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## RESOLUTION 2023-35

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## TO REQUEST COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD DENY CHANGES THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACT SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA'S ABILITY TO COMPETE FOR VDOT SMART SCALE FUNDING

**WHEREAS,** VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SMART SCALE FUNDING PROCESSED THEIR FIRST ROUND OF APPLICATIONS IN 2016; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE VDOT SMART SCALE SCORING MODEL FROM ROUND ONE THROUGH ROUND FIVE HAVE USED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY AS 30% OF THE SCORING CRITERIA; AND

**WHEREAS,** A VDOT SMART SCALE PROCESS REVIEW TOWN HALL WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 31, 2023 WHICH PROVIDED DETAIL ON CHANGES TO SCORING METHODOLOGY WERE DISCUSSED; AND

**WHEREAS,** PROPOSED CHANGES TO SCORING MODELS INCLUDE CHANGES TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FACTOR METHODOLOGY THAT WOULD FOCUS ONLY ON PROPERTIES THAT ARE ENDORSED ON VIRGINIASCAN SITE DATABASE, CAN SHOW JOB CREATION AND CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN THE SITE, AND HAVE BEEN VISITED BY SITE SELECTORS; AND

**WHEREAS,** ADDITIONAL CHANGES INCLUDE REFINING THE HIGH-PRIORITY PROJECTS (HPP) PROGRAM TO DISCONTINUE THE STEP WHICH PROVIDES STATEWIDE HPP FUNDS TO PROJECTS BASED ON DISTRICT RANKINGS AND DISTRIBUTE ALL HPP PROGRAM FUNDS BASED ON STATE WIDE RANKINGS OF SMART SCALE SCORES; AND

**WHEREAS,** BASED ON THESE CHANGES AND SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD AT THEIR DECEMBER MEETING, THIS SCORING WILL TAKE AFFECT ON ROUND SIX APPLICATIONS IN 2024; AND

**WHEREAS,** THESE CHANGES COULD RESULT IN AN ESTIMATED 40% LOSS OF FUNDING TO THE BRISTOL DISTRICT, AS COMPARED TO ROUND FIVE VDOT SMART SCALE ALLOCATIONS; AND

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REQUESTS THEIR LOCAL DISTRICT MEMBER AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD TO DENY ALL CHANGES THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACTS SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA AND OUR ABILITY TO EQUITABLY COMPETE FOR STATE RESOURCES.

**DONE THIS THE 28<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.**

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

MR. MCCALL:	ABSENT
MR. PENNINGTON:	AYE
MR. HARGIS:	AYE
MR. STEVENS:	AYE
MR. RUSH:	AYE
MR. HERNANDEZ:	AYE
MR. BALL:	AYE

  
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