CVTA AGENDA 8/28/26; ITEM B-3.

Vaughan Road Regional Funding Update

Central Virginia Transportation Authority

BACKGROUND:
The Town of Ashland applied for and received $5,347,730 in CVTA regional funds in 2022 for the Vaughan Road overpass project. This project was identified as a critical safety improvement for the Town and the regional funding was intended to leverage additional resources to fully fund the project.

To date, the Town has not been successful in securing additional funding, however they are actively working with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to pursue funding that will advance the project through final design, NEPA clearance, and right-of-way acquisition phases.

The Town is seeking approval to reallocate the Vaughn Road funds for development of 30% design plans. Any remaining funds would be returned to the Central Virginia Transportation Authority regional balance entry.

Staff opinion:

In accordance with the Regional Project Selection and Allocation Framework, a sponsor may request that a portion of the leveraging funds be used to develop plans to the 30% design stage. The language from the policy is:

> Funds from Leveraging for PE: The sponsor may request a portion of the leveraging funds, in the amount necessary to develop 30% plans for the original project scope. 30% design may include the following: survey, roadway, bridge and structures, right of way and utility impacts, hydraulics, traffic, and environmental work. The leveraging available for the second attempt will be reduced accordingly unless the applicant successfully applies for a new leveraging amount (refer to Adjusted Leveraging Amount). The request for PE funds from the leveraging amount must be made prior to the next CVTA regional application cycle.

TAC and Finance Committee Recommendation:

Approve the use of $2,328,220 in leveraging funding to develop plans to the 30% design stage, with the remainder of the allocation ($3,019,510) returned to balance entry. Additionally, the Town is encouraged to apply for supplemental regional funding upon development of the plans to the 30% design phase.

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve an adjustment of funding for the Vaughn Road Overpass project from leveraging to 30% design plans ($2,328,220), with the balance of leveraging funds ($3,019,510) returned to balance entry.