

STAFF REPORT ON RRTPO POLICY BOARD ACTION

SMART SCALE ROUND 5 APPLICATIONS

BACKGROUND: At the March 3, 2022, Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board meeting, staff reported that they have gotten confirmation from VDOT Richmond District and OIPI that PlanRVA has an additional 4 applications (5 pre-applications) for this round of Smart Scale. The projects are the four remaining projects from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) priority project list plus a previous smart scale application.

An explanation was provided about the additional applications that can be submitted by PlanRVA. The RRTPO started with 40 potential projects that could be submitted by application and reduced that to 16 candidate projects. Through a deliberate technical scoring assessment, TAC narrowed that list down to the allowable limit of 12 pre-applications for the RRTPO.

Staff learned in the first week of March that PDCs in Virginia are allowed to submit projects on their own – including those PDCs that coexist with an MPO. An additional 5 project pre-applications can be submitted using the PlanRVA applications. Staff suggested that RRTPO can provide support to PlanRVA for the preparation of these 5 pre-applications and to prepare the full applications for those projects PlanRVA wishes to advance. Through this approach, the 17 highest priority projects for the region can be submitted for consideration in Round 5.

ACTION TAKEN: On motion by W. Canova Peterson, seconded by Christopher Winslow, the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) Policy Board approved providing support, if requested, to PlanRVA for the preparation of the 5 pre-applications below and to prepare the full applications for those projects PlanRVA wishes to advance:

1. NB 288 Continuous HSR Lane - Route 711 (Huguenot Springs Rd.) to Route 6 (Patterson Ave.) - Powhatan/ Goochland (\$19M)
2. Woodlake Village Pkwy@ 360 Triple Lefts - Chesterfield (\$3M)
3. 360/Mechanicsville Turnpike Improvements - Henrico (TBD)
4. Parham Project Pipeline- Henrico (TBD)
5. I-95/Willis Road Interchange - Chesterfield (\$67.5M)