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Agenda item # 5

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 17, 2021

MOTION

Made By: Dr. Smoot, **Seconded By:** Ms. Hynes
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: SMART SCALE Project Cancellation
Rte. 301 South Median Crossover UPC 111790

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (Board) Policy for Implementation of the SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process (the SMART SCALE Prioritization Process) last approved February 19, 2020 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 17 of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Process adopted February 19, 2020, providing for cancellation of a project only by the Board, also states that in the event the 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 Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for all state and federal funds expended on the project; and

WHEREAS, Item 22 of the Board's SMART SCALE Prioritization Process adopted February 19, 2020 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 Rte. 301 South Median Crossover UPC 111790 (Project) was submitted for consideration and selected for \$729,480 in funding through the Construction District Grant Program in the second round of the prioritization process pursuant to section 33.2-214.1; and

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WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Project has increased to \$927,175 and Greenville County and VDOT have exhausted all efforts to bring the project cost within the available budget; and

WHEREAS, Greenville County passed a resolution October 5, 2020 withdrawing their support for the Project and requesting that the Project be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the Project has incurred approximately \$60,000 in expenditures utilizing SMART SCALE/Construction District Grant Program funds, for which the County has agreed to reimburse VDOT; and

WHEREAS, VDOT recommends Board action to cancel the Project and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Hampton Roads District Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC 21763).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, that the Project, Rte. 301 South Median Crossover UPC 111790, 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 Hampton Roads District Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC 21763).

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CTB Decision Brief
SMART SCALE Project Cancellation
Rte. 301 South Median Crossover UPC 111790

Issue: The Rte. 301 South Median Crossover UPC 111790 project (Project) was selected for funding in the second round of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (Board) SMART SCALE Prioritization Policy/Process. The Project was submitted by Greenville County and screened in for meeting a VTrans need. It was selected for funding and was allocated \$729,480 in Construction District Grant funds to fully fund the Project. The Project's estimated cost has increased to \$927,175 and the County and the Department have exhausted all efforts to bring the Project within the available budget. Greenville County passed a resolution October 5, 2020 withdrawing their support for the project and requesting that the project be cancelled. CTB approval is needed for cancellation of this Project pursuant to the Policy for Implementation of the SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process (the SMART SCALE Prioritization Process) last approved by the Board February 19, 2020.

Facts: The Project is Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) administered and is in the preliminary engineering phase. The Project has incurred approximately \$60,000 in expenditures, for which the County has agreed to reimburse VDOT.

Item 17 of the SMART SCALE Prioritization Process last approved by the Board February 19, 2020 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 VDOT for all state and federal funds expended on the project.

Item 22 of the SMART SCALE Prioritization Process adopted February 19, 2020 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 Rte. 301 South Median Crossover UPC 111790 project and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Hampton Roads Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC 21763).

Action Required by CTB: The Board will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to cancel the Rte. 301 South Median Crossover UPC 111790 project and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Hampton Roads Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC 21763).

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 Hampton Roads Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC 21763).

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: None