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RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

May 21, 2025

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Kasprowicz, **Seconded By:** Mr. Lawson
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Adoption of SMART SCALE Recommendations for Preparation of the Final FY 2026-2031 Six-Year Improvement Program.

WHEREAS, section 33.2-214.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, provides that the Commonwealth Transportation Board ("Board") shall develop a statewide prioritization process for certain projects funded by the Board, including those projects allocated funds pursuant to section 33.2-358 of the *Code of Virginia*, and

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2015, Chapter 684 of the 2015 Acts of Assembly (HB 1887) modified section 33.2-358 and set forth the requirements relating to the allocation of funds to, and the establishment of, a High Priority Projects Program ("HPP") and a District Grant Program ("DGP") with candidate projects under these programs to be screened, evaluated and selected according to the prioritization process established pursuant to section 33.2-214.1; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted a policy and process on June 17, 2015, and most recently, a revised policy and process on January 16, 2024, to govern screening, scoring and selecting projects for funding pursuant to section 33.2-214.1 ("Project Prioritization Process"); and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted an *Updated Six-Year Improvement Program Development and Management Policy*, on March 19, 2024, which among other things, requires that the Board be presented with a fully funded scenario relating to the Project Prioritization Process (known as SMART SCALE) and development of the Six-Year Improvement Program for the Board's consideration; and

WHEREAS, 277 applications were submitted and screened pursuant to the sixth round of the Project Prioritization Process with 270 validated applications being found to propose projects that are consistent with or meet one or more VTrans needs, thus satisfying the requirement in section 33.2-214.1 (B)(2) that candidate projects "be screened by the Commonwealth Transportation Board to determine whether they are consistent with the assessment of capacity needs for all for corridors of statewide significance, regional networks, and improvements to promote urban development areas established pursuant to § 15.2-2223.1, undertaken in the Statewide Transportation Plan in accordance with § 33.2-353"; and

WHEREAS, at its January 14, 2025 Workshop, the Board was presented with the FY2026 funding distribution and the outcome of the prioritization process, along with a Staff Recommended Funding Scenario for the sixth round of the Project Prioritization Process, based on a two-step scenario ("Staff Recommended Funding Scenario") consisting of the following steps (collectively, "Funding Steps"):

Step 1: Fund top-scoring projects within each district eligible for Highway Construction DGP funds using DGP funds until the remaining funds are insufficient to fund the next highest-scoring project.

Step 2: Fund remaining top-scoring projects statewide that are eligible for HPP funds using HPP funds until the remaining funds are insufficient to fund the next highest-scoring project.

WHEREAS, at its April 15, 2025 Workshop, the Board was presented the Draft FY2026-2031 Six-Year Improvement Program based on the Staff Recommended Funding Scenario; and

WHEREAS, nine public meetings were held on the following dates in each district, April 22, 2025 (Richmond), April 23, 2025 (Lynchburg), April 24, 2025 (Hampton Roads), May 6, 2025 (Fredericksburg), May 7, 2025 (Culpeper), May 8, 2025 (Northern Virginia), May 13, 2025 (Bristol), May 14, 2025 (Salem), and May 15, 2025 (Staunton) to receive public comments on the Draft FY2026-2031 Six-Year Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, based on public and stakeholder input/feedback, the Board members requested changes, as outlined in Attachment A, to the Staff Recommended Funding Scenario at its May 20, 2025 Workshop, creating the proposed Consensus Scenario outlined in Attachment B, for consideration by the full Board, and

WHEREAS, in accord with the requirements outlined in *the Updated Six-Year Improvement Program Development and Management Policy*, full funding has been identified for all projects in the proposed Consensus Scenario; and

WHEREAS, the Board has given due consideration to the proposed Consensus Scenario presented at the May 20, 2025 Workshop.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the requested changes, outlined in Attachment A, to the Staff Recommended Funding Scenario as presented in the May 20, 2025 Workshop, pursuant to the sixth round of the Project Prioritization Process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts the Consensus Scenario (Attachment B) as presented in the May 20, 2025 Workshop, approving the identified projects for funding in the Final FY2026-2031 Six-Year Improvement Program.

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ATTACHMENT A

Bristol

- Unfund
  - App ID 11589 Route 75 at Green Springs Church Road Turn Lane Improvements in Washington County ($11.5M)
  - App ID 11735 Cummings St at US 11 and Remsburg Dr Improvements in the Town of Abingdon ($10.4M)
- Fund with DGP
  - App ID 11586 French Moore Blvd Extension submitted by Bristol MPO ($28.5M)

Culpeper

- No changes to the Staff Recommended Funding Scenario

Fredericksburg

- No changes to the Staff Recommended Funding Scenario

Hampton Roads

- Unfund
  - App ID 11683 Little Creek Road Bicycle Improvements in the City of Norfolk ($5.4M)
- Fund with DGP
  - App ID 11491 Cheriton RCUT in Northampton County ($6.8M)

Lynchburg

- No revisions to staff recommended staff scenario, DGP amount being used to cover previous DGP cost increases

Northern Virginia

- Unfund
  - App ID 11469 Cascades Pkwy Bike & Ped (Church Rd. to Victoria Station Dr) in Loudoun County ($9.3M)
- Fund with DGP
  - App ID 11466 Route 15 at Braddock Road Roundabout in Loudoun County ($14.5M)

Richmond

- Fund with DGP
  - App ID 11761 U.S. Route 60 at State Route 13/603 RCUT submitted by Powhatan County ($3.6M)
  - App ID 11470 I64 Exit 211 Interchange Improvement Project submitted by New Kent County for revised request amount ($18.2M)

Salem

- No changes to the Staff Recommended Funding Scenario

Staunton

- Unfund
    - App ID 11604 Waynesboro Transit Access Project in the City of Waynesboro ($2.6M)
- Fund with DGP
    - App ID 11809 US 50 and Hayfield Road RCI in Frederick County ($8.0M)

CTB Decision Brief

Adoption of SMART SCALE Recommendations for Preparation of the Final FY 2026-2031 Six-Year Improvement Program
(SMART SCALE Round 6 Consensus Scenario)

Issue: Approval and adoption by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) of the Consensus Scenario for Round 6 of the SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process (Consensus Scenario) is sought for preparation of the Final FY 2026-2031 Six-Year Improvement Program

Facts: The Consensus Scenario (Attachment B) for the sixth round of the SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process includes recommended modifications (Attachment A) to the Staff Recommended Scenario, which was presented at the January 14, 2025 CTB Workshop. The Consensus Scenario was presented at the May 20, 2025 Workshop, reflects final recommendations for modifications to the Staff Recommended Scenario, and if approved/adopted by the Board, will be implemented into the FY 2026-2031 Six-Year Improvement Program. Modifications to the Staff Recommended Scenario were made in collaboration with the Board, OIPI Staff, VDOT Staff, DRPT staff, and the applicant community.

A summary of the Consensus Scenario is provided below (for specific project modifications, refer to the May 20, 2025 Workshop presentation):

District	Staff Recommended		Consensus Scenario			
	Projects	Allocated (millions)	Projects	Change	Allocated (millions)	Change (millions)
Bristol	3	$27.2	2	-1	$33.9	$6.7
Culpeper	4	$93.5	4	-	$93.5	($0.0)
Fredericksburg	4	$90.3	4	-	$90.3	($0.0)
Hampton Roads	11	$139.2	11	-	$140.6	$1.4
Lynchburg	4	$82.4	4	-	$82.4	($0.0)
Northern Virginia	4	$88.7	3	-1	$90.0	$1.3
Richmond	14	$338.5	16	+2	$360.3	$21.8
Salem	3	$53.9	3	-	$53.9	($0.0)
Staunton	6	$69.9	6	-	$75.3	$5.4
Total	**53**	**$983.6**	**53**	**-**	**$1,017.2**	**$33.6**

Recommendations: OIPI recommends (i) approval by the Board of the recommended changes, set out in Attachment A, to the Staff Recommended Funded Scenario and the projects recommended for funding in the Consensus Scenario for the sixth round of SMART SCALE as presented in the May 20, 2025 Workshop and (ii) approval/adoption by the Board of the SMART SCALE Consensus Scenario, set out in Attachment B, for preparation of/inclusion in the Final FY 2026-2031 Six-Year Improvement Program.

Action Required by CTB: The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to approve modifications to the Staff Recommended Funding Scenario and approve/adopt the Consensus Scenario which will finalize the SMART SCALE Round 6 (FY 2026) Prioritization Process.

Result, if Approved: If approved, that the Consensus Scenario will be presented in the Final FY2026-2031 SYIP that will be adopted in June.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: Nine public meetings were held on the following dates in each district, April 22, 2025 (Richmond), April 23, 2025 (Lynchburg), April 24, 2025 (Hampton Roads), May 6, 2025 (Fredericksburg), May 7, 2025 (Culpeper), May 8, 2025 (Northern Virginia), May 13, 2025 (Bristol), May 14, 2025 (Salem), and May 15, 2025 (Staunton); to receive public comments prior to the Board's adoption of a Final Six-Year Improvement Program. The comment period for the Final FY 2026-2031 Six-Year Improvement Program was open until May 21, 2025. A summary of public comments will be provided at the June CTB meeting.

Attachment B Consensus Scenario
SMART SCALE Round 6

Display ID	District	Organization	Name	Area Type	Benefit	Total Cost	SMART SCALE Request	SMART SCALE Score	Fund Eligibile	(1) DGP	(2) HPP
11745	Bristol	Wise County	US 23 at Wise-Norton Road (Route 757) Turn Lane Improvement	D	6.42	$ 5,315,212	**$ 5,315,212**	**12.08**	DGP	$ 5,315,212	
11586	Bristol	Bristol MPO	French Moore Blvd Extension	D	6.78	$ 28,534,087	**$ 28,534,087**	**2.38**	HPP	$ 28,534,087	
11573	Culpeper	Culpeper County	Rt. 229, Rt.694 Double Lane Roundabout	D	17.16	$ 22,963,251	**$ 22,963,251**	**7.47**	DGP	$ 22,963,251	
11794	Culpeper	Culpeper Town	Ira Hoffman Roundabout	D	14.04	$ 20,941,406	**$ 20,941,406**	**6.70**	DGP	$ 20,941,406	
11487	Culpeper	Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO	US250/Peter Jeff. Pkway and Rolkin Road Pipeline Bundle	B	24.39	$ 36,406,798	**$ 36,406,798**	**6.70**	HPP		$ 36,406,798
11732	Culpeper	Warrenton Town	Lee Highway and Branch Avenue Intersection Improvement	D	7.36	$ 13,140,255	**$ 13,140,255**	**5.60**	DGP	$ 13,140,255	
11663	Fredericksburg	Caroline County	Paige and Marye Route 1 Intersection	D	19.63	$ 7,085,483	**$ 7,085,483**	**27.71**	DGP	$ 7,085,483	
11661	Fredericksburg	Caroline County	Turn Lanes at Lake Caroline	D	9.25	$ 9,043,110	**$ 9,043,110**	**10.23**	DGP	$ 9,043,110	
11640	Fredericksburg	George Washington RC	Rt 3 Pipeline Old Plank Road to Salem Church Rd	B	10.81	$ 16,803,447	**$ 16,803,447**	**6.43**	HPP		$ 16,803,447
11624	Fredericksburg	Spotsylvania County	US Rte.1 Southpoint Pkwy Intersection Improvements	B	32.41	$ 68,659,081	**$ 57,371,621**	**5.65**	BOTH	$ 57,371,621	
11807	Hampton Roads	Isle of Wight County	US Rt 17 Widening Phase 1 Lane Extension @ State Rt 669	A	32.48	$ 15,913,234	**$ 13,910,234**	**23.35**	BOTH	$ 13,910,234	
11560	Hampton Roads	Newport News City	STARS - Jefferson Corridor Improvements	A	17.95	$ 10,882,866	**$ 10,882,866**	**16.50**	DGP	$ 10,882,866	
11561	Hampton Roads	Newport News City	Warwick Blvd & Colony Dr Intersection Improvements	A	7.01	$ 4,762,574	**$ 4,762,574**	**14.73**	DGP	$ 4,762,574	
11743	Hampton Roads	Norfolk City	Project Pipeline HR-23-06: Monticello Ave Spot Improvements	A	10.83	$ 7,567,531	**$ 7,567,531**	**14.31**	DGP	$ 7,567,531	
11699	Hampton Roads	York County	Crosswalks on Merrimac Trail at 2nd St. and Penniman Rd.	A	1.68	$ 1,825,592	**$ 1,825,592**	**9.20**	DGP	$ 1,825,592	
11559	Hampton Roads	Newport News City	Jefferson & J. Clyde Morris Blvd Intersection Improvements	A	18.03	$ 21,403,026	**$ 21,403,026**	**8.43**	BOTH	$ 21,403,026	
11791	Hampton Roads	Norfolk City	Project Pipeline HR04 Military Highway	A	3.67	$ 4,506,963	**$ 4,506,963**	**8.15**	DGP	$ 4,506,963	
11812	Hampton Roads	Northampton County	Northampton Segment: Eastern Shore of Virginia Rail Trail	D	10.47	$ 17,814,640	**$ 17,814,640**	**5.88**	DGP	$ 17,814,640	
11671	Hampton Roads	Virginia Beach City	Virginia Beach Trail Phase IV	A	10.59	$ 23,792,343	**$ 23,792,343**	**4.45**	DGP	$ 23,792,343	
11811	Hampton Roads	Isle of Wight County	Rt 17 Widening Phase 2	A	10.81	$ 27,334,264	**$ 27,334,264**	**3.96**	BOTH		$ 27,334,264
11491	Hampton Roads	Northampton County	Cheriton RCUT	D	2.29	$ 6,830,131	**$ 6,830,131**	**3.35**	DGP	$ 6,830,131	
11691	Lynchburg	Pittsylvania County	Orphanage Road and Franklin Turnpike Traffic Signal	D	11.30	$ 5,973,029	**$ 5,973,029**	**18.91**	DGP	$ 5,973,029	
11471	Lynchburg	Nelson County	Route 151 at Tanbark Drive Roundabout	C	3.19	$ 12,693,049	**$ 12,693,049**	**2.52**	DGP	$ 12,693,049	
11493	Lynchburg	Campbell County	Timberlake Road Improvements (Greenview Dr. to Laxton Rd.)	C	5.69	$ 33,364,620	**$ 33,364,620**	**1.71**	DGP	$ 33,364,620	
11492	Lynchburg	Campbell County	Route 29 Safety Improvements - Southern Section	C	4.60	$ 30,407,170	**$ 30,407,170**	**1.51**	DGP	$ 30,407,170	
11577	Northern Virginia	Arlington County	US 50 at VA 27 Interchange Access Improvements	A	24.46	$ 32,348,376	**$ 32,348,376**	**7.56**	BOTH	$ 32,348,376	
11475	Northern Virginia	Prince William County	US 29 (Lee Highway) Corridor Improvements	A	18.63	$ 40,463,612	**$ 40,463,612**	**4.60**	BOTH	$ 40,463,612	
11466	Northern Virginia	Loudoun County	Route 15 at Braddock Road Roundabout	A	5.70	$ 46,914,469	**$ 14,538,179**	**3.92**	DGP	$ 14,538,179	
11598	Richmond	Goochland County	Fairground Rd/Maidens Rd Roundabout	D	11.51	$ 8,465,347	**$ 5,175,347**	**22.24**	DGP	$ 5,175,347	
11596	Richmond	Goochland County	Rte 288 - New SB Auxiliary Lane South of U.S. 250	B	25.72	$ 21,937,569	**$ 14,437,569**	**17.82**	BOTH	$ 14,437,569	
11656	Richmond	Henrico County	W Broad St & Glenside Dr Intersection Improvements	B	17.03	$ 12,199,788	**$ 10,199,788**	**16.70**	BOTH	$ 10,199,788	
11689	Richmond	Hanover County	Operational and Bike/Ped Improvements on US Route Corridor	B	16.15	$ 14,460,668	**$ 11,960,668**	**13.50**	BOTH	$ 11,960,668	
11456	Richmond	Richmond Regional TPO	I-95/Route 10 Interchange Improvement, Phase II	B	33.81	$ 49,199,490	**$ 30,535,523**	**11.07**	HPP		$ 30,535,523
11508	Richmond	Henrico County	Mechanicsville Tpke (Rte 360) SUP - Laburnum Ave to City	B	26.71	$ 27,607,338	**$ 25,107,338**	**10.64**	DGP	$ 25,107,338	
11441	Richmond	Richmond Regional TPO	B Belt Boulevard (SR161) Transit Streetscape	B	31.46	$ 33,373,813	**$ 31,373,813**	**10.03**	HPP		$ 31,373,813
11740	Richmond	Petersburg City	I-95@Rives Rd Exit Roundabouts	C	14.78	$ 20,995,240	**$ 15,743,044**	**9.39**	DGP	$ 15,743,044	
11761	Richmond	Powhatan County	U.S. Route 60 at State Route 13/603 RCUT	D	2.65	$ 10,190,338	**$ 3,633,231**	**7.30**	DGP	$ 3,633,231	
11595	Richmond	Goochland County	Route 250 at Route 288 Interchange Improvements	B	14.01	$ 29,961,918	**$ 22,461,918**	**6.24**	BOTH		$ 22,461,918
11590	Richmond	PlanRVA Richmond Regional PDC	Busy Street Extended	B	8.75	$ 22,293,031	**$ 14,762,577**	**5.93**	HPP		$ 14,762,577
11470	Richmond	New Kent County	I64 Exit 211 Interchange Improvement Project	B	9.59	$ 94,000,000	**$ 18,194,107**	**5.27**	BOTH	$ 18,194,107	
11608	Richmond	Tri-Cities Area MPO	Winston Churchill Drive Corridor Improvements	C	22.03	$ 42,654,365	**$ 42,654,365**	**5.16**	HPP		$ 42,654,365
11605	Richmond	Tri-Cities Area MPO	I-85/95 Interchange Improvements	C	23.28	$ 45,990,644	**$ 45,990,644**	**5.06**	HPP		$ 45,990,644
11792	Richmond	Ashland Town	I-95 and Route 54 Interchange	B	20.47	$ 45,756,123	**$ 41,091,948**	**4.98**	BOTH		$ 41,091,948
11509	Richmond	PlanRVA Richmond Regional PDC	Route 360/I-64 Interchange Improvements	B	10.95	$ 26,971,616	**$ 26,971,616**	**4.06**	HPP		$ 26,971,616
11538	Salem	Carroll County	Carrollton Pike (Rt 58) at Coulson Church Rd (Rt 620) RCUT	D	4.62	$ 10,531,849	**$ 10,531,849**	**4.39**	DGP	$ 10,531,849	

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11728	Salem	Henry County	Roundabout at Dillons Fork Rd (609) and The Great Rd (683)	D	5.46	$ 17,978,683	**$ 17,978,683**	**3.04**	DGP	$ 17,978,683	
11539	Salem	Carroll County	Intersection Improvements at Route 100 and Route 221	D	4.78	$ 25,397,984	**$ 25,397,984**	**1.88**	DGP	$ 25,397,984	
11746	Staunton	Win-Fred MPO	Route 50/17/522 Partial Median U-turn	C	26.09	$ 18,452,893	**$ 14,762,314**	**17.68**	HPP		$ 14,762,314
11736	Staunton	Harrisonburg City	Mt. Clinton Pike Corridor Safety	C	12.30	$ 12,347,319	**$ 12,347,319**	**9.96**	DGP	$ 12,347,319	
11819	Staunton	Frederick County	Gateway Drive Ext. and Intersection with Valley Mill Road	C	7.92	$ 12,861,272	**$ 10,289,018**	**7.70**	BOTH	$ 10,289,018	
11614	Staunton	Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO	Port Republic Road at I-81 Exit 245	C	5.94	$ 10,507,440	**$ 10,507,440**	**5.65**	HPP		$ 10,507,440
11566	Staunton	Augusta County	Route 256/I-81 Interchange: Three Lane Bridge	C	8.21	$ 19,384,059	**$ 19,384,059**	**4.24**	BOTH		$ 19,384,059
11809	Staunton	Frederick County	US 50 and Hayfield Road RCI	D	2.79	$ 10,011,642	**$ 8,009,314**	**3.48**	DGP	$ 8,009,314	

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