SMART SCALE BUDGET INCREASE REQUEST – BRISTOL

ROUTE 52 SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS (UPC 115470)

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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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

Project Information

Route 52 Safety Enhancements (UPC 115470)

- Submitted by Bland County in Round 3 of SMART SCALE
  - Total Original Project Cost: $4,491,045
  - Total SMART SCALE Budget: $ 4,491,045
  - Request funded with HPP funds
- Original Scope Included:
  - Turn lane improvements
  - Signage
  - Pedestrian crosswalk
  - Improved drainage system
- Project is VDOT administered and ready to go to advertisement
- Project benefits from economic development and environment

Factors Contributing to the Shortfall

- Delays due to right of way negotiations
- Increase in drainage items and full depth asphalt items
- Inflation and updated unit prices

Proposed Project Budget Increase

	Original Application	Current Status	Proposed Budget Increase
Total $	$4,491,045	$8,871,106	$8,871,106
Project Budget	$4,491,045 HPP	$5,379,973 HPP* $2,298,207 Safety $7,678,180 *within threshold HPP budget increase processed in May 2023 Shortfall of $1,192,926	$6,572,899 HPP* $2,298,207 Safety $8,871,106 *HPP increase of $1,192,926
SMART SCALE Score	3.45	2.88	2.36
Rank	8/10	8/10	10/10
Expenditures		$1,630,746	$1,630,746

Recommendation for Action

- **Approve proposed HPP budget increase request in October**
  - Fund shortfall from surplus Statewide High Priority Projects Program balances

HPP Deallocated Funds	Amount
Available currently	$38,182,613
Less proposed budget increase for UPC 115470	-$1,192,926
Total Remaining	**$ 36,989,687**


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