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Agenda item # 13

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 12, 2022

MOTION

Made By: Dr. Smoot **Seconded By:** Mr. Miller
Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: SMART SCALE Project Cancellation **Route 220 Business and Route 40 Intersection Realignment UPC 111369**

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (Board) SMART SCALE Project 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 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 Route 220 Business and Route 40 R-Cut Improvement UPC 111369 (Project) was submitted for consideration and selected for \$4,926,472 in funding through the Construction District Grant Program in the second round of the prioritization process pursuant to section 33.2-214.1; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rocky Mount passed a resolution November 8, 2021 withdrawing their support for the project and requesting that the project be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, VDOT recommends Board action to cancel the Project and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Salem Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC - 21767).

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, that Route 220 Business and Route 40 Intersection Realignment UPC 111369 project 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 Salem District Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC -21767).

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CTB Decision Brief
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Issue: The Route 220 Business and Route 40 Intersection Realignment UPC 111369 (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 the Town of Rocky Mount and screened in for meeting a VTrans need. It was selected for funding and received \$4,926,472 in Construction District Grant funds to fully fund the Project. The Town of Rocky Mount passed a resolution November 8, 2021 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 last approved by the Board February 19, 2020.

Facts: The Project is VDOT administered and has not yet started.

Item 17 of the Board's Policy for Implementation of the SMART SCALE Project 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 the Department for all state and federal funds expended on the project.

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. 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.

Since the project was originally selected, significant private investments were made to properties/businesses that would be impacted by the project resulting in detrimental impacts to the operations of an existing business. Based on the recent private investments, the costs for necessary right of way acquisitions, and related costs for damages, are estimated to significantly exceed the project budget. The Town and VDOT worked to identify alternative project designs that would reduce the impacts to businesses while staying within the project budget and were unable to identify suitable alternative project designs that would minimize the impacts to businesses while staying within the project budget.

Recommendation: VDOT recommends that the Board cancel Route 220 Business and Route 40 Intersection Realignment UPC 111369 and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Salem District Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC -21767).

Action Required by CTB: The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to cancel the Route 220 Business and Route 40 Intersection Realignment UPC 111369 project and

transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Salem Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC -21767).

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 Salem Construction District Grant balance entry (UPC -21767).

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: None