COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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*Agenda item # 12*

**RESOLUTION**
**OF THE**
**COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**July 22, 2026**

**MOTION**

**Made By:** Mr. Good**, Seconded By:** Mr. Payne

**Action:** Motion Carried, Unanimously

**Title: SMART SCALE Project Cancellation - Port Republic / Forest Hill Rd Intersection Improvements (UPC 127915) – Staunton 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 Program 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 High Priority Projects Program and, further, provides that such surplus funds will be reserved to address budget adjustments on existing SMART SCALE projects or reserved for allocation in the next solicitation cycle; 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decreases, contract award savings, schedules changes, etc., the unexpended surplus funds are SMART SCALE unless superseded by the terms of a signed project agreement; and

**WHEREAS,** the Port Republic / Forest Hill Rd Intersection Improvements (UPC 127915) project (the Project) was submitted for consideration by Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization and selected for $10,507,440 in funding through the High Priority Projects Program in the sixth round of the prioritization process pursuant to section 33.2-214.1; and

**WHEREAS**, after selection, the project was recommended for cancellation due to the City of Harrisonburg re-evaluating its current progress on previously selected SMART SCALE projects underway and desiring to deliver projects underway within their portfolio before undertaking new starts; and

**WHEREAS,** the Project has not started and has not expended any funds to date; and

**WHEREAS,** at its meeting on June 16, 2026, the Board was briefed on the proposed cancellation of the Project and transfer of all High Priority Projects Program funds to the statewide High Priority Projects Program deallocation balance entry (UPC -21770); and

**WHEREAS,** VDOT recommends that the Board take action to cancel the Project and transfer all High Priority Projects Program funds to the statewide High Priority Projects Program deallocation balance entry (UPC -21770); and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, that the Port Republic / Forest Hill Rd Intersection Improvements (UPC 127915) Project is hereby cancelled.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that all High Priority Projects Program funds be transferred to the statewide High Priority Projects Program deallocation balance entry (UPC -21770).

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**CTB Decision Brief**
**SMART SCALE Project Cancellation**
**Port Republic / Forest Hill Rd Intersection Improvements (UPC 127915)**

**Issue:** The Port Republic / Forest Hill Rd Intersection Improvements project (UPC 127915) (the "Project") was screened in for meeting a VTrans need and selected for funding. For reasons stated herein, in May 2026, the Harrisonburg Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") and the City of Harrisonburg ("City") 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:** The MPO submitted the Port Republic / Forest Hill Rd Intersections Improvement project for consideration in Round 6 of SMART SCALE and it was selected for $10,507,440 in funding through the High Priority Projects Program. The project consisted of turn lane additions and improvements at the intersection of Port Republic Road and Forest Hill Road adjacent to the Exit 245 interchange of Interstate 81, removal of an existing bike lane, rerouting onto a new ten foot shared used path as well as the construction of five-foot sidewalks, a pedestrian refuge island and new crosswalks.

The City of Harrisonburg currently administers a large portfolio of SMART SCALE projects in varying stages of design and development. The City has experienced cost increases on several projects and has reassessed its commitments to transportation improvements and wants to deliver projects underway within their portfolio before undertaking additional new projects. The Project was not scheduled to start until FY2028 and has incurred no expenditures to date.

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. The Board's Policy also states that Surplus High Priority Projects Program Funds no longer needed for delivery of a project will be made available for use on other projects statewide funded through the High Priority Projects Program. In addition, the Policy 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.

On June 16th, 2026, VDOT fully briefed the Board on this matter and recommends Board approval of the proposed cancellation and return of $10,507,440 to the statewide High Priority Projects Program deallocation balance entry (UPC -21770).

**Recommendation:** Approval of the cancellation of the Project and return of $10,507,440 to the statewide High Priority Projects Program deallocation balance entry (UPC -21770).

**Action Required by CTB:** The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to approve the SMART SCALE cancellation.

**Result, if Approved**: If approved, funds will be transferred back to the statewide High Priority Projects Program deallocation balance entry.

**Options:** Approve, Deny, or Defer.

**Public Comments/Reactions:** None