

Memo

To: TJPD Commissioners
From: Will Cockrell, Rural Area Planner
Date: September 22, 2009

Re: Comments on VDOT 2035 Surface Transportation Plan

Purpose: Virginia Department of Transportation is requesting comments and recommendations from the TJPD on the highway projects and intersection improvements found in the 2035 Surface Transportation Plan. These comments will be forwarded to VDOT, as part of their outreach efforts.

Background: Virginia is in the process of developing the 2035 Surface Transportation Plan to identify long-range transit, rail and highway planning recommendations in support of the Commonwealth's statewide long-range multimodal plan, VTrans2035. Attached is a map and table that describe these proposed highway projects in the rural area of the region. VDOT requested that all comments from MPOs and PDCs on the draft list of highway projects be submitted by **October 9, 2009**.

Issue: VDOT is seeking review and feedback from the Planning District Commission on the draft fiscally constrained list of highway projects identified by VDOT for inclusion in the highway element of the Surface Transportation Plan.

On September 22, the Rural Technical Committee discussed the fiscally constrained list of proposed highway projects and improvements. After reviewing the roadway information, the Committee unanimously approved the following comments, to be forwarded to the Commission for your consideration. The Committee recommended that:

- The entire extent of Route 208, in Louisa County included in the project, for improvement to a consistent rural 2 lane cross-section with 24 foot pavement width,
- There be clarification about whether the proposed project on Route 15 includes intersection improvements at the I-64 ramps in Zions Crossroads,
- That the Route 15 project in Fluvanna County include intersection improvements at Route 15 and Route 6,

Staff requests that the Commission review these materials and the Technical Committees recommendations and agree upon a set of comments that staff will put in the form of a letter for submittal to VDOT.

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