALE projects or for allocation in the next solicitation cycle for SMART SCALE; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Policy states that in cases where programmed funds are no longer needed for delivery of a project due to estimate decreases, contract award savings, schedule changes, etc., the unexpended surplus funds are SMART SCALE unless superseded by the terms of a signed project agreement; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County submitted the Columbia Pike Smart Corridor Project (UPC 111656) for consideration and it was selected for $10,98,710 in funding through the Highway Construction District Grant Program in the second round of the prioritization process pursuant to Va. Code § 33.2-214.1; and

WHEREAS, the Project is locally-administered; and

WHEREAS, Arlington County is currently evaluating its commuter stores with respect to current and projected traveler needs and changing technologies, and the effort includes assessing the opportunity to redeploy existing assets that will efficiently serve the travel assistance needs for the Columbia Pike corridor; and

WHEREAS, in January 2025, Arlington County requested cancellation of the Project; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on February 18, 2025, the Board was briefed on the proposed cancellation of the Project and transfer of all Highway Construction District Grant funds to the Northern Virginia District Construction District Grant deallocation balance entry (UPC -21765); and

WHEREAS, VDOT recommends that the Board take action to cancel the Project and transfer all Highway Construction District Grant funds allocated to the Project to the Northern Virginia District Construction District Grant deallocation balance entry (UPC -21765).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, that Columbia Pike Smart Corridor Project (UPC 111656) is hereby cancelled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that all Highway Construction District Grant funds allocated to the Project be transferred to the Northern Virginia District Construction District Grant deallocation balance entry (UPC -21765).

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CTB Decision Brief
SMART SCALE Project Cancellation
Columbia Pike Smart Corridor (UPC 111656)

Issue: The Columbia Pike Smart Corridor Project (UPC 111656) (the "Project") was screened in for meeting a VTrans need and selected for funding. For reasons stated herein, in January 2025, Arlington County requested cancellation of the Project. Board approval is needed for cancellation of this Project pursuant to the Policy for Implementation of the SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process last approved by the Board December 4, 2023, and as revised January 16, 2024 (the "Policy").

Facts: Arlington County submitted the Columbia Pike Smart Corridor Project for consideration, and it was selected for $1,098,710 in funding through the Highway Construction District Grant Program in the second round of the SMART SCALE prioritization process. The Project consisted of one new retail commuter store, four new bike sharing stations, 136 new bike parking locations, and real-time and augmented reality transit information. The Project is locally administered.

The County is currently evaluating its commuter stores with respect to current and projected traveler needs and changing technologies. The effort includes assessing the opportunity to redeploy existing assets that will efficiently serve the travel assistance needs for the Columbia Pike corridor. The Board was briefed on the proposed cancellation at its meeting on February 18, 2025.

The Board's Policy states that a project that has been selected for funding through either the High Priority Projects Program or Highway Construction District Grant Program may be cancelled only by action of the Board. In the event that a project is not advanced to the next phase of construction when requested by the Board, the locality or metropolitan planning organization may be required, pursuant to Va. Code § 33.2-214, to reimburse the Department for all state and federal funds expended on the project.

The Board's Policy states that Surplus Construction District Grant Funds no longer needed for delivery of a project will remain in the applicable Construction District Grant Program and may not be used in other districts. In addition, the Prioritization Process provides that such surplus funds may either be reserved to address budget adjustments for current SMART SCALE projects or for allocation in the next solicitation cycle for SMART SCALE.

The Board's Policy states that in cases where programmed funds are no longer needed for delivery of a project due to estimate decreases, contract award savings, schedule changes, etc., the unexpended surplus funds are SMART SCALE unless superseded by the terms of a signed project agreement.

Recommendation: VDOT recommends that the Board cancel the Project and transfer all Highway Construction District Grant funds to the Northern Virginia District Construction District Grant deallocation balance entry (UPC -21765).

Action Required by CTB: The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to cancel the Project and transfer all Highway Construction District Grant funds to the Northern Virginia District Construction District Grant deallocation balance entry (UPC -21765).

Result, if Approved: If approved, the Project will be removed from the Six-Year Improvement Program and all Highway Construction District Grant funds allocated to the Project will be transferred to the Northern Virginia District Construction District Grant deallocation balance entry (UPC -21765).

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: None