



Legislation Text

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Resolution of Endorsement of Fiscal Year 2028 Smart Scale Projects

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City of Hampton (the “City”) has identified four projects that potentially qualify for Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) consideration under the Smart Scale Program. This program funds projects on a 100% Federal and State share basis. The four projects are:

1. Fort Monroe Pedestrian Improvement - Fort Monroe Main Gate Entrance to Fenwick Road;
2. Tide Mill Pedestrian Improvement - North Armistead Avenue to Charlton Drive;
3. Chesapeake Avenue Corridor Improvements - Newport News City Line to LaSalle Avenue; and
4. West Queen Street Corridor Improvements - West Queen Street between each intersection with Power Plant Parkway.

Discussion:

The following proposed improvement projects are consistent with long-range goals of the City:

- (1) Fort Monroe Pedestrian Improvement will construct an approximately one-mile terminal segment of the Birthplace of America Trail (the “BOAT”) along Stillwell Drive and improve pedestrian/bike connectivity between Phoebus and Fort Monroe;
- (2) Tide Mill Pedestrian Improvement, also a segment of the BOAT, will install a shared-use path along Tide Mill Lane from North Armistead Avenue to Charlton Drive. Further, there will be installation of new ADA-compliant curb ramps at missing intersections and replacement of the sidewalk;
- (3) Chesapeake Avenue Corridor Improvement, a third segment of the BOAT, will install a shared-use path along Chesapeake Avenue from the Newport News City line where there is an existing shared path to LaSalle Avenue to provide additional connectivity; and
- (4) West Queen Street Corridor Improvements will improve bike and pedestrian connections on

West Queen Street installing a shared-use path and missing sidewalk segments.

Impact:

These projects are funded with 100% Federal and State Funds.

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, the City of Hampton (the "City") must provide a resolution of endorsement to the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") to request VDOT to establish Smart Scale projects in the City;

WHEREAS, the City has identified four projects that potentially qualify for VDOT funding consideration under the Smart Scale Program:

1. Fort Monroe Pedestrian Improvements (Fort Monroe Main Gate Entrance to Fenwick Road along Stillwell Drive);
2. Tide Mill Pedestrian Improvements (North Armistead Avenue to Charlton Drive);
3. Chesapeake Avenue Corridor Improvements (Newport News City Line to La Salle Avenue); and
4. West Queen Street Corridor Improvements (West Queen Street between each intersection with Power Plant Parkway); and

WHEREAS, this Smart Scale Program funds projects on a 100% Federal and State share basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMPTON, VIRGINIA:

A. That the City Council of Hampton hereby requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a Smart Scale project in the City to construct the following four projects:

1. Fort Monroe Pedestrian Improvements (Fort Monroe Main Gate Entrance to Fenwick Road along Stillwell Drive);
2. Tide Mill Pedestrian Improvements (North Armistead Avenue to Charlton Drive);
3. Chesapeake Avenue Corridor Improvements (Newport News City Line to La Salle Avenue); and
4. West Queen Street Corridor Improvements (West Queen Street between each intersection with Power Plant Parkway).

B. That the City agrees to enter into a project administration agreement with VDOT for each project and provide the necessary oversight to ensure these projects are developed in accordance

with all state and federal requirements for design, right of way acquisition, and construction of a federally funded transportation project;

C. That the City will be responsible for maintenance and operating costs of any facility constructed with Smart Scale funds unless other arrangements have been made with VDOT;

D. That the City understands that if the City subsequently elects to cancel any of these projects, the City must reimburse VDOT for the total amount of costs expended by VDOT through the date VDOT is notified of such cancellation;

E. That the City agrees to repay any funds previously reimbursed that are later deemed ineligible by the Federal Highway Administration; and

F. That the City Manager or her authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all documents necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution, subject to approval by the City Attorney.