



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Timothy J. Baroody, City Manager  
FROM: Erik F. Nelson, Transportation Administrator  
DATE: July 7, 2020  
RE: **Public Hearing for Smart Scale Projects**

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**ISSUE**

The City of Fredericksburg proposes to submit four applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation’s Smart Scale program and must provide for public involvement as well as evidence of local commitment through a formal resolution of support.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the City Council hold a public hearing for its Smart Scale applications and hold that public participation process open through its meeting of August 11, 2020. At that time, the attached resolution of support can be considered for the Smart Scale applications that will have been submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation Smart Scale program.

**BACKGROUND**

The Commonwealth of Virginia provides significant transportation funding through the Virginia Department of Transportation’s Smart Scale program. The City Council held a public hearing on February 25, 2020 to consider an initial list of potential projects. This hearing on July 14, 2020 is to review and consider the final applications prior to submittal by an August 3, 2020 deadline. In consideration of extended public hearing rules for virtual meetings, the state agency will accept resolutions after the deadline date.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Total Cost/ Requested Funds</b>	<b>Leveraged Funds</b>
Gateway Boulevard, extended – VA Route 3 to Cowan Boulevard	\$49,469,371/ \$29,369,371	ROW donation valued at \$8.1 million; City funds \$12 million
U.S. Route 1 STARS – Route 3 off-ramp signals/Spotsylvania Avenue intersection improvements	\$8,373,474	None
U.S. Route 1 STARS – Augustine Avenue intersection improvements	\$1,710,339	None
Idlewild Boulevard to VCR Trail - 900 foot trail, 70 foot bridge, crosswalk at Kings Mill	\$1,904,311/ \$1,504,311	\$400,000 in Congestion Management/Air Quality funds

## **ITEM #5C**

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The City's four Smart Scale applications request \$41 million through the Smart Scale program, for projects estimated to cost \$61 million. The City has committed \$12,000,000 in local funds to the Gateway Boulevard, extended project. These funds are only obligated if the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines to locate its roughly 500,000 square foot Veterans Clinic at the Hylton property. If this happens the Hylton Group will dedicate the road right of way (\$8 million estimated value) and the City will use the tax proceeds from the privately owned Clinic to make a debt service payments for road construction over time.

### **Attachments:**

Resolution of support for Smart Scale projects



August 11, 2020  
Regular Meeting  
Resolution No. 20-

**MOTION:**

**SECOND:**

**RE: Supporting the Submission of Smart Scale Applications to the Virginia Department of Transportation**

**ACTION: APPROVED: Ayes: 0; Nays: 0**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is accepting applications to its Smart Scale program, to fund transportation projects in the next Six-Year Improvement Program.

The City Council has held two public hearings, on February 25, 2020 and July 14, 2020, to provide opportunities for public comments on proposed plans and applications.

City staff has developed four funding applications that are consistent with both the City of Fredericksburg Comprehensive Plan and the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Constrained Long Range Plan, as follows:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Funds and Leverage</b>
Gateway Boulevard, extended	\$49,000,000 +	ROW donation, est. value \$8.1 million; City funds \$12 million; remainder from Smart Scale
U.S. Route 1 STARS – Rt. 3 off-ramp signals/Spotsylvania Ave intersection improvements	\$8,373,474	Smart Scale
U.S. Route 1 STARS – Augustine Avenue intersection improvements (FAMPO submittal)	\$1,710,339	Smart Scale
Idlewild Boulevard to VCR Connector - 900 ft trail, 70 ft bridge, crosswalk at Kings Mill	\$1,904,311	Smart Scale, with Congestion Management/Air Quality funds (\$400,000)

**Therefore, the City Council resolves** that it supports the proposed four Smart Scale applications and authorizes its staff to submit them to the state agency for consideration.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Absent from Vote:**

**Absent from Meeting:**

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*Clerk's Certificate*

*I certify that I am Clerk of Council of the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, and that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 20- adopted at a meeting of the City Council held August 11, 2020 at which a quorum was present and voted.*

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***Tonya B. Lacey, MMC***  
***Clerk of Council***