



**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF SMART SCALE (HB2)  
APPLICATIONS REQUESTING TRANSPORTATION FUNDING BY LOCALITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) , in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, completed a comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) in May, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2040 LRTP includes the following transportation improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPO Policy Board has identified transportation projects which are critical to improve safe and efficient movement of people and goods along public roadways in the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, during its 2014 session, the Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation in the form of House Bill 2 (“HB2”) now titled “Smart Scale”, which established new criteria for the allocation of transportation funding for projects within the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) during its board meeting of June 17, 2015 approved the Policy and Guidelines for Implementation of a Project Prioritization Process in accordance with Smart Scale; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the transportation projects identified by the MPO meet the eligibility criteria for funding under Smart Scale; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area of Charlottesville-Albemarle, for the MPO, the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County to submit HB2 applications requesting state funding for eligible transportation projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Policy Board of the MPO fully endorses submission of a Smart Scale application requesting funding for the following transportation projects:

## Being Submitted by Charlottesville

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1. **US 250 Bypass at at Hydraulic Road:** Project will include multi-modal transportation improvements at this intersection. Multiuse path and sidewalk connections, left turn lane extension on eastbound US 250 bypass onto Hydraulic Rd.
2. **5th Street Extended / Ridge Street at Cherry / Elliott Ave.:** Project will add additional left turn lane capacity, protected bike lanes, sidewalks / multiuse pathway connections, pedestrian safety improvements within the corridor.
3. **West Main Streetscape:** is a four phase project is currently underway in design and will provide multimodal transportation improvements with the addition of wider sidewalks, dedicated bike lanes, pedestrian and signal safety upgrades, mass transit system upgrades and more.
4. **Preston Avenue at Grady Avenue Intersection Improvements:** Proposed improvements seek to improve better connectivity for all modes of travel to and from the adjacent neighborhoods and commercial businesses, increased emphasis on bike and pedestrian oriented infrastructure, improve capacity through the area.

## Being Submitted by Albemarle

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1. **Route 20 (Stoney Point Road)/US 250 Richmond Road Intersection Improvements:** The project will add right turn lanes and reconfigure the intersection for improved efficiency and safety.
2. **Berkmar Drive to Airport Road Connection** – Extend Berkmar Drive (formerly Meeting Street) north from Timberwood Blvd to Airport Road. Intersection at Airport Road may be reconstructed to a roundabout. Project would include sidewalks and bike lanes.
3. **Route 20 South (Scottsville Road) Improvements at Route 53 (Thomas Jefferson Parkway)**
  - Extend SB Route 20 2-lane section south of Route 53 to Willow Lake Drive where it becomes a right-turn only lane
  - Remove left turn from Route 20 NB at Debenham Court (Route 53 intersection) and widen NB Route 20 from Willow Lake Drive to left turn lane for College Drive. This will result in a 2-lane section of NB Route 20 south of Route 53 with an additional right-turn lane and a three-lane section north of Route 53 until the left lane becomes a turn lane for College Drive.
  - Some right-of-way will be necessary between Willow Lake Drive and Route 53.
4. **Rio Road East/Pen Park Road Roundabout** – Convert intersection of Rio Road East and Pen Park Road from signalized 4-way intersection to a mini-roundabout including pedestrian facilities and traffic calming measures.

## Being Submitted by the Planning District Commission but within the MPO Area

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1. **Route 29 Shared Use Path:** Project would construct a new shared use path on the east side of US 29 from Carrsbrook Drive to the Riverside Center commercial entrance.
2. **Barracks Road US 250/29 Bypass west bound ramp right turn lane:** Project would add a new right turn lane on Barracks road at the US 250/29 west bound on ramp. Project also includes adding sidewalks on the east bound side of Barracks Road. Sidewalks will connect with existing Charlottesville sidewalk located 700 feet east of the US 250/29 bypass.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of May, 2018 by the MPO Policy Board being duly assembled.

ATTESTED:

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Ann Mallek, Chair  
Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO Policy Board