

TA Set-Aside Project Selections (FY23 – FY24)

Policy Board Meeting
March 3, 2022

Overview

- Transportation Alternatives (TA) program is funding primarily for bicycle and pedestrian projects
- Funding set aside from larger Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program
- Program also includes Safe Routes to Schools projects and programs

Prioritization Process

- Prioritization specified in Regional Project Framework document
- 80% based on statewide merit score
- 10% based on equity emphasis areas (EEA) served
- 10% based on inclusion of project or corridor in regional bike or ped networks (2004 plan)/consistency with ConnectRVA 2045
- Cost-benefit for final ranking

Budget Consideration

- Final budget not yet available from VDOT
- TPO must make selections or potentially be responsible for holding own public hearings
- VDOT recommendation is to use previous round funding as baseline for selections
- Staff held funding at FY22 level for both years to develop draft project selections

FY23	FY24
\$1,070,913	\$1,070,913

TAC Recommendation

- TAC reviewed the projects at the February 8 meeting
- TAC recommended funding for the projects as presented in the agenda packet
- As the budget is not finalized, TAC further recommended prioritizing the remaining projects for funding if additional funding is available

Staff Recommendation

- Since the TAC meeting, staff has received notice that the CTB member for the region has also tentatively chosen several of the projects previously recommended by the TAC
- To address uncertainty around the CTB member selections and budget, staff recommends prioritizing the projects for funding and allowing staff to coordinate the final selections with VDOT based on the CTB selections and final budget

Requested Action

Approval of the Following Resolution

Resolved, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) prioritizes the FY23 – FY24 Transportation Alternatives (TA) program applications for funding as shown:

Priority	Project	Title	Jurisdiction	Request
1	7981	Safe Routes to School Program	Richmond	\$ 159,796
2	7851	US 360 (Hull Street) PHB	Richmond	\$ 197,127
3	7979	Cool Spring ES Safe Routes to School	Hanover	\$ 202,928
4	8088	RT 360 at Courthouse Ped Improvements	Chesterfield	\$ 359,688
5	8094	FLT (Shop - Chester Linear Park)	Chesterfield	\$ 459,700
6	7923	Lakeside Community Trail Phase 1	Henrico	\$ 548,543
7	8000	Courthouse (RT 10 - Fallow) Trail	Chesterfield	\$ 438,928
8	7849	SR 147 (Main St) Ped Safety (Ph I)	Richmond	\$ 387,221
9	7850	SR 147 (Cary St) Ped Safety (Ph II)	Richmond	\$ 402,487
10	7857	Forest Hill Ave Bike/Ped Improvements	Richmond	\$ 443,769

Requested Action (cont.)

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Priority	Project	Title	Jurisdiction	Request
11	7924	Lakeside Community Trail Phase 2	Henrico	\$ 816,049
12	7855	Patterson Avenue Bike Lanes	Richmond	\$ 400,250
13	7854	Downtown Core Protected Bike Lanes	Richmond	\$ 441,305
14	7856	US Route 1 PHBs	Richmond	\$ 419,318
15	7858	Jefferson Ave Phase II Clay St to 23rd	Richmond	\$ 514,846
16	7922	Lakeside Community Trail Phase 3	Henrico	\$ 2,000,000
17	7848	A Carnation St Phase II	Richmond	\$ 400,000
18	8048	Commonwealth Center Bike/Ped Trail	Chesterfield	\$ 1,474,631
19	7852	Gillies Creek Greenway Phase IV	Richmond	\$ 440,000
20	7843	Nuckols Road Corridor Shared Use Path	Henrico	\$ 2,000,000
21	7853	Scott's Addition Greenway	Richmond	\$ 480,000

Requested Action (cont.)

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Further resolved, that the RRTPO authorizes staff to coordinate with VDOT to finalize the project selections based on the approved priority order, CTB member selections, and available budget

SMART SCALE Round 5 Regional Candidates

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Overview

- SMART SCALE is the main prioritization process for transportation construction funding statewide
- Regional bodies, like RRTPO, are eligible to submit projects to address issues on Corridors of Statewide Significance (COSS) and the Regional Network (RN)
- Due to the size of the region, RRTPO can submit 10 applications, 12 pre-applications
- These applications are in addition to the applications each locality can submit

Candidate Pool

- Staff evaluated over 40 projects for potential submission
- Sources included
 - Regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) applications
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) applications
 - CVTA regional applications
 - SMART SCALE Round 4 applications
 - Locality requests

Screening Process

- VTRANS needs
- ConnectRVA 2045 constrained plan
- Functional Classification (prioritized arterials and freeways)
- Estimate & Sketch quality
- Supporting Studies
- Previous SMART SCALE experience
- Pending funding requests (potential for leveraging)
- Regional balance

TAC Recommendation

- TAC reviewed the draft project list at a special meeting in February and made several changes
- TAC recommends approval of the project list as presented in the agenda packet

Staff Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of the candidate project list
- Project description and screening information included in agenda packet

Requested Action

Approval of the following resolution

RESOLVED, that the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) approves the following projects as Smart Scale Round 5 pre-applications:

1. 288/360: Rt. 360 at Brad McNeer Pkwy. Continuous Green T
2. Broad Street Streetscape (US250) with Pulse Expansion Phase III
3. Commerce Road - FLT Phase II
4. Courthouse Rd/360 RCUT
5. I-64 Widening – Exit 205 to Exit 211
6. I-95 & Rt 10 Interchange Improvement – Phase II

Requested Action (cont.)

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7. Nine Mile Road Improvements
8. SB 288 Auxiliary Lane - US 250 to Tuckahoe Creek Pkwy
9. SB 288 Continuous HSR Lane - West Creek Pkwy to Route 711
10. Vaughan Road Overpass
11. W Broad St Intersection Improvements at Parham Road
12. Williamsburg Road Improvements