

## **CVTA TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA 7/8/24; ITEM 8a.**

### **Commonwealth of Virginia – Budgeted Fall Line Recommendations**

#### **Central Virginia Transportation Authority**

**BACKGROUND:** As reported by Sportsbackers, the 2024 Virginia General Assembly dedicated \$7,500,000 to the Fall Line trail in its final budget, signed by Governor Glen Youngkin in May. The new funds were appropriated from undesignated resources from the newly created State Trails Office housed within the Virginia Department of Transportation. This is the first Richmond-area trail to receive financial assistance from this fund, which was established in former Governor Ralph Northam's final proposed budget and approved by the 2022 Virginia General Assembly.

In further conversations with VDOT and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), CVTA staff have received indications that the state does not have specific uses designated for these funds and is open to recommendations from the CVTA. Staff is confident that the CTB will appreciate guidance if the CVTA can act in a timely manner and make recommendations on uses that will see direct impact on the trail.

To that end, there are multiple options for CVTA TAC to consider in making a recommendation for action by the Authority at its next meeting August 9, 2024. Possible uses may include:

1. Carve out funds to cover the full installation costs of the wayfinding plan components as specified - **\$1.1 M**
2. Set aside a design retainer for AB Design to assist localities with Fall Line wayfinding capital updates as more sections are brought online. Estimated costs for the retainer are **\$15,000**
3. Allocate funds to a segment of the Fall Line that has not yet entered into development or has a balance remaining. There are multiple potential segments that fit these criteria – primarily in the central and southern portions of the alignment. Those segments include:
  - a. Fall Line Trail: Kanawha Plaza (5A-R) - **\$4.5 M**
  - b. Fall Line Trail: Route 1 (Food Lion – Falling Creek Wayside), UPC 115415 - **\$3 M**
  - c. Fall Line Trail: Bryan Park - **\$760,000**
  - d. Leveraging for Smart Scale Rd VI, candidate project Fall Line Trail: Route 1 (Walmsley Blvd – Falling Creek Ave) – total project estimate: **\$13.6 M**
4. Apply funds to a grade separated intersection at Route 10 in Chesterfield County as an add-on to DB2 (the timing of this option may be problematic due to the bid schedule).

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**REQUESTED ACTION:** Motion to recommend Central Virginia Transportation Authority approval of a letter to the Commonwealth Transportation Board outlining \_\_\_\_\_ recommendations for allocation of the \$7.5 million in Fall Line funds from the 2024 Virginia General Assembly.

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**CVTA FINANCE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION:** The following resolution is presented for Central Virginia Transportation Authority Technical Advisory Committee approval:

***Resolved,** that the Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) Technical Advisory Committee recommends approval of a letter to the Commonwealth Transportation Board outlining recommendations for allocation of the \$7.5 million in Fall Line funds from the 2024 Virginia General Assembly.*

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## Recommended projects for application of \$7.5 million in 2024 Budget

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  - Scope: In addition to constructing the FLT on the east side of Route 1, this project will provide sidewalk on the west side and improve three bus stops with concrete boarding/amenities pads. Project fills in the gap between two funded projects (see sketch).
- Wayfinding - \$1.1 M