



Locality Newsletter
Salem District
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A newsletter for Virginia Department of Transportation's Salem District localities

SMART SCALE UPDATE

In August 2018, the SMART SCALE application process closed for the third round of new application submittals. These transportation projects will be vying for an estimated \$850 million in available funds.

Statewide, 468 applications were submitted, for a total requested amount of approximately \$7 billion to support an initial total project value of \$12.4 billion. The Salem District had 49 applications that were completed by the deadline.

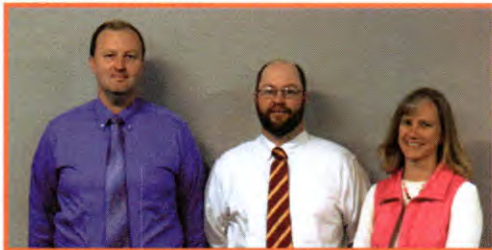
Virginia Department of Transportation staff is currently working on application validation. Once validation is complete, applications that are eligible for scoring will advance.

The SMART SCALE process will score projects based on quantifiable factors, such as safety, congestion reduction, accessibility, land use, environmental quality and economic development.

Scores will be released in early 2019. Selected projects will receive Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 funding as part of the Six-Year Improvement Program that takes effect July 1, 2019.

LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECTS COORDINATOR TEAM

The Locally Administered Projects (LAP) Coordinator Team is available to assist counties, towns and cities in the Salem District. Whether a municipality is currently working on a locally administered project or are considering applying for one in the future, the LAP team can answer questions regarding requirements for federal and state projects, design standards such as ADA, project eligibility for funding and more. Contact any of the below coordinators for more information.



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FROM THE DISTRICT ENGINEER

I'm sure we are all hopeful that the fall season will bring more sunshine so that we can dry out from the wet summer in our area.

As many of you are aware Governor Ralph Northam announced the appointment of Dr. Ray Smoot to the Commonwealth Transportation Board as the Salem District representative in September. Dr. Smoot has been an active leader in our area for many years and we look forward to his work and contributions in the transportation field.



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Secretary of Transportation Shannon Valentine, Dr. Smoot and I are pleased to invite you to attend two public meetings on October 25 to be held at the Holiday Inn Valley View, located at 3315 Ordway Drive NW in Roanoke.

The first meeting will begin at 2 p.m. to give stakeholders the opportunity to review and provide comments on transportation projects that have been submitted for consideration through the SMART SCALE prioritization process.

At 3 p.m., an I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan meeting will begin. This is the third and final meeting in the series to receive input on recommended improvements and potential revenue sources. Attendees will be provided a maximum of three minutes to make formal comments.

I truly appreciate your participation in these meetings. If you have any questions prior to the meetings, please contact Mary Brandt at 540-387-5348.

If you cannot attend these meetings, you are welcome to submit your comments as noted below.

Fall Transportation Meeting	I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan Study
Meeting materials will be available October 15 at www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings	Meeting materials will be available October 18 at www.VA81Corridor.org
The comment period ends on December 13.	The comment period ends on November 30.
Highway Comments Email: VDOT Infrastructure Investment Director, Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov Mail: 1401 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219	Email: Ben Mannell, VA81CorridorPlan@OIPI.Virginia.gov Mail: 1401 E. Broad St. Richmond, VA 23219
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PROJECT UPDATES

Under Construction

Route 703 Bridge Replacement in Carroll County

This \$1.8-million project will replace the Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) bridge over Little Reed Island Creek. A detour is currently in place and the road is expected to re-open by the end of 2018.

Under Development

Route 8 Safety Improvement in Patrick County

This \$1.5-million safety improvement project will reduce run-off road crashes along a 3.5-mile section of Route 8. Work will include shoulder improvements and guardrail installation at several locations. Advertisement for construction bids is expected in fall 2018.

Route 58 Turn Lane Project in Henry County

This \$1.7-million safety improvement project will improve operation and reduce collisions at the intersection of Route 58 east and the Route 58/220 Bypass. Advertisement for construction bids is expected in early 2019.

Route 52 Safety Improvements in Carroll County

This \$1.4-million project will enhance safety along the 3.4-mile section of Route 52 between Route 682 (Greenberry Road) and Route 835 (Old Race Track Road). Improvements will include paving shoulders, installing edge line rumble strips and upgrading guardrail. Advertisement for construction bids is in late 2018.

Route 772 Bridge Replacement in Patrick County

This \$3.3-million project will replace the Route 772 (Old Mill Road) bridge over Spoon Creek. Advertisement for construction bids is in spring 2019.

Route 609/Route 683 Safety Improvement Project in Henry County

This \$431,000 project will improve safety at the intersection of Dillons Fork Road and The Great Road in the Rangeley community by improving sight distance for vehicles turning left or proceeding straight through the southernmost leg of the intersection. Existing Route 609 flashing beacons will be replaced with ones that flash only when vehicles approach the intersection. Advertisement for construction bids is in summer 2019.

Route 52 Roadway Improvement in Carroll County

This \$3.7-million project will enhance safety on Route 52 by improving a curve at its intersection with Route 770 (Hanging Tree Road) and sight distance at its intersection with Route 705 (Coon Ridge Road). Advertisement for construction bids is in fall 2019.

Route 220/Route 688 Safety Improvements Project in Henry County

This \$350,000 project will improve safety at this intersection near Ridgeway. Advertisement for construction bids is in fall 2019.

Wheeler Avenue and Virginia Avenue Pedestrian Improvements in Henry County

This \$640,000 project will add approximately 1,000 feet of sidewalk and a signalized pedestrian crosswalk to the existing signalized intersection of Route 728 (Wheeler Avenue) and Route 220 (Virginia Avenue). Planning is underway and advertisement for construction bids is set for fall 2021.

Martinsville Southern Connector Study

In spring 2018, VDOT in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) initiated the Martinsville Southern Connector Study, an Environmental Impact Statement that will evaluate potential alternatives for future improvements along approximately seven miles of the Route 220 corridor in Henry County between the Route 58/Route 220 Bypass and the North Carolina state line. The final Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be complete in 2021.

UPCOMING DATES

11/1 SMART portal opens for State of Good Repair applications

11/1 Application deadline for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) projects

1/7 Application deadline for State of Good Repair projects

January 2019 SMART SCALE scores will be released to CTB and public



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