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TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager

FROM: Thomas Hartman, PE, Director of Public Works

DATE: July 28, 2020

RE: Resolution of Support for Rockingham County Smart Scale Application

**Summary:** Consideration for adopting Resolutions of Support for Rockingham County's Smart Scale grant application that proposes to widen Smithland Road.

## **Background:**

Rockingham County intends to submit an application to compete for federal and state transportation dollars through the Smart Scale grant program to increase the widths of the existing travel lanes and add shoulders along Route 720 (Smithland Road) between U.S. 11 (North Valley Pike) and Route 718 (Old Furnace Road, to improve safety, operations, and bicycle movement. The project's eastern terminus is approximately 250' inside the City boundary. The application requires a resolution of support from City Council because the project enters the City limits.

## **Key Issues:**

N/A

## **Environmental Impact**:

Typical roadway construction project impacts and mitigations expected. Will have an environmental review during engineering phase.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

None

### **Prior Actions:**

N/A

#### **Alternatives:**

Do not pass the Resolution and the County would likely adjust the project terminus to not enter the City.

## **Community Engagement:**

N/A

## **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends supporting the resolution.

# **Attachments:**

- Resolution for County Smart Scale application
  Presentation

# **Review:**