

**To:** Louisa County  
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**Reference:** Update to Move Safely Blue Ridge Data for Federal Compliance

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**Purpose:**

This memorandum provides notice of an update to the *Move Safely Blue Ridge* Comprehensive Safety Action Plan prompted by recent federal policy changes. Following an executive order rescinding the Justice40 Initiative and the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST), the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) is doing detailed analysis on all programs, particularly those that have received federal funding, to ensure compliance with the current executive orders.

**Background:**

Executive Order 14148, titled "*Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions*", was signed on January 20, 2025. It rescinds Executive Order 14008, "*Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*", thereby eliminating the Justice40 Initiative, CEJST, and related environmental justice programs. Accordingly, Justice40 and CEJST data were replaced with data from the U.S. Census Bureau, specifically:

- Areas of Persistent Poverty (AoPP)
- Median Household Income
- Percent of Households with Zero Vehicle Access

Additionally, all recipients of U.S. Department of Transportation funding received a letter from the U.S. Secretary of Transportation on April 24, 2025, outlining interpretation of current federal law and revised guidance for federal grant recipients. Revisions to the *Move Safely Blue Ridge* Comprehensive Safety Action Plan will ensure that TJPDC submits an action plan that is fully compliant with federal guidance.

**Plan Updates:**

The following pages in the revised Comprehensive Safety Action Plan reflect data-related updates:

- **Page 9:**
  - Removed references to rescinded data sources
- **Page 24:**
  - Updated Community Conditions section with AoPP data
- **Pages 33-34:**
  - Updated “Jurisdiction at a Glance” Table 19
  - Removed references to rescinded data sources
  - Added figures showing block group-level data for income, zero-vehicle access, and AoPP designations (new Figures 22–24)
  - Included updated percentages of serious injuries and fatalities located in AOPP census tracts
- **Pages 73-74:**
  - Revised safety scoring, demographic data, and demographic weighting for proposed projects
  - Project ID L5 – Route 22 near Nolting Rd: Shifted from Rank 8 to Rank 7
  - Project ID L8 – Route 208 & Jack Jouett Rd: Shifted from Rank 7 to Rank 8
- **Appendix, Page 173:**
  - Updated prioritization criteria to reflect AoPP data in place of CEJST

### **Outcome:**

These data updates do not affect proposed safety strategies or solutions for jurisdictions. While some project rankings shifted, jurisdictions may pursue implementation funding independent of ranking within the plan document. Ensuring *Move Safely Blue Ridge* remains compliant with federal requirements allows the region to remain eligible for future *Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)* implementation funding opportunities.