Attachment D: Summary of Planning Commission and Board Input (Transportation)

The following is a summary of previous Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors input on Transportation topics:

Development Areas

Coordinate multimodal transportation planning with other Comp Plan topics, including land use and parks

- Multiple PC work sessions: The Commission emphasized the importance of greenways as both part of the multimodal transportation network and part of the recreation and open space network. A coordinated approach to trails and greenways is needed to ensure connections to key destinations, like Centers and parks. The overlap between land use and transportation is also key, especially as higher densities make walking, biking, and transit more feasible.
- March 20, 2024 Board work session: The Board supported multimodal transportation projects in the Development Areas, noting that project funding is a major constraint and consideration. The Board also emphasized the need to integrate pedestrian infrastructure and transit routes.

Continue to enhance transit in the Development Areas

- March 12, 2024 PC work session: The Commission supported continuing to evaluate the existing transit services and enhance them (as needed). The Commission supported expanding MicroCAT in more locations in the county. The Commission also emphasized the importance of regional collaboration in transit planning.

Rural Area

Plan for rural road recreational use

- Multiple PC work sessions: The Commission recommended using data and community input on where community members are already walking and biking in the Rural Area, and using that information to guide plan recommendations for recreational uses on some rural roads. The Commission noted that incremental improvements could be an option, especially when paired with already-planned VDOT projects.
- March 20, 2024 Board work session: The Board supported small-scale improvements for rural recreation roads to improve safety, such as shoulder widening. The Board agreed with the Commission that data and community input on usage should be used.

Prioritize transportation investments in the Development Areas, with projects in the Rural Area focused on safety and maintaining a rural character

- February 27, 2024 PC work session: The Commission emphasized the need to prioritize investments in the Development Areas, especially with limited funding and to be

consistent with the Growth Management Policy. In the Rural Area, there should be consideration of funding for transportation projects that also related to rural recreation and tourism, along with safety improvement projects.

- March 20, 2024 Board work session: The Board agreed with the Commission that transportation projects need to be prioritized in the Development Areas, and there is not funding available to construct more urban transportation infrastructure in the Rural Area, such as bike lanes and sidewalks.

Transit in the Rural Area connects community members to healthcare and other needs

- March 12, 2024 PC work session: The Commission supported increased transit service in the Rural Area, especially for aging community members to access healthcare and other essential destinations. The Commission also noted that park and rides are an important part of the transit system, especially for commuters.
- March 20, 2024 Board work session: The Board noted that funding for extensive transit in the Rural Area is not available, and the focus should continue to be on paratransit and supporting existing rural transit services. The Board also supported continued use of park and rides as part of the rural and regional transit network.