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Re: Goochland County Funding Request

CVTA TAC Members:

This letter provides background for Goochland's request to reprogram previously awarded CVTA Regional Funds. I hope this will answer some questions, but also prevent any misinformation.

Requested Actions:

1. Goochland County is requesting to reprogram \$16,814,989 in FY23-FY26 CVTA Regional Funds from 'Rte 288 - New SB Auxiliary Lane South of U.S. 250' to 'I-64 at Ashland Rd (Rte 623) Interchange – DDI.'
2. It is also requested that the 'Rte 288 - New SB Auxiliary Lane South of U.S. 250' remain eligible for funds through future applications for CVTA regional funding.

The \$16,884,840 currently allocated to the Ashland Road Divergent Diamond Interchange (DDI) is for a two lane DDI design. The two lane DDI is no longer projected to accommodate projected traffic and a four lane DDI is now warranted.

Background:

1. Smart Scale Round 3: Goochland submitted a four lane DDI project for review. This project did not receive funding.
2. Smart Scale Round 4: VDOT performed value engineering to help the project score higher. Recommendations were made by VDOT to revise the project to a 2 lane DDI design. This would be the intermediate solution until the four lane DDI would be built. This project did not receive funding.
3. Smart Scale Round 5: Pre-Application submitted for two lane DDI design. Application screened in.
4. April 2022: CVTA Policy Board approved the regional funding scenario. The two lane DDI and the Auxiliary Lane scored 9th and 15th out of 21 highway projects, respectively. Both received funds.
5. June 1, 2022, Goochland staff received an application for rezoning for Project Rocky. This is a 650,000 sqft e-commerce facility with approximately 1,300 employees.
6. July 2022: Through Project Rocky, it has been determined, and confirmed by VDOT, that the two lane DDI is no longer a viable project. Project Rocky showed flaws in the original analysis that recommended a two lane DDI.

7. July 2022: VDOT recommended the reprogramming of CVTA funds from Rt 288 to the DDI project to Goochland staff. This recommendation was made with the understanding that bringing the additional funds to Smart Scale would position the four lane DDI very competitively.
8. July/August 2022: Goochland worked with VDOT to pull together a final Smart Scale application for this revised project. RRTPO TAC recommended endorsement of the new Smart Scale application.
9. August 2, 2022: Goochland Board of Supervisors approved the rezoning for Project Rocky. This is upwards of a \$500 million investment in Goochland and the region.

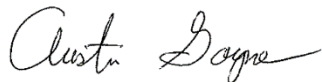
CVTA Impacts:

As the CVTA processes develop, we recognize this request may not perfectly align with the broad language of the legislation, we feel like this request is consistent with the past actions of the TAC and the Policy Board. Both the Route 288 NB Hard Shoulder Running Lane and the Fall Line Trail were approved by both the TAC and Policy Board knowing that the CVTA Guidelines are a flexible, living document open to changes after each regional funding allocation.

1. Route 288 NB Hard Shoulder Running Lane Project
 - a. TAC and the Policy Board approved an \$8 million allocation in the regional funding scenario
 - b. Direct conflict with the guidelines due to not meeting submittal timelines
 - c. Approved on the understanding that the Innovation Funding from the state became available well after the application deadline
2. Fall Line Trail
 - a. TAC and Policy Board approved funding without going through the prioritization and scoring process
 - b. This is direct conflict with the guidelines

If you have any questions prior to the September TAC meeting, feel free to contact me at 804-556-5850 or agoyne@goochlandva.us.

Respectfully,



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