



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Commonwealth Transportation Board

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*Agenda item # 8*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

June 21, 2023

#### MOTION

**Made By:** Mr. Yates, **Seconded By:** Ms. Sellers

**Action:** Motion Carried, Unanimously

**Title: SMART SCALE Project Cancellation**  
**R-CUT Route 60 and Woolridge\Old Buckingham (UPC 115412) – Richmond District**

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (Board's) SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process last approved December 8, 2021 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 December 8, 2021 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 R-CUT Route 60 and Woolridge\Old Buckingham (UPC 115412) project was submitted by Chesterfield County for consideration and selected for \$13,239,000 in funding through the Construction District Grant Program in the third round of the prioritization process pursuant to section 33.2-214.1; and

**WHEREAS**, due to considerable public opposition to the project in response to the Citizen Information Meeting held on April 2021, Chesterfield County requested to place the project on hold to determine next steps; and

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**WHEREAS**, as a result of the project delay, the estimate has increased significantly due to inflation and market changes for unit pricing and Chesterfield County concurs that the current project is not positioned to move forward; and

**WHEREAS**, VDOT and Chesterfield County have agreed to work together to determine a new project at this location for application in another funding program or a subsequent round of SMART SCALE; and

**WHEREAS**, VDOT recommends Board action to cancel the Project and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Richmond District Construction District Grant deallocation balance entry (UPC -21766).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, that R-CUT Route 60 and Woolridge\Old Buckingham (UPC 115412) 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 Richmond District Construction District Grant deallocation balance entry (UPC -21766).

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**CTB Decision Brief**  
**SMART SCALE Project Cancellation**  
**R-CUT Route 60 and Woolridge\Old Buckingham (UPC 115412)**

**Issue:** The R-CUT Route 60 and Woolridge\Old Buckingham (UPC 115412) (Project) was selected for funding in the third round of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (Board's) SMART SCALE Prioritization Process. The Project was submitted by Chesterfield County and screened in for meeting a VTrans need. It was selected for funding and received \$13,239,000 in Construction District Grant funds to fully fund the Project.

Due to considerable public opposition to the project in response to the Citizen Information Meeting held on April 2021, Chesterfield County requested to place the project on hold to determine next steps. As a result of the project delay, the estimate has increased significantly due to inflation and market changes for unit pricing. Chesterfield County concurs that the current project is not positioned to move forward. VDOT and Chesterfield County have agreed to work together to determine a new project at this location for application in another funding program or a subsequent round of SMART SCALE.

Board 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 December 8, 2021

**Facts:** The Project is VDOT administered and is in the preliminary engineering phase and \$335,230 has been expended to date. The Department does not recommend requesting reimbursement from the County for the expenditures because the work will inform development of the revised scope for the project.

Item 17 of the Board's Policy for Implementation of the SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process last approved by the Board December 8, 2021 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 December 8, 2021 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.

**Recommendation:** VDOT recommends that the Board cancel the R-CUT Route 60 and Woolridge\Old Buckingham (UPC 115412) and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Richmond Construction District Grant deallocation balance entry (UPC -21766).

**Action Required by CTB:** The CTB will be presented with a resolution for a formal vote to cancel the R-CUT Route 60 and Woolridge\Old Buckingham (UPC 115412) project and transfer all Construction District Grant funds to the Richmond Construction District Grant deallocation balance entry (UPC -21766).

**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 Richmond Construction District Grant deallocation balance entry (UPC -21766).

**Options:** Approve, Deny, or Defer.

**Public Comments/Reactions:** None