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Agenda item # 10

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 16, 2024

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Yates **Seconded By:** Dr. Smoot

Action: Motion Carried

Title: Adoption of the Transportation Efficient Land Factor for Implementation in the SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process and Update to SMART SCALE Prioritization Policy

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-214.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, provides that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (Board) shall develop a statewide prioritization process for certain projects funded by the Board, including those projects allocated funds pursuant to sections 33.2-358, 33.2-370 and 33.2-371 of the *Code of Virginia*, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI), in coordination with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), to implement the statewide prioritization process developed by the Board pursuant to Section 2.2-229; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the SMART SCALE Process Review conducted in 2023, OIPI recommended, among other things, that the Board modify the Transportation Efficient Land Use factor to be utilized in the next SMART SCALE Prioritization Process adopted by the Board; and

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WHEREAS, in the action taken by the Board on December 4, 2023 to adopt the SMART SCALE Prioritization Policy and Approval of Guides for Implementation of the SMART SCALE Prioritization Process, the Board removed the Transportation Efficient Land Use factor; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the 6th enactment clause of Chapter 726 of the 2014 Acts of Assembly requires the prioritization process to also include a factor related to Transportation Efficient Land Use for certain metropolitan planning areas with a population over 200,000; where Transportation Efficient Land Use is used in the context of the requirements outlined in Chapters 670 and 690 of the 2009 Acts of Assembly; and

WHEREAS, upon further consideration, the Board has determined that it is necessary for a Transportation Efficient Land Use factor to be utilized in the SMART SCALE Prioritization Process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 33.2-214.1, and Chapter 726 of the 2014 Acts of Assembly, the Commonwealth Transportation Board hereby updates the SMART SCALE Prioritization Policy adopted on December 4, 2023, by adding the Transportation Efficient Land Use factor and adopting the OIPI staff recommendation of including the Transportation Efficient Land Use factor as a multiplier to be utilized in the SMART SCALE Prioritization Process, as set out below.

Project weighting will be applied using the following two-step process, based on the Transportation Efficient Land Use factor being applied as a multiplier:

1. The previous Transportation Efficient Land Use factor weightings were reassigned to other factor areas in the Board’s December 4, 2023 action.

Factor	Safety	Congestion Mitigation	Accessibility	Economic Development	Environmental Quality	Land Use
Category A	15%	45%	25%	5%	10%	
Category B	20%	25%	25%	20%	10%	Up to 100% Added
Category C	30%	20%	15%	25%	10%	
Category D	40%	10%	10%	30%	10%	

2. Use the normalized Transportation Efficient Land Use factor as a multiplier on all other benefits.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action taken by the Board on December 4, 2023, entitled Adoption of Policy and Approval of Guides for Implementation of the SMART SCALE Project Prioritization Process, shall in all other respects remain unchanged.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board hereby directs OIPI, in coordination with VDOT and DRPT, to take all actions necessary to implement and administer this policy, as updated, including but not limited to update of technical and policy documents consistent with the SMART SCALE Prioritization Policy.

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