

2016 Fall Transportation Meetings

What is SMART SCALE?

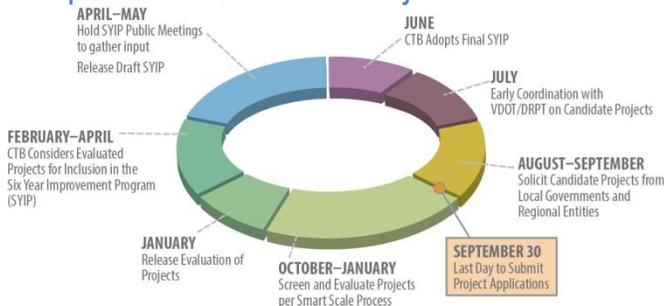
Transportation needs will almost always be greater than the funds available to address them. The signing of House Bill 2313 in 2013 created a more sustainable revenue source supporting transportation funding. While passage of this bill enabled the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to add approximately \$4 billion in funding to the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP), there are still many transportation needs that cannot be addressed with available revenues. To find a way to better balance transportation needs and prioritize investments for both urban and rural communities throughout the Commonwealth, House Bill 2 (HB2) was signed into law in 2014. HB2, now SMART SCALE, required the CTB to develop and implement a quantifiable and transparent prioritization process for making funding decisions for capacity-enhancing projects within the SYIP.

The ultimate goal in the implementation of SMART SCALE is to ensure the best use of limited transportation funds. Transparency and accountability are crucial aspects of delivering a process that project sponsors will support. SMART SCALE projects will be evaluated based on a uniform set of measures that are applicable statewide, while recognizing that factors should be valued differently based on regional priorities.

SMART SCALE Implementation Process

The first round of SMART SCALE began in August 2015, resulting in 321 candidate projects submitted and 163 projects selected by the CTB for inclusion in the FY2017-2022 SYIP in June 2016. SMART SCALE does not cover all types of funding within the SYIP. There are many other sources of funding including maintenance and rehabilitation, safety, operations, and other Federal and Commonwealth funding categories. Funding in the new High-Priority Projects Program and the Construction District Grant Program will be allocated based on the SMART SCALE prioritization process.

Anticipated SMART SCALE Biennial Cycle



At this year's Fall Transportation Meetings, the CTB is seeking input on the list of proposed local and regional projects that were submitted for consideration for both the High-Priority Projects Program and the Construction District Grant Program. For more

information on SMART SCALE please visit www.smartscale.org.

Applications for Round 2 were accepted between August 1 and October 3, 2016. For Round 2:

- 436 applications were submitted
- 148 entities submitted at least one application
- Total amount of funding requested was \$9.25 billion
- Total amount of other funding included was equal to \$12.09 billion

How to Participate

Input from the public is a vital element of the planning and prioritization process. Citizens are encouraged to look at the displays and ask questions of the staff members, then do any of the following:

- Using the colored dots, provide your feedback on projects most important to you.
- Complete a comment sheet and drop it in the designated box.
- Provide comments to staff members.
- Mail or email your comments by **December 22, 2016** (refer to corresponding addresses below.)

In addition to the nine Fall Transportation Meetings, you can also provide input online at www.virginiadot.org/2016FallMeetings.

Summary of SMART SCALE Applications Submitted*

| District | # Apps | SMART SCALE \$ (billions) | Total \$ (billions)** |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Bristol | 47 | \$1.07 | \$1.07 |
| Culpeper | 35 | \$0.33 | \$0.35 |
| Fredericksburg | 27 | \$0.69 | \$0.70 |
| Hampton Roads | 60 | \$1.07 | \$1.99 |
| Lynchburg | 27 | \$0.17 | \$0.19 |
| NOVA | 62 | \$3.28 | \$4.84 |
| Richmond | 79 | \$1.16 | \$1.33 |
| Salem | 53 | \$0.91 | \$0.96 |
| Staunton | 46 | \$0.58 | \$0.64 |
| Grand Total | 436 | \$9.25 | \$12.09 |

*Due to validation and screening, not all applications will be scored.
**Removes funds leveraged for the same project in multiple applications.

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