



Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

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**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CHANGE THE THOMAS JEFFERSON PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION SMART SCALE AREA TYPE
FROM C TO D FOR ROUND 7 AND FUTURE ROUNDS OF SMART SCALE**

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-2141.1 of the *Code of Virginia* provides that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) shall develop a statewide prioritization process for certain projects funded by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the established biennial project prioritization process for selecting projects to be funded from the High Priority Projects (HPP) Program and Highway Construction District Grant Program (DGP) is known as SMART SCALE; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-214.1 requires that the CTB solicit input from localities, metropolitan planning organizations, transit authorities, transportation authorities, and other stakeholders in its development of the prioritization process; and

WHEREAS, the six factors considered in SMART SCALE scoring include safety, congestion mitigation, accessibility, land use, economic development, and environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, scoring factor weighting is determined by area type category, assigned by planning district commission and metropolitan planning organization boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) is presently categorized as Area Type C; and

WHEREAS, analyses completed and reviewed by VDOT and TJPDC staff indicates that projects within TJPDC rural areas would have generally scored higher in SMART SCALE had TJPDC been Area Type “D” instead of “C”; and

WHEREAS, a change in area type will affect projects submitted by all rural member jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, SMART SCALE Round 7 will begin March 2026 with a final application deadline in August 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the TJPDC and its member jurisdictions for future application submissions be scored according to Area Type “D” instead of “C”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission is in full support and requests a change in SMART SCALE area Type from Category “C” to “D”.

Adopted this 4th day of September 2025 by the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission.

Keith Smith, Chair
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

Christine Jacobs, Executive Director
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

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