

RESOLUTION NO. 2925

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING “SMART SCALE” FOR FY 2026 to FY 2027

WHEREAS, in 2014, HB2 was signed into law, and in June 2016, the program was renamed SMART SCALE. SMART stands for System Management Allocation of Resources for Transportation and SCALE stands for Safety, Congestion mitigation, Accessibility, Land use, Environmental and economic development; and

WHEREAS, 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 a problem or need relative to the requested funding for the project; and

WHEREAS, projects are scored based on an objective and fair analysis applied statewide. SMART SCALE also requires that project benefits be analyzed relative to project cost. CTB policy requires the project benefits be analyzed relative to the amount of SMART SCALE funds requested, so the final SMART SCALE score is based on the project cost to the state; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Alexandria desires to submit applications for an allocation of funds of up to \$143.5 million for City of Alexandria projects, through the VDOT SMART SCALE Program; and

WHEREAS, up to \$143.5 million is requested to fund the critical transportation needs in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the following project City of Alexandria applications include: 1) Route 1 at E. Glebe Road Intersection Improvements – Up to \$10,000,000; 2) Route 1 South Improvements – Up to \$3,500,000; 3) Duke Street Transitway – Up to \$75,000,000; 4) Upper King Street Multimodal Improvements – Up to \$40,000,000; and 5) Landmark Transit Center – Up to \$15,000,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby supports this application for an allocation of up to \$143.5 million through the Virginia Department of Transportation SMART SCALE Program; and
2. the City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby grants authority for the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program

Adopted: March 10, 2020


JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

ATTEST:


Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk



SMART SCALE Grant Application

City Council
March 10, 2020



SMART SCALE

- Highly competitive Commonwealth transportation funding program
- City has received past funding from this program
- Current application cycle for FY26-27 funds
- Round 3 total approximately \$800M statewide
- 5 Projects in pre-application
 - Only 4 projects in final application

SMART SCALE – Summary of Maximum Funding Request

| City of Alexandria Projects | UP TO: |
|---|----------------------|
| Route 1 at E. Glebe Road Intersection | \$10,000,000 |
| Route 1 South Improvements | \$3,500,000 |
| Duke Street Transitway | \$75,000,000 |
| Upper King Street Multimodal Improvements | \$40,000,000 |
| Landmark Transit Center | \$15,000,000 |
| TOTAL | \$143,500,000 |



Next Steps – SMART SCALE

- Council Approval: March 10, 2020
- Pre-Application Deadline: April 2, 2020
- Application Deadline: August 3, 2020
- Fall 2020: VDOT and DRPT Scoring
- January 2021: Projects and cores sent to CTB and posted online
- Spring 2021: CTB Public Hearings on SYIP (including SMART SCALE)
- June 2021: CTB adopts SYIP (including SMART SCALE)



Recommendation

- Approval of SMART SCALE applications
- Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to each grant program





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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council
City Hall
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February 19, 2020

Re: **Endorsement of State SMART SCALE (formerly HB2) Funding Pre-Application Requests for FY 2026-27**

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its February 19, 2020 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the staff-recommended list of projects for pre-application to seek grant funding for a maximum amount of \$168,500,000 for the FY 2026-27 SMART SCALE program. This includes the following preliminary funding requests:

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| 1. Route 1 at E. Glebe Road Intersection Improvements | \$10,000,000 |
| 2. Route 1 South Improvements | \$3,500,000 |
| 3. Duke Street Transitway | \$100,000,000 |
| 4. Upper King Street Multimodal Improvements | \$40,000,000 |
| 5. Landmark Transit Center | \$15,000,000 |

The application process for SMART SCALE has changed significantly this year, with pre-applications due April 2, 2020 and final applications due August 3, 2020. The Transportation Commission understands that staff is working to refine these cost estimates by the time of pre-application and final application. The amounts above are maximum funding requests, and the Transportation Commission is aware that the cost estimates included in final application will likely be lower.

The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff recommendations for SMART SCALE funding, as well as providing the consideration of its endorsement by Council.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa McMahon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Melissa McMahon

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission
Mark Jinks, City Manager
Emily Baker, Deputy City Manager
Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES
Hillary Orr, Deputy Director, T&ES
Allan Fye, Division Chief, Transit Services
Tarrence Moorer, Transportation Funding Manager