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Resolution of Endorsement of Fiscal Year 2024 Smart Scale Projects

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:**

The City of Hampton 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. Coliseum Drive Extension Phase B - Butler Farm Road to Magruder Boulevard
2. Hampton Roads Center Parkway Pedestrian Improvements - Coliseum Drive to Armistead Avenue
3. Little Back River Road Widening - Clemwood Parkway to Harris Creek Road
4. Armistead Avenue Pedestrian Improvements - Convention Center Boulevard to LaSalle Avenue

**Discussion:**

The following proposed improvement projects are consistent with long-range goals of the City: (1) Coliseum Drive Extension is consistent with the Coliseum Central Master Plan and will provide a 4-lane divided street and much needed pedestrian walkways; (2) Hampton Roads Center Parkway Pedestrian Improvements will link the Boo Williams Sportsplex with Coliseum Drive and also provide much needed pedestrian walkways; (3) Little Back River Road widening will address congestion and crash problems; and (4) the Armistead Avenue Pedestrian Improvements will provide much needed pedestrian facilities on this roadway.

**Impact:**

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

**Recommendation:**

Approve Resolution

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, the City must provide a resolution to VDOT to request VDOT to establish a Smart Scale project in the City of Hampton (the "City").

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF HAMPTON, VIRGINIA**

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

1. Coliseum Drive Extension Phase B - Butler Farm Road to Magruder Boulevard;
2. Hampton Roads Center Parkway Pedestrian Improvements - Coliseum Drive to Armistead Avenue;
3. Little Back River Road Widening - Clemwood Parkway to Harris Creek Road; and
4. Armistead Avenue Pedestrian Improvements - Convention Center Boulevard to LaSalle Avenue;

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

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

F. authorizes the City Manager or her designee to execute project agreements for any approved Fiscal Year 2024 Smart Scale Projects.