

Memorandum

To: Albemarle County Board of Supervisors
From: Kristian Zimmerman
Date: May 9, 2018
Reference: Rural Long Range Transportation Presentation

Purpose: TJPDC staff presented to board members at the onset of the 2040 Rural Long Range Planning process to inform them of the need to update the existing plan (2035 Rural Long Range Plan). TJPDC staff is returning with an update on the plans findings and recommendations as they relate to Albemarle County. The Rural Long Range Plan 2040 (RLRP 2040) plan was developed with extensive input from VDOT Culpepper District and the Albemarle County Planning Department. This presentation is an opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to review the draft plan and provide any feedback they might have.

Background: The United Jefferson Area Mobility Plan (UnJAM), has already analyzed the deficiencies and needs of the region's transportation network, including the rural areas. The first of these plans was UnJAM 2025 which was prepared by the TJPDC and adopted by the MPO Policy Board in 2004. The plan was updated in 2009 with the adoption of UnJAM 2035. Since the adoption of UnJAM 2035 the MPO has adopted a separate urban Long-Range Transportation Plan (Charlottesville and Albemarle) called LRTP 2040 and a Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan called RLRP 2035. With this update of the plan, the planning horizon year has been advanced by five years to 2040. This represents the year for which the plan must address the anticipated impacts of population and employment growth upon the transportation system.

2040 RLRP is a regionally focused plan for the rural portions of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District. The plan contains information on the regional transportation network along with an analysis of needs based on available funding programs. The plan then provides a list of project recommendations that address these needs and deficiencies. Projects are prioritized based on their potential performance for the Smart Scale process (Smart Scale is the Commonwealths performance driven process for selecting and funding transportation projects). A copy of the plan can be reviewed at <http://tjpd.org/rural-transportation-planning/>. The plan is located at the bottom of the page under Active Projects.

Summary:

TJPDC staff have completed a draft version of the 2040 Rural Long Range Transportation Plan which includes updated to the regional overview, demographics, transportation system, safety, public transportation, freight and inter-regional transit, employer locations (rural), freight generators, travel demand management, land use, bridge sufficiency, and an overall deficiency system.

Action Items: TJPDC staff are asking for the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors for input on the 2040 Rural Long Range Transportation Plan. If there are any questions or comments, please contact Wood Hudson at whudson@tjpd.org or (434)422-4825.