

COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE
TRANSMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SUMMARY OF PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

AGENDA TITLE: CPA2019-00001 Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2019	AGENDA DATE: July 3, 2019
SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: To consider amending Chapter 10- Transportation by formally incorporating recommendations from the Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2019.	STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Herrick, Graham, Benish, McDermott, Butch
SCHOOL DISTRICT: N/A	PRESENTER (S): Daniel Butch, Senior Planner - Transportation Kristian Zimmerman- Planner II, TJPDC

BACKGROUND:

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC), which also staffs the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (C-A MPO), has completed the Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2019 (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 the 2019 Plan involved extensive public involvement and collaboration with County/City staff. The 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. On May 7, 2019, the Planning Commission voted 7:0 to adopt the resolution to recommend approval of CPA201900001 (Attachment A4).

DISCUSSION:

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. The 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. 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 in their Comprehensive Plans and specific transportation, recreation, bicycle and pedestrian planning 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommend that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment E) approving CPA 2019-00001.

ATTACHMENTS:

A- CPA201900001 Memo PC 5.7.19 Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2019

A1- Planning Commission Draft Minutes 5.7.2019
A2- Planning Commission Action Memo 5.7.2019
A3- Planning Commission Resolution 5.7.2019
B- The Jefferson Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 2019
C- Current version of Chapter 10- Transportation Objective 4 Strategies 4a and 4c and Appendix A.10.1
D- Proposed Amendments to Chapter 10- Transportation Objective 4 Strategies 4a and 4c and Appendix A.10
E- Board Resolution Approving CPA 2019-00001