

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

DECEMBER 5, 2023

At a Worksession of the Orange County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, beginning at 4:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Public Safety Building, 11282 Government Center Drive, Orange, Virginia. Present: R. Mark Johnson, Chairman; James K. White, Vice Chairman; Keith F. Marshall; Crystal D. Hale; and J. Bryan Nicol. Also present: Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator; Thomas E. Lacheney, County Attorney; and Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk.

RE: ROUTE 601 (FLAT RUN ROAD) SMART SCALE PROJECT

Scott Thornton, Louisa Residency Administrator, reviewed a PowerPoint Presentation, which included information on the following: the original scope and cost of the Route 601 (Flat Run Road) Smart Scale project; the revised design of the project submitted for review in May 2023; rejection of the revised design by the Smart Scale Change Committee; proposed alternate improvements that could be accomplished using maintenance funds; and a request to consider cancellation of the Smart Scale project, citing an inability to make the intended safety improvements with the Smart Scale project award.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: the Smart Scale project funds that had already been expended on project design and feasibility; the source of the maintenance funds recommended to complete the alternate improvements; project components proposed in the Smart Scale scope that would not be completed under the proposed alternate improvements, which included the stormwater basin, the wider clear zone, and the run-off ramp; other options available to meet the initial objective of making the subject curve less severe; the fact the initial project scope was cost prohibitive for the funds awarded; potential future Smart Scale project proposals to realign the subject curve; the cost of the alternate improvements; schedule and timing for completion; and factors contributing to the cost increase between the time of project approval and now.

By consensus, the Board agreed that Supervisors Hale and Nicol would further evaluate the request from VDOT to cancel the Smart Scale project and consider alternate improvements and present a recommendation for Board consideration at an upcoming meeting.

RE: SMART SCALE ROUND 6; PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Scott Thornton, Louisa Residency Administrator, reviewed a PowerPoint Presentation, which included information on the following: development of potential projects for the upcoming Smart Scale application cycle; the proposed Smart Scale Route 6 schedule and timeline; Smart Scale changes for the upcoming funding cycle; a list of the highest ranked intersections and road segments in the County; a review of previous Smart Scale applications and outcomes; a summary of VDOT's project recommendations; and next steps in the Smart Scale process, including finalizing the list of projects to be submitted.

Discussion ensued among the Board regarding: timing for submitting the project applications; the change to the number of applications allowed for submission by each locality; VDOT's receipt of intersection plans from Lake of the Woods and VDOT's feedback in return; concerns with the proposed R-Cut project; and providing guidance on the projects to be submitted.

By consensus, the Board agreed to work with staff on determining the appropriate Smart Scale projects to be submitted for funding, with the understanding those recommendations would be provided to VDOT by February 1, 2024.

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There being no further business to discuss, the Board concluded its Worksession at 4:46 p.m.

R. Mark Johnson, Chairman

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator