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Mr. Ricardo Canizales, Director Prince William County Department of Transportation 5 County Complex, Suite 290 Prince William, Virginia, 22192-5308

Dear Mr. Canizales,

SUBJECT: SMART SCALE Application Submission

The Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment have completed our initial screening review of the 436 applications submitted for SMART SCALE funding. Each application was reviewed to ensure (1) the project was eligible for SMART SCALE funding, (2) the project was developed sufficiently to assess its benefits according to SMART SCALE factors and measures, and (3) the project met a need identified in the draft VTrans2040 needs assessment. Based on these reviews, a project application was determined to be "screened in" or "screened out" in order to proceed to the next step in the evaluation process.

The results of these reviews will be made available at the December 2016 Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting. Shortly thereafter, this information will also be available on our website at <a href="http://www.smartscale.org/">http://www.smartscale.org/</a>.

As a result of this review, it has been determined that Application ID 1533, Widen I-95 from Occoquan River Bridge to Rte 234 (Exit 152), is not eligible for the following reasons: The project's estimate could not be fully evaluated given that the proposed addition of capacity to Interstate 95 would result in a compensation event for the I-95 Express Lanes, for which adequate information is not currently available. In addition, the project is in the conceptual stage, with no defined/identified alternatives to evaluate. As such, this project will not proceed to the next step in the evaluation process.

If you would like more information regarding the SMART SCALE Prioritization Process, please contact Andy Beacher, P.E., at <a href="mailto:Andrew.beacher@vdot.virginia.gov">Andrew.beacher@vdot.virginia.gov</a>, or 703-259-2339. My staff and I are available to further discuss the results of this review and to discuss opportunities for advancing the development of your potential project.

We appreciate your interest in SMART SCALE and look forward to working with you further.

Sincerely,

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