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Memorandum

To: Planning Commission
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Subject: CPA2019-2- Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

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Proposal:

The Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan CPA2019-2: To consider amending Chapter 10- Transportation of the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan by formally incorporating recommendations from the Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan update. Completed by the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (CA-MPO) staffed within the Thomas Jefferson Area Planning District Commission (TJPDC), the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is an update to the 2040 LRTP. The LRTP is a federally-mandated plan that looks ahead two decades outlining the region's long-range transportation vision identifying projects that the region anticipates undertaking within that vision. CPA2019-2 would replace reference to the 2040 LRTP amending references to Chapter 10- Transportation: Appendix A.10.9 and update link to 2045 LRTP. At large, the LRTP is referenced throughout Chapter 10- Transportation establishing a transportation vision for Albemarle County. The specific 2040 LRTP is referenced only in Appendix A.10.9 which CPA2019-2 would amend. Chapter 10- Transportation Strategy 1c states, "Continue to participate in development and adoption of the LRTP for the CA-MPO area." The 2045 LRTP Plan is supportive of the transportation chapter's goal of an increasingly multimodal, environmentally sound, well maintained, safe, and reliable transportation network.

Background:

The C-A MPO is the official forum for cooperative transportation decision-making for the metropolitan area. It is federally designated to consider regional long-range highway, transit, bike and pedestrian, and multimodal system projects that receive federal funds. One of the core responsibilities of the MPO is developing and maintaining the LRTP. The LRTP guides the region in creating a more efficient, responsive and environmentally-sensitive transportation system over the next 20+ years. The plan examines regional transportation trends/issues and offers a list of specific projects for addressing the region's mobility needs to provide connectivity through and around the region for goods and services. The MPO staff identified projects for inclusion in the fiscally constrained and vision project lists. These projects were identified and evaluated mirroring the same performance-based approach of quantifiable performance measures for SMART SCALE funding.

Summary:

The MPO's 2045 LRTP addresses future transportation projects in the City of Charlottesville and the urbanized area of Albemarle County for the next 20 years. The goal of this plan is to create and advance a balanced, regional, multimodal transportation network. The process for development of this plan included strong public

engagement. At the April 2019 MPO Policy Board meeting, which includes representatives from the Charlottesville City Council and Albemarle Board of Supervisors, held a public hearing to gather public comment on the draft LRTP and again at the May 22, 2019 Policy Board meeting which then the 2045 LRTP was adopted by the Policy Board.

Recommendations:

Staff recommend the Planning Commission:

1: Adopt the attached Resolution to Approve Amending the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan, CPA2019-2 to formally incorporate recommendations from the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and amend Chapter 10- Transportation Appendix A.10.9.

Attachments:

Attachment A- The 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

Attachment B- Signed Resolution of Adoption by the MPO Policy Board May 2019

Attachment C- Current version of Chapter 10- Transportation Appendix A.10.9

Attachment D- Proposed Amendments to Chapter 10- Transportation Appendix A.10.9- redline version

Attachment E- Resolution for CPA2019-2 Amending Chapter 10- Transportation Appendix A.10.9