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To: TJPD Commissioners

From: Melissa Barlow

Date: February 26, 2009

Re: Transportation Program

Purpose: To brief the Commission on upcoming transportation program events surrounding the anticipated approval of the UnJAM 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Background: Staff has been working to update UnJAM in anticipation of its adoption by the MPO in May, 2009 per FHWA and FTA requirements. Rural transportation program staff has also been coordinating with VDOT and its consultant to develop a Rural Long Range Plan (RLRP), which will ultimately be incorporated into the UnJAM plan for the rural localities, but not before the required May 2009 deadline.

Issues: The May 2009 deadline leaves little time to conduct public outreach to the Planning District's rural localities. Therefore, as work progresses on the RLRP and it is incorporated into UnJAM, staff intends to bring the document and a list of the region's rural transportation projects to each county for public review and comment during 2009. However, any significant revisions to the document will require its amendment and reapproval from the MPO, as well as the Commission.

Recommendations: Staff and VDOT has suggested utilizing each county's standing public meeting structures to seek public comment and feedback, such as Planning Commissions, or the Board of Supervisors Meetings.

Action Needed: Staff requests feedback from the Commission on the best way to involve the rural localities in the review and approval of the long range plan.