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Memorandum

To: Planning Commission
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Subject: MPO Long-Range Transportation Plan 2045

Purpose:

The Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (CA-MPO) is working to update the region's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), for its 5-year update. MPO staff is presenting the Planning Commission with a status update on the LRTP planning process and soliciting input.

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 transportation 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. The focus of the plan is on the regional transportation network, which provides connectivity through and around the region for goods and services.

The MPO Policy Board, which includes representatives from the Charlottesville City Council and Albemarle Board of Supervisors, approved the most recent plan in May 2014. The updated plan must be completed and approved by the Policy Board by May of 2019.

Summary:

MPO staff have nearly completed the planning process and have identified projects for inclusion in the final constrained and vision project lists. The draft LRTP document is available at <http://campo.tjpc.org/wp-content/uploads/LRTP-2045-DRAFT.pdf> (project lists pages 88 to 95).

Action Items: This discussion is to inform the Planning Commission of the ongoing planning process and solicit input from the Commission. At the April MPO Policy Board meeting, a public hearing was held to gather public comments on the draft LRTP document. A second public hearing will be held at the May MPO Policy Board meeting, and the MPO Policy Board will consider adoption of the LRTP at that time.

If there are any questions or comments, please visit the plan website at <http://campo.tjpc.org/process-documents/lrtp/> or contact Jakob zumFelde at jzumfelde@tjpc.org or 434-422-4080.