

## RESOLUTION

### Endorsing the Submission of Smart Scale (HB2) Applications Requesting Transportation Funding by the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization

**WHEREAS** the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPD) completed a comprehensive Long Range Transportation Plan (“2045 LRTP”) in May 2019; and

**WHEREAS** the 2045 LRTP includes certain transportation improvements described within this resolution; and

**WHEREAS** the Hydraulic Small Area Plan was adopted as an amendment to the Charlottesville Comprehensive Plan on May 7, 2018; 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”) which established new criteria for the allocation of transportation funding for projects within the state (“Smart Scale”); and

**WHEREAS** the Commonwealth Transportation Board, during its board meeting on 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 Smart Scale funding; and

**WHEREAS** it is in the best interests of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Transportation Planning Area that the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, and the MPO should submit Smart Scale applications requesting state funding for eligible transportation projects; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville that the Council fully endorses the submission of a Smart Scale application by the MPO to the Commonwealth to seek funding for the following transportation projects:

#### **Projects within the City of Charlottesville:**

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1. Avon Street Multimodal Improvements
2. District Avenue (at Hydraulic Road) Roundabout
3. Fifth Street Multimodal Improvements
4. Rivanna River Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge Crossing

ADOPTED the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 by the Charlottesville City Council

**ATTEST:**

Kyna Thomas, Council Clerk