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Agenda item # 2

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 20, 2022

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Stant **Seconded By:** Mr. Coleman

Action: Motion carried, unanimously

**Title: SMART SCALE Project Budget Increase for Brambleton Avenue/Park Avenue
Intersection Improvement UPC 111019 in the City of Norfolk**

WHEREAS, section 33.2-214.1 of the Code of Virginia, provides that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) shall develop a statewide prioritization process for certain projects funded by the Board, including those projects allocated funds pursuant to sections 33.2-358, 33.2-370 and 33.2-371 of the Code of Virginia, and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2021, the Board adopted a revised SMART SCALE Prioritization Process to govern screening, scoring and selecting projects for funding pursuant to section 33.2-214.1; and

WHEREAS, Item 12 of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Process provides that a project that has been selected for funding must be re-scored and the funding decision reevaluated if there are significant changes to either the scope or cost of the project, such that the anticipated benefits relative to funding requested would have substantially changed; and

WHEREAS, Item 12.a. of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Process further provides that if an estimate increases prior to project advertisement or contract award that exceeds the following thresholds, and the applicant is not covering the increased cost with other funds, Board action is required to approve the budget increase:

- i. Total Cost Estimate <\$5 million: 20% increase in funding requested
- ii. Total Cost Estimate \$5 million to \$10 million: \$1 million or greater increase in funding requested

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iii. Total Cost Estimate > \$10 million: 10% increase in funding requested; \$5 million maximum increase in funding requested; and

WHEREAS, section 33.2-214 requires projects funded wholly or partially with funds from the State of Good Repair Program pursuant to section 33.2-369, the High Priority Projects Program pursuant to section 33.2-370, or the Highway Construction District Grant Programs pursuant to section 33.2-371, or the Interstate Operations and Enhancement Program pursuant to section 33.2-372, or capital projects funded through the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Program pursuant to section 33.2-373 in the Six-Year Improvement Program to be fully funded within the six-year horizon of the Six-Year Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, Brambleton Ave/Park Avenue Intersection Improvement UPC 111019 Project (the Project) was submitted for consideration and selected for \$594,000 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 Project was ranked 2 out of 25 projects selected in Round 2 in the Hampton Roads District with a score of 278.7; and

WHEREAS, the Project has not yet started, and has had a cost estimate increase due to utility relocations and storm water management requirements that were not included in the original estimate; and

WHEREAS, the Project has not yet started and the estimated cost of the project exceeds the approved budget of \$594,000 by approximately \$745,077; and,

WHEREAS, VDOT recommends Board approval of a SMART SCALE budget increase in the remaining amount of up to \$745,077 using surplus Construction District Grant funds in the Hampton Roads District (UPC -21763).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, that the SMART SCALE budget increase of \$745,077 for the Project, using surplus Construction District Grant funds in the Hampton Roads District (UPC -21763), is approved.

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CTB Decision Brief
**SMART SCALE Project Budget Increase for Brambleton Avenue/Park Avenue
Intersection Improvement UPC 111019 in the City of Norfolk**

Issue: Brambleton Avenue/Park Avenue Intersection Improvement UPC 111019 project (Project) was selected for funding in the second round of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (Board) SMART SCALE Prioritization Policy/Process and the current estimated cost for completion of the Project exceeds the approved budget by \$745,077. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends Board approval of a SMART SCALE budget increase in the amount of up to \$745,077 using surplus Construction District Grant funds in the Hampton Roads District from UPC -21763. Board approval of the budget increase is required.

Facts: Item 12 of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Policy/Process, adopted December 8, 2021, provides that a project that has been selected for funding must be re-scored and the funding decision reevaluated if there are significant changes to either the scope or cost of the project, such that the anticipated benefits relative to funding requested would have substantially changed.

Item 12.a. of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Process states that if an estimate increases prior to project advertisement or contract award that exceeds the following thresholds, and the applicant is not covering the increased cost with other funds, Board action is required to approve the budget increase:

- i. Total Cost Estimate <\$5 million: 20% increase in funding requested
- ii. Total Cost Estimate \$5 million to \$10 million: \$1 million or greater increase in funding requested
- iii. Total Cost Estimate > \$10 million: 10% increase in funding requested; \$5 million maximum increase in funding requested

The Brambleton Avenue/Park Avenue Intersection Improvement UPC 111019 project (Project) was submitted for consideration and selected for \$594,000 in funding through the Construction District Grant Program. The Project was ranked 2 out of 51 projects selected for funding in Round 2 in the Hampton Roads District with a score of 278.7.

The Project has not yet started and has experienced a beyond threshold cost increase due to utility relocations and storm water management requirements that were not included in the original estimate.

VDOT recommends Board approval of a SMART SCALE budget increase to address the remaining shortfall of \$745,077 using surplus Construction District Grant funds in the Hampton Roads District (UPC -21763).

Recommendation: Approval of a SMART SCALE budget increase in the amount of \$745,077 using surplus Construction District Grant funds (UPC -21763) in the Hampton Roads District.

Action Required by CTB: The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to approve the SMART SCALE budget increase.

Result, if Approved: If approved, funds will be transferred so that the project can advance.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: None