

MEMORANDUM

To: Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO Technical Committee
From: Taylor Jenkins, Director of Transportation, TJPDC/CA-MPO
Date: December 2, 2025
Subject: SMART SCALE Round 7 – Project Locations

Purpose:

To seek a recommendation from the CA-MPO Technical Committee on which project locations the CA-MPO Policy Board should prioritize for SMART SCALE Round 7 applications.

Background:

SMART SCALE is Virginia’s data-driven prioritization process used to fund transportation projects in two construction programs: the High Priority Projects Program (HPPP) and District Grant Program (DGP). Established by the Code of Virginia [§ 33.2-214.1](#), projects must address a statewide VTRANS need to be eligible and the SMART SCALE process considers project cost and calculated “benefits” for six factor areas:

- Safety
- Congestion Mitigation
- Accessibility
- Land Use
- Economic Development
- Environmental Quality

The pre-application window for Round 7 of SMART SCALE opens on March 2, 2026.

Project Locations Under Consideration:

In no particular order, the following projects are identified as eligible and capable of meeting readiness requirements for the CA-MPO to submit:

1. US 29 NB / US 250 EB On-Ramp Extension (Old Ivy Rd)
2. US 29 SB / US 250 WB Off-Ramp Extension (Old Ivy Rd)
3. US 29 NB / US 250 EB Off-Ramp Improvements at Barracks Rd (ramp extension, dual left turns, and sidewalk improvements)
4. 5th Street/I-64 Improvements (DDI, shared use path connection, and sidewalk connection)
5. US 29/I-64 Exit 118 Improvements (interchange access and park-and-ride improvements)

While the CA-MPO is eligible to submit **four final applications** requesting funding at the direction of the Policy Board (slots are based on population size), applicants are permitted to submit up to **five pre-applications** due to the possibility of an application screening out for ineligibility or readiness requirements. Staff will be asked to prioritize which four to proceed with, however, if no projects need to screen out.

Staff observed the following considerations to support identifying which project to indicate as “fifth” priority during application entry:

- Project locations at **5th Street/I-64** and **US 29/I-64** both have VTrans Priority Needs of 1. Typically, the higher the VTrans Priority, the better the project’s score.
- For the Old Ivy Road ramp extensions, the **US 29 NB / US 250 EB On-Ramp Extension** has a VTrans Priority Need of 2 while the **US 29 SB / US 250 WB Off-Ramp Extension** (Old Ivy Rd) has a VTrans Priority Need of 3. The former could have a higher score in the evaluation process.

With these considerations in mind, staff recommend submitting the US 29 SB / US 250 WB Off-Ramp extension as the “fifth” application slot.

Staff Recommendations for Committee Action:

CA-MPO Technical Committee:

Staff recommend that the CA-MPO Technical Committee make a motion to recommend that the CA-MPO Policy Board approve the provided list of SMART SCALE Round 7 project locations as presented by CA-MPO staff in this memo.

CA-MPO Policy Board:

Staff recommend that the CA-MPO Policy Board make a motion to approve the provided list of SMART SCALE Round 7 project locations as presented by CA-MPO staff in this memo.

If there are any questions or comments, please contact Taylor Jenkins at tjenkins@tjpd.org and Sarah Simba at ssimba@tjpd.org.