



Virginia Department of Transportation

SMART SCALE PROPOSED PROJECT CANCELLATION

5th Street SW and Ridge (UPC 124409)

Culpeper District

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SMART SCALE Policy - Project Cancellation

SMART SCALE Policy on Project Cancellation, December 2023

- A project that has been selected for funding through either the High Priority Projects Program or Construction District Grant Program may be cancelled only by action of the Board

Project Information

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- Consists to two projects that were combined into one for delivery
- Submitted by the City of Charlottesville in Rounds 3 and 4 of SMART SCALE
 - Total Original Combined Project Cost: \$14,831,054
 - Total SMART SCALE Combined Request: \$14,831,054
 - Requests funded with DGP funds
- Original Scope Included:
 - Reduce congestion, improve safety, and accommodate bicyclists, pedestrians, and transit at the intersection of Ridge Street, Cherry Avenue and Elliot Avenue
 - Multimodal improvements along Ridge Street, including sidewalks, curb ramps/extensions, signal improvements, and bicycle facilities
- Benefits were primarily due to economic development and land use

Project Snapshot

	Original Application
Total \$	\$14.8M
SMART SCALE \$	\$14.8M (DGP)
Score	5.3 (Round 3) 17.3 (Round 4)
Funding Scenario	5/6 (Round 3) 3/21 (Round 4)
Current Expenditures	\$0

Change Since Project Selection

- **The current estimate is severely underfunded due to inflation, unit costs, and higher than anticipated right of way costs**
- **The City of Charlottesville reassessed its commitments to transportation improvements and wants to deliver projects underway within their portfolio before undertaking new starts**
- **The City Manager requested cancellation of the project in a letter dated October 15, 2024**

Recommendation for Action

- **Approve proposed project cancellation in January 2025**



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