

FAMPO RESOLUTION 20-31

APPROVING FOUR GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION (GWRC) AND FIVE FAMPO ROUND 4 SYSTEM FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR TRANSPORTATION (SMART SCALE) PROJECT PRE-APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, Round 4 of SMART SCALE has a one-month pre-application window commencing March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, VDOT and DRPT will screen pre-applications to ensure they are consistent with statewide goals and meet criteria for project readiness; and

WHEREAS, both GWRC and FAMPO are eligible to submit five pre-applications; and

WHEREAS, staff has worked with localities, VDOT, DRPT, transit agencies, and consultants to develop these projects, some of which were submitted in Round 3; and

WHEREAS, four of the projects for GWRC are in the FAMPO metropolitan planning area and thus require FAMPO approval; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fredericksburg has withdrawn its original FAMPO #5 Project from Resolution 20-20 (US 1 City STARS Study Improvements) from consideration as a regional pre-application and decided to submit this project as a local application, and this change is reflected in the list below; and

WHEREAS, Stafford County has requested to amend the scope of the GWRC Project #1 from Resolution 20-20 [US 17 Bus STARS Study Improvements and Commuter Lot (SMART SCALE Round 3 & possible Exit 133 Pedestrian accommodations)], and this change is reflected in the list below; and

WHEREAS, the FAMPO Technical Advisory Committee has recommended to the Policy Committee a prioritized list of four candidate projects for consideration to fill the three remaining FAMPO slots.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee hereby permits FAMPO staff to submit the following SMART SCALE Pre-Applications:

1. [Pending]
2. Exit 126 STARS from SMART SCALE Round 3 with VRE Feeder Bus from Rte208 PNR Lot to Fredericksburg VRE
3. [Pending]
4. Lafayette Blvd Study Multimodal Improvements with Transit and Bike/Ped (City/Spotsylvania)

5. [Pending]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee supports the George Washington Regional Commission submitting the following Smart Scale Pre-Applications:

1. US 17 Bus STARS Study Improvements
2. US 1 and Layhill Rd Intersection Improvements
3. Pedestrian Improvements at US 1 and Foreston Woods
4. US 1 North Stafford STARS Study Improvements

Adopted by the Policy Committee at its meeting on March 16, 2020.

Cindy Shelton, First Vice Chair
Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Policy Committee



MEMORANDUM

TO: FAMPO Policy Committee

FROM: FAMPO Technical Advisory Committee

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DATE: March 2, 2020

RE: SMART SCALE Project Pre-Application Recommendations

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has reviewed the regional Smart Scale pre-application list, in response to the Policy Committee's approval of only seven submitted projects on February 24, 2020. The two projects not approved, were as follows:

- FAMPO #1 – I-95 improvements, Exit 130 to Exit 126 (a combination of two previously submitted Smart Scale applications in Round 3)
- FAMPO #3 – Exit 126 connections, Exit 126 to Route 17)

The Policy Committee directed TAC to maximize the number of pre-applications to be submitted for Smart Scale consideration. As a consequence, four projects were brought forward from member jurisdictions at the TAC meeting of March 2, 2020. These submittals included the following:

1. I-95 improvements southbound only, from Exit 130 to Exit 126, as recommended by VDOT staff.
 - a. Project would include a fourth southbound lane and an additional deceleration lane at Exit 126.
 - b. \$37m rough cost estimate
2. Garrisonville Road improvements
 - a. Widen approximately 1.4 miles of Garrison Road, from Eustace Road to Shelton Shop, to a six-lane divided roadway with sidewalks
 - b. \$29.5m cost estimate
3. Onville Road improvements
 - a. Widen approximately 1.12 miles of Onville Road, from Worth Avenue to MCB Quantico, to provide two-way center left turn lanes and sidewalks
 - b. \$15.7m cost estimate
4. Route 208 operational improvements, as follows:
 - a. From a VDOT study – construct a third westbound lane from Hood Drive to Southpoint Parkway; make intersection improvements at Southpoint Parkway; make intersection improvements at Stoney Creek Drive/WaWa; and replace the missing curb lane, westbound, from Rhoades Drive to Woodland Drive
 - b. In addition to what is contained in the VDOT study – construct a third westbound lane from Woodland Drive to Leavells Road
 - c. Multi-modal elements assumed for the project



- i. Route 208 park and ride lot and VRE feeder bus
- ii. Bike/ped improvements at the Route 208 park and ride lot
- d. \$8m to \$14m cost estimate

The TAC thus had four projects to fill two available slots. In addition, there was some question as to whether the approved GWRC project #3 would be eligible for Smart Scale funding, since it may not meet a VTrans requirement. VDOT will confirm whether these proposed pedestrian improvements at U.S. Route 1 and Foreston Woods meet the VTrans criteria. If not, this GWRC project will also need to be replaced.

In this context, the TAC prioritized the four potential projects in the order thought to be most advantageous to the region. Additional research by VDOT will inform this process further, but at this point the TAC recommends the following projects, in the following order, for Policy Committee consideration:

1. Route 208 operational improvements (Spotsylvania County)
2. Garrisonville Road improvements (Stafford County)
3. I-95 improvements, southbound only, from Exit 130 to Exit 126
4. Onville Road improvements

In addition to the above projects, Stafford County asked to amend GWRC #1 (U.S. Route 17 improvements, commuter parking lot, and Exit 133 pedestrian improvements). They asked to down-scope the project by removing the park and ride lot. They will refrain from submitting the pre-application for this project until both GWRC and FAMPO Policy Committee have approved this change.

The Smart Scale pre-application period closes at the end of March, so both GWRC and FAMPO Policy Committee action is needed at the regularly scheduled meetings on March 16, or at a special meeting before the end of the month. Both FAMPO and jurisdictional staff are available, as needed, to assist.