

Update on Smart Scale Round 3

March, 2018



Smart Scale Schedule: Application Period opens on March 1st

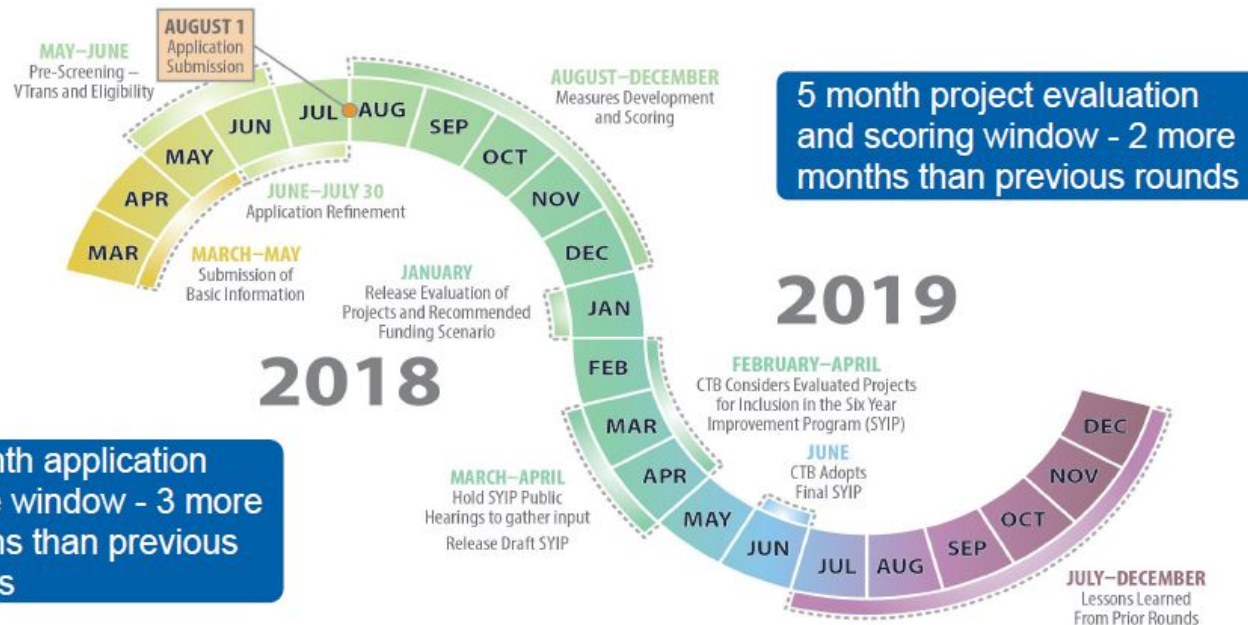


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Biennial Schedule

- Prepping for Round 3 – Start Now
- Begin application intake March 1st 2018
- June 1st deadline for creation of an application
- August 1st submission deadline



5 month application intake window - 3 more months than previous rounds

Recent/Upcoming Changes to Smart Scale Candidate Project List

- 1. Central Park Access Point Removed due to new requirement for a new IJR study**
 - **IJR = Interchange Justification Report**
 - **Insufficient time to complete an IJR study by August 1, 2018**
 - **A new IJR typically takes at least one year to complete and costs \$500 to \$600K**

- 2. Some PNR Candidate projects removed**
 - **Leeland VRE**
 - **Commonwealth Drive/Rte 1**

- 3. Several updates likely in next few months with completion of several studies across the region**
 - **US 301/207 (VDOT)**
 - **Rte 1 (VDOT)**
 - **Rte 2/17 (Spotsylvania)**
 - **Rte 1/208 (Spotsylvania)**

Update on Preliminary Smart Scale Round 3 Funding

Previous Guidance: \$800 Million to \$1.0 Billion

New Guidance based on VDOT Estimate from 3/14:

\$940 Million Total

~ \$470 Million for Statewide High Priority

~ \$470 Million for District Grant

Fredericksburg District Grant ~ \$32 to \$34 Million

- Assuming 6.86% of Total District Grant
- Potential \$2 Million not used in Round 2

Funding Estimates are still potentially subject to change

State 3/14 Update on Congestion Measure

- 1. State is using INRIX congestion data to look at both Weekday and Weekend traffic congestion to satisfy new Federal Performance Measure requirements for System Reliability. In a Statewide ranking of Interstate reliability for all MPO areas, FAMPO was rated the worst and NOVA the 2nd worst based on the latest data.**
- 2. INRIX is the same data source used in September, 2017 report identifying I-95 in FAMPO as having the worst traffic congestion in the USA**
- 3. State indicated that it is open to discussing using Weekend congestion data in Smart Scale Round 4.**
- 4. More information to come later this year.**

Questions?



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