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Memorandum

To: CHART Committee
From: Ann Whitham, Planner
Date: June 13, 2008
Re: UnJAM 2035 Planning Goals and Regional Vision

The UnJAM 2025 Plan outlines three key goals on which the Regional Vision for the Plan rests. These are:

- Improve connections and travel throughout the region
- Improve mobility within neighborhoods, towns and counties
- Make transportation choices which help foster livable communities

While neither planning thought and practice nor the priorities of the MPO area and the region have changed drastically in the past five years, revisiting these goals and the Regional Vision in the context of a shifting economy, increased transportation costs and limited funding will help us create a relevant and responsive UnJAM 2035. For reference, the Planning Goals and Regional Vision pages from UnJAM 2025 are enclosed with this memo.

Based on CHART's recommendations, MPO staff will revise the Planning Goals and Regional Vision for UnJAM 2035 and present them to the MPO Policy Board and the Planning District Commission for approval at their July and August meetings respectively.

Attachment A:

Goals and Evaluation

The United Jefferson Area Mobility 2025 Plan is a long-range transportation package designed to improve the region's environment, land-use, and economic development. It strives to create an efficient, seamless transportation network. The Plan's goals are to:

- **Improve connections and travel throughout the region**
- **Improve mobility within neighborhoods, towns and counties**
- **Make transportation choices which help foster livable communities**

Each mode in the transportation network delivers on these goals as detailed in each modal section. The following criteria have been developed to help evaluate proposed transportation projects for the CHART 2025 Plan:

1. Provides effective and competitive alternatives to the automobile
2. Supports locally adopted land use goals
3. Supports environmental preservation goals
4. Provides multiple choices for travel
5. Enhances traveler convenience and flexibility
6. Ensures that any new roadways in commercial and/or residential areas are appropriate to a pedestrian scale
7. Enhances intermodal access
8. Enhances neighborhoods and sense of community by protecting or improving residents' travel choices, safe streets, and pedestrian accessibility
9. Shortens overall travel distance through enhanced connectivity
10. Seeks the elimination of congestion at busy nodes
11. Complements scale and character of surrounding area
12. Is visually attractive and enhances or maintains beauty of surrounding area
13. Supports access to community services, public facilities, recreational and natural areas
14. Enhances the safety of travelers using motorized and non-motorized modes.
15. Considers requirements for emergency vehicle access in a manner consistent with the other criteria
16. Meets needs of underserved communities and individuals
17. Provides opportunities for future transit development
18. Enhances local and regional economy, including through tourism
19. Supports intended road network function
20. Meets CHART standards for acceptable Level of Service (LOS)
21. Complements state, national, global transportation network
22. Includes a "no build" alternative in all considerations of transportation improvements
23. Adheres to principles of Environmental Justice

Attachment B:

UnJAM 2025 Regional Vision
Overview

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District has adopted a vision for the region's overall transportation system:

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District transportation system will provide an appropriate blend of transportation alternatives to support the movement of people, goods, services and information in the most efficient and effective manner possible, addressing regional and statewide transportation needs in a manner consistent with local goals to maintain and enhance quality of life.

In addition, the individual localities of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission have many shared goals for transportation planning. They may be classified under region-wide mobility, local or neighborhood mobility, and the creation of livable communities:

- **Improve connections throughout the region**
 - Decrease traffic congestion and improve traffic flow
 - Provide a good mix of public transit options
 - Support more park and ride lots
 - Improve rail service, including potential for Light Rail

- **Improve mobility within neighborhoods, towns, and counties**
 - Make walking practical, safe, and enjoyable
 - Create and improve facilities for bicycling
 - Create internal road networks and interconnected streets

- **Make transportation choices which help foster livable communities**
 - Target growth to development areas with good regional mobility
 - Create neighborhood friendly streets with safe facilities for walking and bicycling
 - Decrease strip commercial development
 - Provide a healthy mixture of land uses supporting the local economy

The regional dynamics of interconnected roads, shared transportation systems such as JAUNT, CTS, UTS, Greene County Transit, and Park and Ride lots, commuting patterns, and regional destinations for shopping and recreation point to the need for a coordinated, multi-modal regional transportation plan. This plan must be able to be effectively implemented if the region is to continue to flourish and grow in a manner in keeping with the quality of life that the region's residents currently enjoy.