



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Commonwealth Transportation Board

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*Agenda item # 11*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 18, 2026

#### MOTION

**Made By:** Ms. Sellers, **Seconded By:** Mr. Gribbin

**Action:** Motion Carried, Unanimously

#### **Title: SMART SCALE Project Cancellation – Centerville Turnpike Widening Phase III (UPC 109381) – Hampton Roads District**

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth Transportation Board’s (the “Board’s”) SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process last approved December 4, 2023, and as revised January 16, 2024, (the “Policy”) 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**, the Board’s Policy 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 Board’s Policy states that surplus High Priority Projects Program Funds no longer needed for delivery of a project will remain in the statewide High Priority Projects Program 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 Board’s Policy states that in cases where programmed funds are no longer needed for delivery of a project due to estimate decreases, contract award savings, schedule changes, etc., the unexpended surplus funds are SMART SCALE unless superseded by the terms of a signed project agreement; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Virginia Beach submitted the Centerville Turnpike Widening Phase III (UPC 109381) Project (“the Project”) for consideration and it was selected for \$6,000,000 in funding through the Highway Construction District Grant Program in the first round of the prioritization process pursuant to Va. Code § 33.2-214.1; and

**WHEREAS**, after selection, the project experienced significant delays and cost increases; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Virginia Beach has determined that the project no longer provides sufficient operational or transportation benefit relative to higher priority needs in the City and requested cancellation in January 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately \$535,382 has been expended on the Project and the City of Virginia Beach has agreed to reimburse the Department the expended funds; and

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting on February 17, 2026, the Board was briefed on the proposed cancellation of the Project and transfer of all Highway Construction District Grant Program funds to the Hampton Roads Highway Construction District Program deallocation balance entry (UPC -21763); and

**WHEREAS**, VDOT recommends that the Board take action to cancel the Project and transfer all Highway Construction District Grant Program funds to the Hampton Roads Highway Construction District Program deallocation balance entry (UPC -21763).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, that the Centerville Turnpike Widening Phase III (UPC 109381) Project is hereby cancelled.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board that all Highway Construction District Grant Program funds be transferred to the Hampton Roads Highway Construction District Program deallocation balance entry (UPC -21763).

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**CTB Decision Brief**  
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Centerville Turnpike Widening Phase III (UPC 109381)

**Issue:** The Centerville Turnpike Widening Phase III project (UPC 109381) (the “Project”) was screened in for meeting a VTrans need and selected for funding. For reasons stated herein, in January 2026, the City of Virginia Beach 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 4, 2023, and as revised January 16, 2024 (the “Policy”).

**Facts:** City of Virginia Beach submitted the Centerville Turnpike Widening Phase III (UPC 109381) for consideration and it was selected for \$6,000,000 in funding through the Highway Construction District Grant Program in the first round of the prioritization process. The project consisted of widening Centerville Turnpike to a 4-lane divided highway with raised median between Lynnhaven Parkway and Kempsville Road, 4-foot on-street bike lanes, sidewalks, curb and gutter, new storm drainage system, purchase of one medium duty bus, and construction of two new bus shelters.

After selection, the project experienced significant delays and associated cost increases. The City determined that the project no longer provides sufficient operational or transportation benefit relative to higher priority needs in the City. In January 2026, the City of Virginia Beach requested cancellation of the project. The Project has incurred expenditures of \$535,382 to date. The City has agreed to reimburse the Department for all expended funds. The Board was briefed on the proposed cancellation at its meeting on February 17, 2026.

The Board’s Policy 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 Va. Code § 33.2-214, to reimburse the Department for all state and federal funds expended on the project.

The Board’s Policy 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, the Prioritization Process 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.

The Board’s Policy states that in cases where programmed funds are no longer needed for delivery of a project due to estimate decreases, contract award savings, schedule changes, etc., the unexpended surplus funds are SMART SCALE unless superseded by the terms of a signed project agreement.

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**Recommendation:** VDOT recommends that the Board cancel the Project and transfer all Highway Construction District Grant funds to the Hampton Roads Highway Construction District Grant Program deallocation balance entry (UPC -21763).

**Action Required by CTB:** The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to cancel the Project and transfer all Highway Construction District Grant funds to the Hampton Roads Highway Construction District Grant Program deallocation balance entry (UPC -21763).

**Result, if Approved:** If approved, the Project will be removed from the Six-Year Improvement Program and all Highway Construction District Grant funds will be transferred to the Hampton Roads Highway Construction District Grant Program deallocation balance entry (UPC -21763).

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

**Public Comments/Reactions:** None