

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD
777 North Capitol Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SUBMISSION OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA PROJECTS
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA'S SMART SCALE TRANSPORTATION
PROJECT PRIORITIZATION PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region, has the responsibility under the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, reauthorized November 15, 2021 when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law, for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2025, the TPB approved the Visualize 2050 National Capital Region Transportation Plan which was developed as specified in the Federal Planning Regulations and is the MPO's metropolitan transportation plan (MTP) of record; and

WHEREAS, localities, agencies and public transportation providers that wish to submit for projects for funding through the Commonwealth of Virginia's SMART SCALE prioritization process must demonstrate that the project is included in or is consistent with the MPO's metropolitan transportation plan, and, the project must have an MPO resolution of support, in order to be considered; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) receives all SMART SCALE project submissions and has transmitted the attached list of preliminary applications received by the April 1, 2026 pre-application deadline, and has worked with TPB staff in reviewing the project submission eligibility; and

WHEREAS, submission of projects to the Commonwealth for the SMART SCALE process does not infer or commit the TPB to include any project into its MTP or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, any project that is considered regionally significant for air quality conformity purposes must go through the process to be included in the TPB's air quality conformity analysis for it to be eligible for inclusion in the MTP or TIP; and

WHEREAS, due to the August 1, 2026 application deadline, the final list of projects submitted may be a subset of the attached preliminary list, VDOT will provide the TPB with a list of projects that were submitted at the August 1, 2026 deadline, and VDOT will also provide TPB with the list of projects that were awarded funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board supports submission of the Northern Virginia projects to the Commonwealth of Virginia SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process as listed in the following attachment.

Adopted by the TPB Steering Committee at its meeting on Friday, June 5, 2026.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Stephen C. Brich, P.E.
Commissioner

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May 28, 2026

The Honorable Neil Harris, Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capital Street, N.E., Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002-4201

RE: Northern Virginia SMART SCALE application process – TPB resolution of support to apply for funding

Dear Chair Harris:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) seeks the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board's (TPB) approval of a resolution of support for the submission of Northern Virginia SMART SCALE projects that are not currently in the recently adopted Visualize 2050 Plan.

Virginia House Bill 2, signed by the Virginia Governor on April 6, 2014, and effective as of July 1, 2014, required the development of a prioritization process, now known as SMART SCALE, and directed the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to develop and use a performance-based scoring process for project selection. The purpose of SMART SCALE is to fund the right transportation projects through a prioritization process that evaluates each project's merits using key factors, including improvements to safety, congestion reduction, accessibility, land use, economic development, and the environment. The evaluation focuses on the degree to which a project addresses an identified problem or need relative to requested funding for the project. Once projects are scored and prioritized, the CTB has the best information possible to select the right projects for funding.

As part of the SMART SCALE prioritization process, Virginia law requires that Northern Virginia localities, agencies and public transportation providers that wish to submit projects for Virginia SMART SCALE funding must show that the project is included in or is exempt from inclusion in each Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) or, if the project is not in the an MPO's CLRP, it must have a resolution of support.

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There are several projects that Virginia TPB member jurisdictions wish to be considered for the SMART SCALE prioritization process, therefore the TPB, as the MPO representing Northern Virginia, is being asked to approve a resolution of support for projects that are not in the TPB's current long-range plan, Visualize2050. This resolution will not be an endorsement of a project, rather it will enable a project to be submitted for review. If the project is awarded with SMART SCALE funding, it will then re-enter the TPB process as a new project and will be evaluated accordingly as specified in the TPB Technical Solicitation Submission Guide. In addition, the first year of the awarded funding will be FY2030, therefore, there will be time for any project that gets funded to be included in Visualize 2050.

Enclosed are the list of 39 Northern Virginia's projects submitted as pre-applications for the Commonwealth of Virginia FY2028 SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process. VDOT requests that the resolution of support be approved by the TPB Steering Committee at its June 5, 2026, meeting.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Should you have any additional questions, please contact Regina Moore at (703) 963-5388 or via email at Regina.Moore@vdot.virginia.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Cuttler", with the word "for" written below it.

Bill Cuttler, P.E.
Northern Virginia District Engineer

Enclosure

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**NORTHERN VIRGINIA PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
2026 SMART SCALE PROJECT PRIORITIZATION PROCESS**

SMART SCALE PROJECT PROPOSALS NOT CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN THE VISUALIZE 2050 PLAN

Highway Projects (12)

- Langston Blvd at N. Lynn St / WB and EB I-66 Intersection Improvements Arlington County
- Route 7 / Route 601 Intersection Improvements Clark County**
- Braddock Road Phase II Fairfax County
- Roberts Parkway Improvements Fairfax County
- Route 50 Safety and Operational Improvements – Chantilly Fairfax County
- Route 15 Lucketts "bypass" Loudoun County
- N. Meade St over US 50 Roadway and Interchange Improvements Arlington County
- Franconia Road at Commerce Street Fairfax County
- South Van Dorn Street Improvements Fairfax County
- Route 7 at Battlefield Parkway Interchange Improvements Leesburg Town
- IIP - James Monroe Hwy & Lime Kiln Road Loudoun County
- IIP - Leesburg Pike Intersection Improvements Loudoun County

*** Note – A portion of this proposed project is located within the TPB boundary area*

Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects (13)

- Mt Vernon Ave Safety Improvements Alexandria City
- N. Glebe Rd at I-66 WB Off-Ramp Improvements Arlington County
- Braddock Road Shared Use Path Fairfax County
- Cedar Lane and Electric Avenue Intersection Improvement Fairfax County
- Newington Road Shared Use Path Fairfax County
- Route 236 Prosperity Avenue to Wakefield Chapel Road Fairfax County
- Telegraph Road Walkway Phase II Fairfax County
- Cascades Pkwy Bike & Ped (Church Rd to Victoria Station Dr) Loudoun County
- Cascades Pkwy Bike & Ped (Nokes Blvd to Woodshire Dr) Loudoun County
- STP - Consolidated Projects Group 4 Loudoun County
- Sudley Manor Drive Corridor Improvements Prince William County
- 21st Street Shared Use Path Phase 2 Purcellville Town
- Loudoun County Pkwy/Tall Cedars Pkwy Shared Use Paths Loudoun County

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

SMART SCALE PROJECT PROPOSALS ALREADY INCLUDED IN VISUALIZE 2050 PLAN

Highway Projects (10)

- Seven Corners Ring Road Phase 1 (T13556) Fairfax County
- Soapstone Road Extension/Dulles Toll Road Overpass (T6583) Fairfax County
- Route 15/Battlefield Parkway Interchange (CE3726) Leesburg Town
- Route 7 at Leesburg Bypass Interchange Improvements (CE3816) Leesburg Town
- Route 15 Lucketts Mini-Bypass (CE3608) Loudoun County
- Route 1 Widening Phase 1 (CE3859) Prince William County
- Old Bridge Rd and Rt 123 Intersection Improvements (CE3757) Prince William County
- University Blvd Extension (Devlin Rd to Wellington Rd) (T6695) Prince William County
- Van Buren Road North Extension (T8605) Prince William County
- Route 234 and Clover Hill Rd Intersection Improvements (CE3665) NVTA

Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects (3)

- King St -Bradlee Safety and Mobility Enhancements (CE3844) Alexandria City
- Dale Blvd/Rippon Blvd Corridor Improvements (CE3790) Prince William County
- Hoadly Road Corridor Improvements (CE3794) Prince William County

Rail Transit Projects (1)

- L'Enfant Station and Fourth Track Project (T11581) NVTC