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SMART SCALE PROPOSED PROJECT CANCELLATIONS

Monticello Ave-Richmond Rd-Lafayette St Roundabout (UPC 115505)

Southside Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements (UPC 123054)

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SMART SCALE Proposed Project Actions

- Review CTB Policy for SMART SCALE Cancellations
- Review 2 proposed cancellations both in the Hampton Roads District
- CTB Action in October 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

Proposed Cancellation of Monticello Ave-Richmond Rd-Lafayette St Roundabout (UPC 115505)

Project Information

Monticello Ave-Richmond Rd-Lafayette St Roundabout (UPC 115505)

- Submitted by the City of Williamsburg in Round 3 of SMART SCALE
  - Total Original Project Cost: $6,381,090
  - Total SMART SCALE Request: $6,381,090
  - Request funded with DGP funds
- Original Scope Included:
  - Conversion of the existing signalized intersection at Monticello Ave, Richmond Rd, and LaFayette St to a roundabout
  - Replacement of sidewalk and add pedestrian refuge islands and new crosswalks at each leg of the roundabout
- Benefits were primarily due to Land Use, Economic Development, and Safety

Project Snapshot

	Original Application
Total $	$6,381,090
SMART SCALE $	$6,381,090 (DGP)
SMART SCALE Score	1.88
Funding Scenario Rank	24/32
Current Expenditures	$0 (as of 8/6/2026)

Change Since Project Selection

- The cost for the project has escalated since its original application submittal in 2018 from $6,381,090 to $10,569,000.
- Based on the significantly increased cost estimate in relation to its public benefit, the City has elected to focus additional local funding on other higher priority transportation improvements. As such, the City Council no longer desires to pursue the Monticello Avenue Richmond Road-Lafayette Street Roundabout Project.
- The City of Williamsburg City Council resolved in June 2026 to formally request cancellation.

Proposed Cancellation of Southside Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements (UPC 123054)

Project Information

Southside Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements (UPC 123054)

- Submitted by the City of Norfolk in Round 5 of SMART SCALE
  - Total Original Project Cost: $4,622,714
  - Total SMART SCALE Request: $3,606,814
  - Request funded with DGP funds
- Original Scope Included:
  - Removal of on-street parking and decrease the number of travel lanes
  - Construction of buffered and protected bike lanes along with a short sidewalk and installation of high-visibility crosswalks with accessible ramps as well as add a pedestrian-activated crossing beacon.
- Benefits were primarily due to Land Use, Safety, Accessibility, Environment, and Congestion

Project Snapshot

	Original Application
Total $	$4,622,714
SMART SCALE $	$3,606,814 (DGP)
SMART SCALE Score	38.05
Funding Scenario Rank	4/27
Current Expenditures	$0 (as of 8/6/2026)

Change Since Project Selection

- UPC 123054 was intended to serve as a subsequent phase of a previously funded and underway project (Southside Bike Lane Network UPC 115424) which was funded with RSTP funds through the Hampton Roads TPO and included a similar scope of work.
  - The project was delayed in reaching construction. At a spring public meeting with the Southside Task Force and Civil League leadership, there was significant opposition to the underway project and the City moved to cancel it.
- With the Southside Bike Lane Network project no longer advancing, the City determined the companion SMART SCALE project was no longer supported.
- The City of Norfolk concurs with the cancellation and provided a letter to VDOT requesting cancellation on 8/25/2026.

Recommendation for Action

- **Approve proposed project cancellations in October 2026**
  - **Transfer all Highway Construction District Grant Program funds to the Hampton Roads District Deallocation Balance Entry (UPC -21763)**


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