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SMART SCALE PROPOSED PROJECT ACTIONS

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SMART SCALE Proposed Project Actions

- Review CTB Policy for SMART SCALE Cancellations and Budget Increases
- Review 1 proposed cancellation and 2 proposed budget increases in Staunton District
- CTB Action in July 2026

SMART SCALE Proposed Project Cancellations

SMART SCALE Policy on Project Cancellation, December 2023

- A project that has been selected for funding through either the High Priority Projects Program or Construction District Grant Program may be cancelled only by action of the Board

SMART SCALE Policy

SMART SCALE Policy on Scope Changes and/or Budget Increases, December 2023

- **Significant changes to the scope or cost of a SMART SCALE project require a re-evaluation**
- **Board action is required to approve a SMART SCALE budget increase:**
  - i. Total Cost Estimate <$5 million: 20% increase in funding requested
  - ii. Total Cost Estimate $5 million to $10 million: $1 million or greater increase in funding requested
  - Iii. Total Cost Estimate >$10 million: 10% increase in funding requested; $5 million maximum increase in funding requested

Proposed Cancellation of Port Republic Rd / Forest Hill Rd Intersection Improvements (UPC 127915)

Project Information

Port Republic Rd / Forest Hill Rd Intersection Improvements (UPC 127915)

- Submitted by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO in Round 6 of SMART SCALE
  - Total Original Project Cost: $10,507,440
  - Total SMART SCALE Request: $10,507,440
  - Request funded with HPP funds
- Original Scope Included:
  - Turn lane additions and improvements at the intersection of Port Republic and Forest Hill, median improvements on Forest Hill
  - Remove existing bike lane and reroute onto a new 10-foot shared-use path
  - Add 5-foot sidewalks, a pedestrian refuge island, and new crosswalks
- Benefits were primarily due to Safety and Land Use

Project Snapshot

	Original Application
Total $	$10,507,440
SMART SCALE $	$10,507,440 (HPP)
SMART SCALE Score	5.65
Funding Scenario Rank	4/6
Current Expenditures	$0

Change Since Project Selection

- The City of Harrisonburg reassessed its commitments to transportation improvements and wants to deliver projects underway within their portfolio before undertaking new starts
- The Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO concurs with the cancellation and provided a letter on 4/2/2026

Proposed Budget Increase for N. Main Street Sidewalk (UPC 119661)

Project Information

N. Main Street Sidewalk (UPC 119661)

- Submitted by the Central Shenandoah PDC in Round 4 of SMART SCALE
  - Total Original Project Cost: $2,512,305
  - Total SMART SCALE Request: $2,241,025
  - Request funded with HPP funds
- Original Scope Included:
  - Construction of 1,800 linear feet of sidewalk with curb and gutter and ADA accessibility
- Project is locally administered and is expected to start right of way acquisition in August 2026
- Benefits were primarily due to Economic Development

Factors Contributing to the Shortfall

- Project has experienced increased costs across all phases as the design has been refined in preparation for initiating right of way
- Additional temporary construction easements are needed based on constructability review
- Additional costs associated with storm sewer construction
- Cost increases associated with the pedestrian signals at the intersection of North Main Street and Vine Street / Mt Clinton Pike

Proposed Project Budget Increase

	Original Application	Proposed Budget Increase
Total $	$2,512,305	$3,846,095 (increase of $1,333,790)
Project Budget	$2,241,025 – HPP $271,280 – Local	$3,273,409 – HPP $301,406 – Carbon Reduction (previously approved transfer) $271,280 – Local **$1,032,384 additional HPP recommended for approval**
SMART SCALE Score	5.05	3.45
Rank	16/22	19/22
Expenditures (May 2026)		$147,096

Proposed Budget Increase for South Main St. Corridor Safety – Southern Section (UPC 124006)

Project Information

South Main St. Corridor Safety – Southern Section (UPC 124006)

- Submitted by the Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO in Round 5 of SMART SCALE
  - Total Original Project Cost: $6,165,499
  - Total SMART SCALE Request: $6,165,499
  - Request funded with HPP funds
- Original Scope Included:
  - Construction of sidewalks with curb ramps and high visibility crosswalks
  - Construction of 2 bus shelter pads with bus shelters with benches
- Project is locally administered and has been scoped
- Benefits were primarily due to Safety, Economic Development, Accessibility, and Environmental

Factors Contributing to the Shortfall

- Starts right of way acquisition in August 2026
- Project is part of a bundle of City of Harrisonburg administered projects scheduled for advertisement in May 2028 including improvements near I-81 Exit 243
- Project has experienced increased costs across all phases
  - Increased design costs based on stormwater management and additional hydraulic design
  - Additional right of way due to design refinements and increased property value assessments since the time of project selection
  - Increased construction costs due to updates to hydraulic design, utilities, and earthwork costs which increased based on updated analysis related to geotechnical impacts

Proposed Project Budget Increase

	Original Application	Proposed Budget Increase
Total $	$6,165,499	$12,012,113 (increase of $5,846,614)
Project Budget	$6,165,499 – HPP	$7,165,499 – HPP ($1,000,000 HPP previous within threshold increase) **$4,846,614 additional HPP recommended for approval**
SMART SCALE Score	8.95	4.59
Rank	7/19	16/19
Expenditures (May 2026)		$469,716

Summary of Proposed Actions

HPP Changes	Amount
Deallocated Funds Currently Available	**$45,518,804**
Less pending budget increase for I-81 Exit 317 (UPC 124012) for action June 2026	- $9,391,149
Proposed cancellation Port Republic Rd / Forest Hill Rd Intersection Improvements (UPC 127915)	+ $10,507,440
Proposed budget increase N. Main Street Sidewalk (UPC 119661)	- $1,032,384
Proposed budget increase for UPC 124006 South Main St. Corridor Safety – Southern Section (UPC 124006)	- $4,846,614
Total Remaining	**$40,756,097**
Net Change to HPP Deallocated Balance	**- $4,762,707**

Recommendation for Action

- **Approve previously presented HPP budget increase for the I-81 Exit 317 Interchange Improvements (UPC 124012) in June 2026**
- **Approve additional proposed changes in Staunton District in July 2026**
  - **Cancellation of Port Republic Rd / Forest Hill Rd Intersection Improvements (UPC 127915)**
  - **Budget increase N. Main Street Sidewalk (UPC 119661)**
  - **Budget increase South Main St. Corridor Safety – Southern Section (UPC 124006)**


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