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Memorandum

To: Planning Commission
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Subject: Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2019

CPA2019-00001 Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2019

Proposal:

The Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2019 CPA2019-0001: To consider amending Chapter 10-Transportation of the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan by formally incorporating recommendations from the Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2019. Completed by the Thomas Jefferson Area Planning District Commission (TJPDC), the 2019 Plan is an update of regional bicycle and pedestrian improvements. CPA2019-00001 would replace references to the 2004 Jefferson Area Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Plan and amending references to Chapter 10 Transportation Appendix A10.1. The Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2019 (the 2019 Plan), establishes new regional corridors of significance and provides recommendations for implementation of bicycle and pedestrian improvements for regional connectivity. References to the 2004 Jefferson Area Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Plan in Chapter 10-Transportation can currently be found under Objective 4 Strategies 4a and 4c. The 2019 Plan is supportive of the transportation chapter's goal of an increasingly multimodal, environmentally sound, well maintained, safe, and reliable transportation network.

Attachments are provided to document all the proposed amendments to the transportation chapter and appendix.

Background:

The TJPDC, which also staffs the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-A MPO) has completed the 2019 Plan as an update to the 2004 Jefferson Area Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenways Plan. The 2019 Plan was developed over two years of community engagement and outreach, made possible through a grant awarded by the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation to TJPDC and Piedmont Environmental Council. Creation of this Plan involved extensive public involvement and collaboration with County/City staff. This 2019 Plan brings together multiple planning efforts to provide a guide for implementation on a regional scale. The Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian 2019 Plan was adopted by the CA-MPO Policy Board in February 2019 and by the Planning District Commission in March 2019.

Summary:

The 2019 Plan identified corridors of regional significance encouraging implementation on the regional scale by enhancing connectivity between residential areas and economic centers within the urban areas of Albemarle County and the City of Charlottesville. Recommendations are also provided regionally for towns, development areas, and rural areas in Albemarle, Greene, Louisa, Nelson and Fluvanna Counties. This Plan also recommends

bicycle and pedestrian safety and education programs to reduce roadway crashes and injuries among pedestrians and bicyclists. The goal is to increase awareness of the responsibilities of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists, and promote tolerance among all roadway users.

Additionally, creation of an online regional dataset and map of existing and proposed bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure is currently in progress between the County of Albemarle, the City of Charlottesville, and UVA. This is an on-going planning effort in coordination with TJPDC. This map will show existing and proposed infrastructure as well as the status of that infrastructure (i.e. funding received or applied for). Once complete, this map will be a collaborative resource with the 2019 Plan to identify, prioritize, and advocate for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in the region. Implementation will require effort from the regional stakeholders to create an accessible bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure network with regional significance.

The 2019 Plan will be provided to all local governments within the region for their consideration for inclusion to their Comprehensive Plans and to specific transportation, recreation, greenway, bicycle and pedestrian documents. The 2019 Plan- if adopted- shall serve as a foundation for studying, promoting, and improving the connectivity and safe use of bicycles and pedestrian routes within Albemarle County.

Pending a successful public hearing with the Planning Commission, a public hearing with the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for July 3, 2019.

Recommendations:

Staff recommend the Planning Commission

1: Adopt the attached Resolution to Approve Amending the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan, CPA2019-0001 to formally incorporate recommendations from the Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2019 under Objective 4 strategy 4a and strategy 4c.

2. Approve adding the Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2019 reference under Transportation A.10.1 Appendix under new reference of A.10.17.

Attachment A- The Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2019

Attachment B- The 2004 Jefferson Area Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Plan

Attachment C- Appendix C of the 2019 Plan-TJPDC-PEC Public Engagement

Attachment D- Signed Resolution of Adoption by the MPO Policy Board February 2019

Attachment E- Signed Resolution of Adoption by the PDC March 2019

Attachment F- Current version of Chapter 10- Transportation Objective 4 Strategies 4a and 4c and Appendix A.10.1

Attachment G- Proposed Amendments to Chapter 10- Transportation Objective 4 Strategies 4a and 4c and Appendix A.10- "redline" version

Attachment H- Resolution to Approve Amending Chapter 10- Transportation of the Comprehensive Plan