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Agenda item # 11

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

December 6, 2022

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Brown, Seconded By: Mr. Stant

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

**Title: Submittal of a Project by the Commonwealth Transportation Board
for SMART SCALE Evaluation**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Commonwealth Transportation Board's (CTB) SMART SCALE Policy, the CTB may by majority vote, choose to submit up to two projects to be evaluated for funding in each biennial SMART SCALE application cycle; and

WHEREAS, expansion of capacity on the Interstate 64 (I-64) corridor between Exit 205 and Exit 234, hereafter referred to as the I-64 GAP project, was identified as a recommendation within the Commonwealth Transportation Board's adopted I-64 Corridor Improvement Plan; and,

WHEREAS, significant investments have been completed on either side of the I-64 GAP project to improve access and performance between the Richmond and Hampton Roads region including improvements along the I-64/664 beltway and in the Richmond region between I-295 and Bottom's Bridge; and,

WHEREAS, completing the widening of I-64 between Richmond and Hampton Roads will enhance commerce, create jobs, improve safety, provide travel time savings and boost regional economic growth; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor and General Assembly included actions in Chapters 1 and 2 of the 2022 Special Session I that provide \$470 million in General Funds to improve the I-64 GAP with priority given to enhancements that provide long-term traffic flow improvements for the full 29-mile corridor; and

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WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Transportation Authority has allocated \$100M in regional funds to support the completion of the I-64 GAP project; and,

WHEREAS, Virginia Department of Transportation has submitted a Federal Discretionary Grant application seeking \$150M in federal funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Hampton Roads Region has unanimously identified the I-64 Gap project as a regional priority and continues to explore funding opportunities for the project; and,

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is proposing a SMART SCALE project application for the I-64 GAP project as part of Round 5 of SMART SCALE evaluation and scoring; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board recognizing the importance of completing the widening of I-64 and hereby submits the I-64 GAP project for evaluation in Round 5 of the SMART SCALE program.

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CTB Decision Brief

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Issue: The CTB is considering the submittal of a project for evaluation in the SMART SCALE process for the purpose of expanding capacity of Interstate 64 between Exit 205 and Exit 234, referred to as the I-64 GAP project. The project will serve Richmond and Hampton Roads districts.

Facts: Submission of the Interstate 64 Capacity Expansion project between Exit 205 and Exit 234 project by the CTB will allow the project to be scored for SMART SCALE funding consideration.

The Governor and General Assembly included actions in Chapters 1 and 2 of the 2022 Special Session I that provide \$470 million to improve Interstate 64 between Exit 205 and Exit 234 with priority given to enhancements that provide long-term traffic flow improvements for the full 29-mile corridor.

In addition to the funding earmark from the General Assembly, following commitments have been made:

- I. Central Virginia Transportation Authority has allocated \$100M in regional funds; and
- II. The Virginia Department of Transportation has submitted a Federal Discretionary Grant application seeking \$150M in federal funds.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$750 million and the total amount requested through the SMART SCALE project is subject to the outcome of the commonwealth's application for a discretionary grant through the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Recommendation: Approval of the attached resolution.

Action Required by CTB: Approval of the attached resolution.

Options: Approve, Deny or Defer.

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