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Memorandum

To: CA-MPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)
From: Taylor Jenkins, Director of Transportation
Date: January 28, 2026
Subject: CA-MPO Staff Updates

Purpose:
To inform CTAC members of CA-MPO program activities.

1. **FFY25 Annual Obligation Report**
    i. The Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (Annual Listing) includes all projects and strategies listed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for which federal funds were obligated during the immediately preceding program year. The Annual Listing is intended to improve the transparency of transportation spending decisions by providing an accounting for federal funds that have been authorized and committed by the state or designated recipients (e.g. Charlottesville Area Transit) for expenditure on projects programmed in the TIP. The report must be publicly posted per federal regulations, and can be accessed on the CA-MPO website here.

2. **Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Grant Applications**
    i. Staff are preparing grant applications for key TJPDC programs that are due by February 1, 2025. These programs include:
        1. Partnership for Accessible Transportation Help (PATH): Operated by TJPDC, PATH is a mobility management program dedicated to improving access to transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Virginia's Region 10. Through personalized information and referral services, transportation workshops, and travel training, PATH ensures that community members have the knowledge and resources needed to travel safely and independently.
        2. RideShare: RideShare is a program of the TJPDC and Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) that connects commuters and employers to resources to reduce single-occupant vehicles on the road by facilitating the use of alternative transportation. RideShare provides services such as carpool/vanpool matching, commuter outreach, and a guaranteed ride home program.

3. **Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Application**
    i. Staff are preparing application materials for the FY26 BUILD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to complete the preliminary engineering phase for the Rivanna River Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossing, which would provide a

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vital multi-modal connection between the Pantops growth area in Albemarle County and the rest of the Charlottesville-Albemarle urbanized area. The application will be submitted by CA-MPO to the U.S. Department of Transportation by February 24, 2026.

4. **CA-MPO Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Application Update**
    i. Staff received notification that the CA-MPO SS4A application titled, "Crash Analytics and Injury Research (CAIR) - Holistic Approach to Vulnerable Road User Safety" was not selected for funding. Staff have requested a debrief meeting to receive feedback on the submission.

5. **CA-MPO Regional Travel Demand Model Update**
    i. At their August meeting, the CA-MPO Policy Board approved base year (2022) demographics for the travel demand model update. In February, the Technical Committee and Policy Board will review and approve future year (2050) demographics. The travel demand model is an analytical tool used to support the transportation planning process. Because the LRTP is required to include current and projected transportation demand over a 20-year period, the travel demand model helps to fulfill that task.

6. **Performance Safety Targets**
    i. In December, CA-MPO staff provided a presentation to the Technical Committee for the adoption of the 2026 Performance Safety targets. The Committee provided a recommendation to the Policy Board to adopt the aspirational safety targets which the Policy Board will consider at their February meeting.

7. **FY27-30 TIP Development**
    i. In coordination with VDOT, DRPT, and CAT, staff are completing a comprehensive update of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) covering FY27-30. A full draft document is anticipated to be available by spring 2026. The TIP is a document used to schedule spending federal transportation funds within the metropolitan region, in coordination with significant state and local funds. The TIP is a prioritized listing/program of transportation projects that is developed and formally adopted by the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as part of the metropolitan transportation planning process.

8. **FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Development**
    i. CA-MPO staff are currently drafting the FY27 UPWP. The UPWP is an annual document identifying major metropolitan transportation planning activities to be performed with provided funds.

9. **Three Notched Trail**
    i. Albemarle County is excited to share draft Three Notched Trail Shared Use Path (3NT) route options and they need YOUR input! We invite you to browse the project website to review maps of multiple route options and provide feedback through our online survey. You can share your thoughts on the entire corridor or specific segments of the corridor. The survey will close on February 8th. Materials from the recent public meeting that shared the process for developing these options are available online on the project website: https://engage.albemarle.org/three-notched-trail-master-plan.

    **Note this is a planning project- no land is being purchased or trail built at this stage.*

10. **Virginia Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**
    a. January 2026 Active Transportation Newsletter
    b. 2026 Winter BPAC Meeting
    The Winter 2026 BPAC hybrid meeting will be virtually held on Tuesday, January 27th from 10am – 1 pm. Statewide BPAC meetings are open to the public, and a detailed PDF agenda is available **here**

    Those attending virtually should use the following link to register prior to the meeting with your name and email prior to accessing the meeting on January 27th at 10:00 AM. You will receive an email once registered with a link to join the meeting:

    Join here virtually for the Winter 2026 Virginia Statewide BPAC Meeting

    **Please note that the chat function may not be visible to some external partners. Any relevant links shared during the meeting in the chat will be sent out to all participants after the meeting concludes.*

11. **TJPDC Office Improvements**
    i. TJPDC office renovations began on January 5, 2026, and will last for a minimum of six weeks. As such, TJPDC staff will work remotely for the 6-week construction period. Staff will arrange for public meetings to be held electronically or to be in an off-site temporary location for the duration of the project.