

SMART SCALE PROPOSED PROJECT CANCELLATIONS

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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SMART SCALE Policy - Project Cancellation

SMART SCALE Policy on Project Cancellation

- 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

SMART SCALE Cancellations

- **Hampton Roads**
 - Route 301 South Sidewalk (UPC 115507)
 - Victory Boulevard Enhancement (UPC 115524)
- **Northern Virginia District**
 - Loudoun Park and Ride, (UPC 111470)
 - Route 50 Corridor Improvements (UPC 114827)
- **Richmond District**
 - Lower Appomattox River Trail (UPC 115402)

**ROUTE 301 SOUTH SIDEWALK (UPC 115507)
GREENSVILLE COUNTY, HAMPTON ROADS DISTRICT**

Project Information

Route 301 South Sidewalk (UPC 115507/App ID 3884)

- Submitted by Greensville County in Round 3 of SMART SCALE
 - Total Original Project Cost: \$576,903
 - Total SMART SCALE Request: \$576,903
 - Request funded with DGP funds
- Original Scope Included:
 - Construct a 5' sidewalk and ADA facilities along the west side of Route 301 South for approximately 960 feet
- Project is VDOT administered and the project has not started
- Project benefits were associated primarily with safety

Project Snapshot

	Original Application
Total \$	\$576,903
SMART SCALE \$	\$576,903 (DGP)
Score	9.5
Funding Scenario	9/32
Expenditures	\$0
Current Project Estimate	\$4,459,729

What changed after Project Selection?

- Prior to formally opening the preliminary engineering phase, the district determined that the project scope, as defined in the application, did not meet FHWA's definition of logical termini
- To meet the logical termini definition, the district needed to extend the limits which added scope items including a pedestrian bridge, drainage improvements, and a retaining wall not included with the original application
- These additional scope items led to significant estimate increases
- The Greensville County Board of Supervisors concurs the project is not positioned to move forward and passed a resolution on December 4, 2023 to request cancellation of project
- The Greensville Board of Supervisors may elect to re-apply in a future round

**VICTORY BOULEVARD ENHANCEMENT (UPC 115524)
CITY OF POQUOSON, HAMPTON ROADS DISTRICT**

Project Information

Victory Boulevard Enhancement (UPC 115524/App ID 3630)

- Submitted by the City of Poquoson in Round 3 of SMART SCALE
 - Total Original Project Cost: \$3,729,000
 - Total SMART SCALE Request: \$3,686,000
 - Leveraged Funds: \$43,000 local funds
 - Request funded with DGP funds
- Original Scope Included:
 - Intersection, turn lane, and shoulder improvements with a shared use path along Route 171 between Cary's Chapel Road and Wythe Creek Road
- Project is locally administered and has not started
- Project benefits were associated primarily with safety and land use

Project Snapshot

	Original Application
Total \$	\$3,729,000
SMART SCALE \$	\$3,686,000 (DGP)
Score	1.75
Funding Scenario	27/32
Expenditures	\$0
Current Project Estimate	\$3,729,000

What changed after Project Selection?

- The City was unsuccessful in acquiring two private roadways for public use for this project
- Without these acquisitions, the scope of the project did not make logical sense for the City
- The only remaining scope item that could be completed was the multi-use path and the City plans to solicit new sources of funding for that portion of the project
- The City Engineer requested cancellation of the project in a letter dated November 3, 2023

**LOUDOUN PARK AND RIDE (UPC 111470)
LOUDOUN COUNTY, NORTHERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT**

Project Information

Loudoun Park and Ride (UPC 111470/App ID 1230)

- Submitted by Loudoun County in Round 2 of SMART SCALE
 - Total Original Project Cost: \$7,604,400
 - Total SMART SCALE Request: \$3,633,400
 - Leveraged Funds: \$3,971,000 Northern Virginia Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Funds
 - Request funded with DGP funds
- Original Scope Included:
 - Design and construction of two park-and-ride lots, totaling a minimum of 450 spaces, in the Loudoun One development site and a site in western Loudoun in the Town of Purcellville
- Project is locally administered and has been scoped
- Project benefits were associated primarily with congestion and land use

Project Snapshot

	Original Application
Total \$	\$7,604,400
SMART SCALE \$	\$3,633,400 (DGP)
Score	11.65
Funding Scenario	9/21
Expenditures	\$468,032
Current Project Estimate	\$7,440,756

What changed after Project Selection?

- After the County applied for funding, the developer of One Loudoun proffered the design and construction of the park and ride lot within the development
- The Purcellville Town Council rescinded approval of the rezoning and permits for the site of the western lot due to significant public opposition
- On January 16, 2024, the Board of Supervisors directed staff to rescind their leveraged funding and cancel the project

ROUTE 50 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS (UPC 114827) LOUDOUN COUNTY, NORTHERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT

Project Information

Route 50 Corridor Improvements (UPC 114827/App ID 3537)

- Submitted by Loudoun County in Round 3 of SMART SCALE
 - Total Original Project Cost: \$5,000,000
 - Total SMART SCALE Request: \$1,292,500
 - Leverage Funds: \$700,000 Northern Virginia Highway Improvement Program (HIP) and \$3,007,500 local funds
 - Request funded with DGP funds
- Original Scope Included:
 - Develop and implement operational and safety improvements at two locations along US Route 50 (Route 50/Loudoun County Parkway and Route 50/Pleasant Valley Road) to enhance safety and reduce congestion
- Project is VDOT administered and needs to be re-scoped
- Project benefits were associated primarily with economic development and land use

Project Snapshot

	Original Application
Total \$	\$5,000,000
SMART SCALE \$	\$1,292,500 (DGP)
Score	6.17
Funding Scenario	6/13
Expenditures	\$730,990
Current Project Estimate	\$9,235,582

What changed after Project Selection?

- The county requested removal of funding for the project to allow them to apply for SMART SCALE funding in Round 6 for the Loudoun County Parkway and Route 50 interchange project, which is a longer-term improvement
- CTB policy prohibits the submission of an application for a new project that meets the same need at the same location as an existing project for two rounds following completion of construction
- This will allow the County to apply for SMART SCALE funding for the interchange project in Round 6
- On December 5, 2023, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors voted to request the removal of SMART SCALE funds from this project

**LOWER APPOMATTOX RIVER TRAIL (UPC 115402)
PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY, RICHMOND DISTRICT**

Project Information

Lower Appomattox River Trail (115402/App ID 3925)

- Submitted by Prince George County in Round 3 of SMART SCALE
 - Total Original Project Cost: \$44,000
 - Total SMART SCALE Request: \$44,000
 - Request funded with DGP funds
- Original Scope Included:
 - Provide Lower Appomattox River Trail link to the Capital Trail via a shuttle bus
- Project is locally administered and has not started
- Project benefits were associated only with accessibility

Project Snapshot

	Original Application
Total \$	\$44,000
SMART SCALE \$	\$44,000 (DGP)
Score	31.64
Funding Scenario	1/20
Expenditures	\$0
Current Project Estimate	\$44,000

What changed after Project Selection?

- The County submitted the application at the request of staff at the Crater Metropolitan Planning Organization and Planning District Commission and the Friends of the Lower Appomattox River and Lower Appomattox River Trail
- When the project application was submitted, the County identified operational costs, but the County did not intend to cover those costs
- With the delays associated with finding an operator, the purchase price for the shuttle and trailer have also increased. Without another agency willing to cover the operational expenses and the increased vehicle cost, the project is no longer viable.
- On April 28, 2023, the County requested cancellation of the project

Recommendation for Action in March

UPC	Description	Action	Amount Returned
115507	Route 301 South Sidewalk	Cancel project and transfer full amount of DGP to Hampton Roads District DGP deallocation balance entry (-21763)	\$576,903
115524	Victory Boulevard Enhancements	Cancel project and transfer full amount of DGP to Hampton Roads District deallocation balance entry (-21763)	\$3,686,000
111470	Loudoun Park and Ride	Cancel project and transfer full amount of DGP to Northern Virginia deallocation balance entry (-21765); cover expenditures with leveraged funds	\$3,633,400
114827	Route 50 Corridor Improvement	Cancel project and transfer full amount of DGP to Northern Virginia deallocation balance entry (-21765); cover expenditures with leveraged funds	\$1,292,500
115402	Appomattox River Trail	Cancel project and transfer full amount to Richmond District DGP deallocation balance entry (-21766)	\$44,000

