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Sustainable solutions to regional issues

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## MEMO

**To:** TJPD Commissioners  
**From:** Billie Campbell, on behalf of Melissa Barlow  
**Date:** September 25, 2008  
**Reference:** Transportation Program

**Purpose:** To discuss three specific issues related to the TJPD  
Transportation Program.

**Background:** The Commission serves as the Policy Board for the Rural  
Transportation Program. Melissa will brief the Commission on three items  
related to rural transportation and invite discussion: Rural Program  
Restructuring, the regional Vision Statement for UnJAM, and the Regional  
Transit Authority

### **Issues:**

- Except for the adoption of the annual Rural Transportation Scope of  
Work, the Commission has only intermittent connection with the work of  
the Rural Technical Committee. TJPD is recommending some  
mechanisms to strengthen the connection between the Policy Board and  
Technical Committee. The memo to the Rural Technical Committee,  
considered at their September 23 meeting, is enclosed.
- The MPO Citizens' (CHART) Committee developed a new vision  
statement for UnJAM, which was approved by the MPO Policy Board on  
September 17. Since this is a regional vision statement, it is being  
brought to the Commission for discussion and action. Memo to MPO  
Policy Board enclosed.
- The City of Charlottesville and the County of Albemarle are continuing to  
work together to form a Regional Transit Authority (RTA), and  
established a Joint Working Group in August 2008. A memo updating the  
Commission on the RTA is enclosed. This discussion will examine how  
other localities and entities in the region could be potential partners.

**Action Needed:** Discussion only on rural restructuring and RTA. Action is  
required to revise and/or adopt the UnJAM vision statement.

**Effective Date:** If revisions are made to the UnJAM vision statement, these  
would be taken to CHART at their November 5 meeting. If adopted as  
presented, this action would be reported to the MPO Policy Board on  
October 15.