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Memorandum

To: CHART Committee
From: Bill Wanner, Senior Regional Planner
Date: January 26, 2009
Re: Greene County Multimodal Corridor Study and Comprehensive Plan Update

Overview

In 2007, TJPDC and Greene County jointly applied for and received a VDOT Local Corridor Study Planning Grant to develop a plan for the US 29 Corridor from the Albemarle County line to Ruckersville and for the US 33 corridor from the Orange County Line to the western end of the Stanardsville Bypass. Work on the study began in September 2008 in conjunction with an update to Greene County's Comprehensive Plan, on which TJPDC and Greene County are also partners.

The Comprehensive Plan

The update to Greene County's Comprehensive Plan will provide a new vision and set of goals for future growth and development, review and potentially revise the future land use map and make recommendations for implementation, focusing on planning and funding strategies. The process kicked off with a series of three community "focus groups" around the County to identify key issues and components for the vision statement and goals. Following the community focus group meetings, TJPDC and County staff have worked together with the Planning Commission to develop a Vision Statement, which will be finalized at a January 29, 2009 work session.

The US 29/33 Multimodal Corridor Study

The County and TJPDC have retained Renaissance Planning Group to conduct the corridor study, which will analyze future growth patterns and develop multimodal transportation solutions for the US 29 and 33 corridors to accommodate that growth. It will include strategies for improvements to 29 and 33, a better-connected network of local roads to protect through-capacity, pedestrian and bicycle improvements in the developing areas, improved business access, and coordination between Greene County Transit and regional transit service.

As part of the Corridor Study, Renaissance Planning Group will work with the County to develop a preferred growth scenario through a series of workshops, the first of which was held on November 15, 2008. Scenario planning is an opportunity to create and test how different land use patterns affect our transportation system. Scenario planning also helps us understand where and how we can improve roads and mobility in our community. The Corridor study also comes at a particularly opportune time given its concurrency with both the update to UnJAM, as well as the VDOT Route 29 Corridor Study. The VDOT project lead has already attended a Greene County scenario planning workshop and TJPDC will be able to incorporate current and topical citizen response from the study into UnJAM 2035.

Next Steps

Next steps include a Multimodal/Scenario Planning workshop in early March. County residents will identify a preferred alternative scenario to the trend or "business as usual" scenario. The preferred alternative will then guide the specific transportation and land use recommendations made in the study.