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Agenda item # 11

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD
May 20, 2020**

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Johnsen, Seconded By: Dr. Smoot
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: SMART SCALE Project Cancellation
I-64 Ramp Signalization at Ashland Road (Rte. 623) UPC 109313

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (Board) Six-Year Improvement Program Development Policy adopted December 7, 2016 states that a project that has been selected for funding through either the High Priority Projects Program or Highway Construction District Grant Program may be cancelled only by action of the Board. In the event that a project is not advanced to the next phase of construction when requested by the Board, the locality or metropolitan planning organization may be required, pursuant to § 33.2-214 of the Code of Virginia, to reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for all state and federal funds expended on the project; and

WHEREAS, Item 13 of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Process adopted February 19, 2020 states that a project that has been selected for funding must be initiated and at least a portion of the programmed funds expended within one year of the budgeted year of allocation or funding may be subject to reprogramming to other projects selected through the prioritization process. In the event the Project is not advanced to the next phase of construction when requested by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the locality or metropolitan planning organization may be required, pursuant to § 33.2-214 of the Code of Virginia, to reimburse VDOT for all state and federal funds expended on the project; and

WHEREAS, Item 16 of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Process adopted February 19, 2020 states that once a project is selected for funding, an entity may not resubmit the project with a revised scope in a subsequent round unless the previously selected project has been cancelled; and

WHEREAS, Item 22 of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Process adopted February 19, 2020 states that surplus Construction District Grant Funds no longer needed for delivery of a project will remain in the applicable Construction District Grant Program and may not be used in other districts, and further, provides that such surplus funds may either be reserved to address budget adjustments for current SMART SCALE projects or for allocation in the next solicitation cycle for SMART SCALE; and

WHEREAS, the I-64 Ramp Signalization at Ashland Road (Rte. 623) UPC 109313 (Project) was submitted for consideration and selected for \$766,837 in funding through the Construction District Grant Program in the first round of the prioritization process pursuant to section 33.2-214.1; and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that a signal is not warranted at this location and alternative intersection treatments have been determined to be infeasible or cost prohibitive; and

WHEREAS, Goochland County has submitted a pre-application for Round 4 of SMART SCALE for a project with a different scope that addresses traffic issues at the same location; and

WHEREAS, the Project was scheduled to begin preliminary engineering in October 2016, but has not advanced to scoping, nor has any funding been expended on the Project; and

WHEREAS, VDOT recommends Board action to cancel the Project and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Richmond District Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC -15989) for allocation to projects selected in Round 4 of SMART SCALE.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, that the Project, I-64 Ramp Signalization at Ashland Road (Rte.623) UPC 109313, is hereby cancelled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that all Construction District Grant funds allocated to the Project be transferred to the Richmond District Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC -15989) for allocation to projects selected in Round 4 of SMART SCALE.

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CTB Decision Brief
SMART SCALE Project Cancellation
I-64 Ramp Signalization at Ashland Road (Rte. 623) UPC 109313

Issue: The I-64 Ramp Signalization at Ashland Road (Rte. 623) UPC 109313 project (Project) was selected for funding in the first round of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (Board) SMART SCALE Prioritization Policy/Process. The Project was submitted by Goochland County and screened in for meeting a VTrans need. It was selected for funding and received \$766,837 in Construction District Grant funds to support a total Project cost of \$766,837. The Department has determined that a signal is not warranted at this location and alternative intersection treatments have been determined to be infeasible or cost prohibitive. CTB approval is needed for cancellation of this Project pursuant to the Six-Year Improvement Program Development Policy adopted by the Board on December 7, 2016.

Facts: The Project is VDOT administered and was scheduled to begin preliminary engineering in October 2016; however, the Project has not advanced to scoping. There are no expenditures.

The Board's Six-Year Improvement Program Development Policy adopted December 7, 2016 states that a project that has been selected for funding through either the High Priority Projects Program or Highway Construction District Grant Program may be cancelled only by action of the Board. In the event that a project is not advanced to the next phase of construction when requested by the Board, the locality or metropolitan planning organization may be required, pursuant to § 33.2-214 of the Code of Virginia, to reimburse the Department for all state and federal funds expended on the project.

Item 13 of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Process adopted February 19, 2020 states that a project that has been selected for funding must be initiated and at least a portion of the programmed funds expended within one year of the budgeted year of allocation or funding may be subject to reprogramming to other projects selected through the prioritization process. In the event the Project is not advanced to the next phase of construction when requested by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, the locality or metropolitan planning organization may be required, pursuant to § 33.2-214 of the Code of Virginia, to reimburse the Department for all state and federal funds expended on the project.

Item 16 of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Process adopted February 19, 2020 states that once a project is selected for funding, an entity may not resubmit the project with a revised scope in a subsequent round unless the previously selected project has been cancelled. Goochland County has submitted a pre-application for Round 4 of SMART SCALE for a project with a different scope that addresses traffic issues at the same location

Item 22 of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Process adopted February 19, 2020 states that Surplus Construction District Grant Funds no longer needed for delivery of a project will remain in the applicable Construction District Grant Program and may not be used in other districts. In addition, this item provides that such surplus funds may either be reserved to address budget adjustments for current SMART SCALE projects or for allocation in the next solicitation cycle for SMART SCALE.

Recommendation: VDOT recommends that the Board cancel the I-64 Ramp Signalization at Ashland Road (Rte.623) UPC 109313 project and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Richmond District Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC -15989) for allocation to projects selected in Round 4 of SMART SCALE.

Action Required by CTB: The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to cancel the I-64 Ramp Signalization at Ashland Road (Rte. 623) UPC 109313 project and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Richmond District Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC -15989) for allocation to projects selected in Round 4 of SMART SCALE.

Result, if Approved: If approved, the project will be removed from the Six-Year Improvement Program and all Construction District Grant funds will be transferred to the Richmond District Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC -15989).

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: None