

# TJPDC SMART SCALE Area Type Consideration

**TJPDC Commission Meeting**  
**August 7, 2025**



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## Agenda

- I. SMART SCALE Program Overview
- II. Scoring Factors and Weighting
- III. Area Type D Scoring Outcomes Analysis for TJPDC Region
- IV. Next Steps

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## SMART SCALE Program Overview

Prioritization process used to fund projects in two construction programs:

- **High Priority Projects Program (HPP)**
  - Funds projects of statewide/regional significance
  - Competitive statewide
  - Projects must meet thresholds for location and project type to be eligible
  - TJPDC and CA-MPO are eligible
- **District Grant Program (DGP)**
  - Funds projects of local significance
  - Competitive within each VDOT Construction District
  - Only localities are eligible

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## Scoring Factors and Weighting

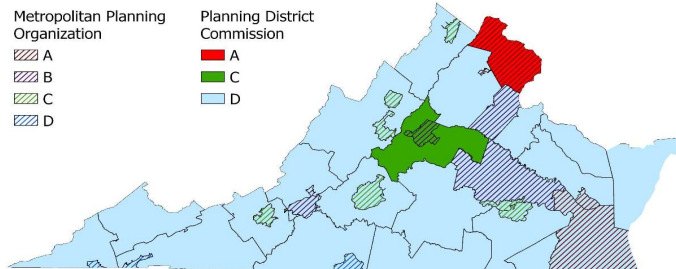
- Six scoring factors specified in Virginia State Code
- Factor weights used to calculate project score based on Area Type
  - Category A = Most Urban
  - Category D = Most Rural
- Area types are assigned by **planning district commission** and **metropolitan planning organization boundaries**
- Currently, TJPDC is **Area Type C**

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|------------|--------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Category A | 15%    | 45%                   | 25%           | Multiplier | 5%                   | 10%                   |
| Category B | 20%    | 25%                   | 25%           | Multiplier | 20%                  | 10%                   |
| Category C | 30%    | 20%                   | 15%           | Multiplier | 25%                  | 10%                   |
| Category D | 40%    | 10%                   | 10%           | Multiplier | 30%                  | 10%                   |

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## Scoring Factors and Weighting

**TJPDC and Northern Virginia Regional Commission** are the only two PDCs not categorized as Area Type D



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## Round 4: Area Type D Scoring Change Outcomes

| District  | Applicant       | Title                                                    | Grant Program | Round 4 Criteria | Round 6 Criteria |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Culpeper  | TJPDC           | Exit 107 Park and Ride Lot                               | HPP           | +                | +                |
| Culpeper  | Fluvanna County | Troy Road (631) and Route 250 Roundabout                 | DGP           | +                | +                |
| Culpeper  | Fluvanna County | South Boston Road (600) at Lake Monticello Road (618)    | DGP           | +                | +                |
| Culpeper  | Louisa County   | Route 208 & Route 250 - Intersection Improvement         | Both          | +                | +                |
| Culpeper  | Louisa County   | Route 250 and Route 15 - Intersection Improvement        | Both          | +                | +                |
| Culpeper  | Fluvanna County | Turkeysag Trail (Route 1015) & Route 53 Roundabout       | DGP           | +                | +                |
| Culpeper  | Greene County   | US 29/616 (Carpenters Mill Rd)/ Commerce Dr Improvements | Both          | +                | +                |
| Lynchburg | Nelson County   | Route 151 at Tanbark Drive intersection improvements     | DGP           | +                | +                |
| Lynchburg | Nelson County   | Route 29 & Oak Ridge Road                                | Both          | No Change        | +                |
| Lynchburg | Nelson County   | Route 6/151 Intersection                                 | DGP           | +                | +                |

Land Use was not a scoring factor for Area Types C & D in Round 4  
 → Round 6 Criteria scoring outcomes does not include a Land Use Score

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## Round 5: Area Type D Scoring Change Outcomes

| District  | Applicant       | Title                                                       | Grant Program | Round 5 Criteria | Round 6 Criteria |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Culpeper  | Louisa County   | Route 250 and Route 15 - Intersection Improvement           | Both          | +                | +                |
| Culpeper  | Louisa County   | Route 208 & Route 250 - Intersection Improvement            | DGP           | +                | +                |
| Culpeper  | Louisa County   | Spring Creek/Camp Creek/Route 15 Intersection Improvements  | DGP           | -                | +                |
| Culpeper  | Fluvanna County | Turkeysag Trail (Route 1015) & Route 53 Roundabout          | DGP           | -                | -                |
| Culpeper  | Fluvanna County | Troy Road (631) and Route 15 Intersection                   | DGP           | +                | +                |
| Culpeper  | Fluvanna County | Rte 53 and Rte 618 Martin's King Road Int Improvements      | DGP           | +                | +                |
| Culpeper  | Greene County   | US 29/616 (Carpenters Mill Rd)/ Commerce Dr Improvements    | Both          | +                | +                |
| Culpeper  | Greene County   | US33-743 (Advance Mills) & 1050 (Greenecroft) Intersections | DGP           | +                | +                |
| Lynchburg | Nelson County   | Route 6/151 Intersection Improvement                        | DGP           | +                | +                |
| Lynchburg | Nelson County   | Route 151 at Tanbark Drive intersection improvements        | DGP           | +                | +                |
| Lynchburg | Nelson County   | Route 29 and Front Street Signalized R-cut intersection     | Both          | +                | +                |

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## Round 6: Area Type D Scoring Change Outcomes

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|-----------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| Culpeper  | Greene County    | US33-743 (Advance Mills) & 1050 (Greenecroft) Intersections | DGP           | +       |
| Culpeper  | Greene County    | RT29-616 RCUT Project                                       | DGP           | +       |
| Culpeper  | Albemarle County | US 29 and Plank Road Intersection Improvements              | DGP           | +       |
| Culpeper  | Louisa County    | Route 15-22 Intersection Improvements                       | DGP           | +       |
| Culpeper  | Louisa County    | Route 208 & Route 250 - Intersection Improvement            | DGP           | +       |
| Culpeper  | Louisa County    | Route 250 and Route 15 - Intersection Improvement           | DGP           | +       |
| Lynchburg | Nelson County    | Route 151 at Tanbark Drive Roundabout                       | DGP           | +       |

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## VDOT Analysis Overall Findings

### Changing from Area Type C to D will improve project scores overall

- Some projects may go down in rankings due to other project scores improving by a greater amount

### No indication that area type C vs D impacted actual project selection outcomes in Rounds 4 through 6

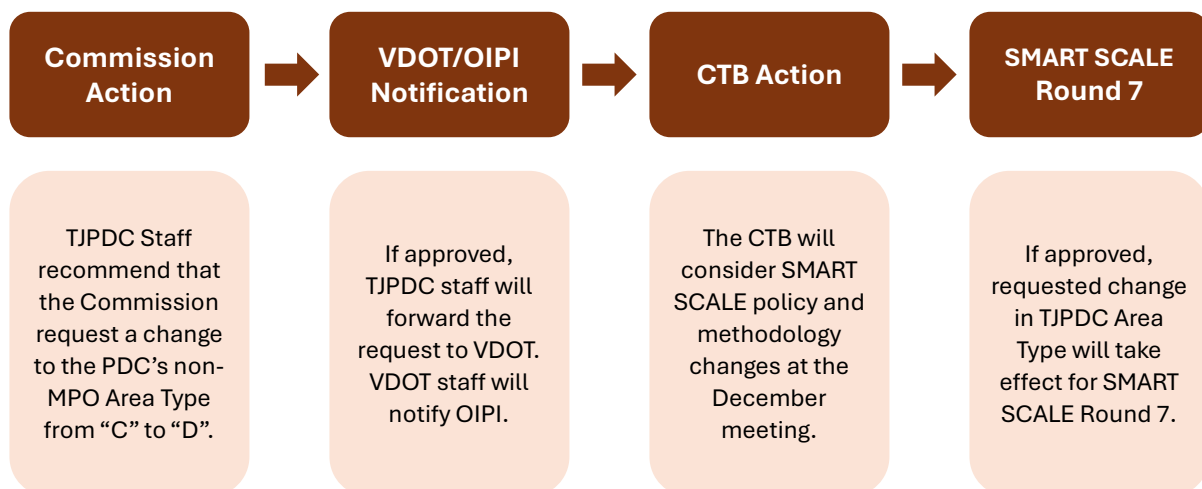
- US 33/Advance Mills/Greencroft Intersection would move up from rank 8<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in Round 6 → Next funded project had additional funds been available in DGP

### The Area Type for CA-MPO would remain Category B

- Area Type Category is determined by project location, not by submitting entity
- Any applications TJPDC submits for projects within the MPO boundary would still be evaluated using Area Type B Factor Weights

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## Next Steps



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## Questions?

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