

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission

From: Patrick L. Mauney, Executive Director

Date: April 20, 2021

Subject: 2045 Regional Long Range Transportation Plan

As you may recall, RRRC staff are in the process of revising and updating the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan. This process began in 2020 through updates to existing demographic and baseline data trends and incorporating statewide planning strategies, goals and funding mechanisms into the updated plan materials. In February, staff presented additional information regarding equity and disadvantaged population demographics based on census data to the Transportation Committee.

Staff will provide a brief update on the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan at the April meeting and anticipate having a draft plan in place for review by the August 2021 meeting.

At this time, staff have compiled maps for each County and four largest Towns documenting ongoing and future project priorities, as outlined below. These maps and list of recommendations (spreadsheet format, with type and source of recommendation) were provided to local staff with a request for review outlined below.

• Existing Projects Map

This map shows projects with existing funding or that have been submitted through the first four rounds of Smart Scale, as well as though currently included on roadway resurfacing programs managed by VDOT.

• Potential Future Projects Map

This map shows intersections and corridors qualifying through the VTrans Midterm Needs identification process (safety, congestion, accessibility) as well as through the current VDOT Potential for Safety Improvement (PSI) listings for the Culpeper District.

As part of your review for future projects maps, you may also utilize two VDOT web apps to aid in review.

- 1) Potential for Safety Improvement Web Map
- 2) Interact VTrans (for VTrans Mid-Term needs)

The primary purposes of this plan revision are to ensure that the region's transportation network allows for, and encourages, the safe and efficient movement of people and goods, and to ensure that new and/or revised projects are included in the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan in order to maximize the plan's value for transportation funding through the Smart Scale, Revenue Sharing, Transportation Alternatives and other transportation funding available through the Commonwealth.

A secondary purpose of the review is to ensure that the plan includes any intersections or corridors that have been identified as local priorities, but may not have the supporting data in place to qualify for either VTrans or PSI lists at the present time. These may be sourced from Comprehensive Plans or other local planning processes at your discretion.

If possible, we request that your review be completed by May 14, 2021. If this will not be possible, please let me or Matthew Decatur (mdecatur@rrregion.org) know so that we can adjust our timeline for the draft plan development.

Additional background materials, included recent presentations to the Transportation Committee, can be found at https://www.rrregion.org/transportationcommittee