



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Commonwealth Transportation Board

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*Agenda item # 9*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

October 25, 2022

#### MOTION

**Made By:** Mr. Byers **Seconded By:** Mr. Yates

**Action:** Motion carried, unanimously

**Title: SMART SCALE Project Cancellation**  
**Preston Avenue/Grady Avenue Intersection Improvements UPC 118873**

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (Board's) SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process last approved December 8, 2021 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; and

**WHEREAS**, Item 22 of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Process adopted December 8, 2021 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 Preston Avenue/Grady Avenue Intersection Improvements UPC 118873 project was submitted for consideration and selected for \$7,743,498 in funding through the Construction District Grant Program in the fourth round of the prioritization process pursuant to section 33.2-214.1; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2022, the City of Charlottesville requested cancellation of the project due to public comments prompting the need for additional study; and

**WHEREAS**, VDOT recommends Board action to cancel the Project and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Culpeper Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC -21761).

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, that the Preston Avenue/Grady Avenue Intersection Improvements UPC 118873 project 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 Culpeper District Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC -21761).

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**CTB Decision Brief**  
**SMART SCALE Project Cancellation**  
**Preston Avenue/Grady Avenue Intersection Improvements UPC 118873**

**Issue:** The Preston Avenue/Grady Avenue Intersection Improvements UPC 111017 (Project) was selected for funding in the fourth round of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (Board) SMART SCALE Prioritization Process. The Project was submitted by the City of Charlottesville and screened in for meeting a VTrans need. It was selected for funding and received \$7,743,498 in Construction District Grant funds to fully fund the Project. Public response to the project prompted concerns and the City determined that additional study was needed to determine the best course of action. In June 2022, the City of Charlottesville requested cancellation of the Project. Board approval is needed for cancellation of this Project pursuant to the Policy for Implementation of the SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process last approved by the Board December 8, 2021.

**Facts:** The Project is locally administered and has not yet started.

Item 17 of the Board's Policy for Implementation of the SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process last approved by the Board December 8, 2021 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 22 of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Process adopted December 8, 2021 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 Preston Avenue/Grady Avenue Intersection Improvements UPC 118873 and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Culpeper Construction District Grant Balance Entry (UPC -21761).

**Action Required by CTB:** The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to cancel the Preston Avenue/Grady Avenue Intersection Improvements UPC 118873 project and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Culpeper Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC -21761).

**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 Culpeper Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC -21761).

**Options:** Approve, Deny, or Defer.

**Public Comments/Reactions:** None