

# Meeting will highlight Fredericksburg area's future transportation projects

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Anyone wanting to get details on the Fredericksburg district's 29 projects that will be scored in the second round of the state's prioritization program can do so Tuesday.

A public meeting, one of many being held throughout the state on the Smart Scale program, is scheduled to be held at 4 p.m. The meeting will include details on area projects that will be scored in the program, which was created to provide funds for projects that rate well in a system based on certain criteria.

There will be an open house followed by a town-hall style session. A public hearing also will be held on the Atlantic Gateway, which includes numerous region road and rail projects in the Interstate 95 corridor that received \$165 million in federal grants this year.

Among the Fredericksburg District project applications in the Smart Scale program are the northbound segment of the Rappahannock River Crossing, which would add collector-distributor lanes parallel to Interstate 95 between U.S. 17 and State Route 3, an extension of the I-95 express lanes in Stafford and several Virginia Railway Express expansion projects.

Members of the Commonwealth Transportation Board and officials with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation will attend the meeting. Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne also will attend the meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Germanna Community College Center for Workforce & Community Education at 10000 Germanna Point Drive in Spotsylvania. Another local meeting will be held on Dec. 15 at the Culpeper District Auditorium at 1601 Orange Road.



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Southbound Interstate 95 motorists take a slow trip through Stafford County.