

Agenda

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Tuesday – February 18, 2025

1:00 PM

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Item	Time	Description
1.	1:00-1:05	Matters from the Public: Limit of 3 minutes per speaker Members of the Public are welcome to provide comments on any public-interest, transportation-related topic, including the items listed on this agenda
2.	1:05-1:10	Approval of Draft Minutes* August 20th meeting October 15th meeting
3.	1:10-1:15	Introduction of TJPDC's Transportation Director, Taylor Jenkins
4.	1:15-1:35	FY26 Rural Transportation Work Plan (Sara Pennington, TJPDC) Draft Plan
5.	1:35-2:10	VDOT Project Updates/SMART SCALE Scoring - Lynchburg District project (Carson Eckhardt, VDOT) - Culpepper District projects
6.	2:10-2:40	Round Table Discussion & Identification of Future Topics Committee members are invited to share updates and topics of interest with the group
7.	2:40-2:45	Additional Matters from the Public Members of the Public are welcome to provide comments (limit of 3 minutes per speaker)
8.	2:45	Adjourn

* Items requiring committee action.

Upcoming Meetings:

April 15, 2025

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Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

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VOTING MEMBERS		STAFF	
Tom Egeland, Louisa County	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Jim Frydl, Greene County *	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Todd Fortune, Fluvanna County		Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
Dylan Bishop, Nelson County	x	Gorjan Gjorgjevski, TJPDC	x
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT, Culpeper	x		
Carson Eckhardt, VDOT, Lynchburg *	x		
Vacant, Jaunt			
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle County			
ALTERNATES		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT, Lynchburg *	x		
Vacant, Fluvanna County			
Stephanie Golon, Greene County			
Cindy King, Louisa County			
Carrie Shepherd, VDOT			
Jason Overstreet, Fluvanna County *	x		
Emily Hjulstrom, Nelson County			
Vacant, Albemarle County			
Chuck Proctor, VDOT, Culpeper *	x		
Vacant, Jaunt			

* **attended online via Zoom.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Rural Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Tom Egeland, presided and called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Sara Pennington called roll.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 0:23):

- Comments by the Public:** None
- Comments provided via email, online, web site, etc.:** None

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (MINUTE 0:28)

Tom Egeland volunteered to continue as chair.

Motion: Dylan Bishop nominated Tom Egeland to continue as Chair.



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Albemarle County

Fluvanna County

Greene County

Louisa County

Nelson County

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Motion/Action: Tom Egeland made a motion to allow Jim Frydl to participate remotely. Jim Frydl stated that he had conflicting meetings and was unable to be at the RTAC meeting in person. Dylan Bishop seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Action: Jim Frydl seconded the motion to elect Tom Egeland as Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Action: Tom Egeland made a motion to nominate Dylan Bishop as Vice Chair. Sandy Shackelford seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2024 (MINUTE 2:28)

Sara Pennington said that David Cook should be listed as from the Central District and not the Lynchburg District.

Motion/Action: Tom Egeland made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with one correction. Dylan Bishop seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. REVIEW OF RTAC MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES (MINUTE 3:05)

Mr. Egeland reported that he would continue as the voting member for Louisa, but that Renee Mawyer will now be the alternate, replacing Josh Gillespie.

Dylan Bishop said Emily Hjulstrom is the alternate for Nelson.

Jim Frydl reported that Stephanie Golon is the alternate for Greene.

Chuck Proctor said he would be the alternate for VDOT and Sandy Shackelford will be the main voting member.

Tom Egeland suggested putting this item on the agenda for next meeting for those who did not give alternate names this meeting.

6. SMART SCALE APPLICATIONS UPDATE (MINUTE 5:35)

Sandy Shackelford reviewed the changes from Smart Scale Round 5. She continued by presenting the Albemarle County applications, including the US29/Plank Road intersection improvement. She briefly presented the US250 and WAHS (Western Albemarle High School) intersection improvement project. She continued with the Rio Road-Hillsdale/Old Brook Road intersection improvements. Lastly, she reviewed the Barracks Road corridor improvements/Georgetown Road to the US 9/250 interchange.

Ms. Shackelford moved on to Greene County projects. She started by describing the US29 corridor improvement in Ruckersville. Jim Frydl continued by reviewing the US33 corridor improvement. He noted their primary concern is safety with that project.

Ms. Shackelford continued with projects in Louisa County. She noted that all projects across the state have seen cost increases. At Ms. Shackelford's invitation, Tom Egeland described the US250/US15 intersection improvement project, the US250/SR208 intersection improvement (this is a re-submission from previous rounds of Smart Scale), and the US15/SR22 intersection improvement (also previously submitted). Ms. Shackelford gave estimates for each project.

Carson Eckhart presented the Nelson County projects and noted that the Rockfish School Lane/Route 151 turn lane project has been eliminated because it does not meet some of Smart Scale requirements. He continued describing the Route 151/Tanbark Drive roundabout. He said the estimate for this project is \$22.5 million.

Ms. Shackelford continued by reviewing the Smart Scale schedule. She noted that staff recommended scenarios will be presented at January's CTB meeting.

7. NEW REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY (MINUTE 32:10)

Christine Jacobs explained the new regulations adopted by the General Assembly for remote participation and virtual meetings.

She explained the policy allows for two, or up to 50% of the meetings be virtual, but two virtual meetings may not be held back-to-back. If the meeting is all virtual, there is no requirement for an in-person quorum like there currently needs to be for an in-person meeting. All meetings must be posted publicly whether they are in person or all virtual. When the all-virtual meeting is in session, the members must have his/her camera and sound on to consider the member as "present." If a member leaves the camera or turns it off, they will be considered "absent" during that time, which may affect quorum, and that person will not be allowed to vote.

She also noted that the policy must be adopted annually.

She noted that because the TJPDC Board already adopted the policy, and as an advisory committee to the TJPDC Board, the RTAC committee will abide by that policy. There is no motion or action needed at this time.

It was noted that if there is an in-person meeting, voting members can participate 25% of the time remotely for the reasons stated in the policy. The person still has to state the reason(s) for participating remotely. Those provisions have not changed. The rules that have changed have to do with the all-virtual meetings.

There was a discussion about which meetings might be best held as virtual meetings.

8. SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) UPDATE (MINUTE 39:19)

Gorjan Gjorgjievski presented the committee with a background the Move Safely Blue Ridge regional program. He shared the activities staff have done to date. He said there has been extensive public engagement, including six in-person public meetings (one for each locality in the TJPDC region), one virtual meeting (for all localities), and 21 pop-up events. Staff are currently extracting and analyzing data received from the public surveys and feedback.

He said staff are scheduling meetings with each jurisdiction in the region to identify site visits to obtain information about opportunities for safety improvements. He noted there will be another public engagement round in October and will be reaching out to the jurisdictions, and he asked the committee to help spread the word.

Tom Egeland said Louisa has a public relations employee to whom he will pass the information.

Mr. Gjorgjievski said he would be happy to give a formal presentation to the committee in the future.

9. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TOPICS (MINUTE 47:25)

Louisa County

Tom Egeland said he is Louisa County's newest Deputy Director of Community Development and the new Deputy Zoning Minister. He also said the Board of Supervisors capped all solar projects to not exceed 9,800 acres, or 3% of Louisa's total land mass. He is working with members of the planning commission on focus areas of the comprehensive plan that are considered growth areas. There will be more on this at the next meeting.

Nelson County

Dylan Bishop said next week they are having their joint kick-off session with the planning commission for their zoning and subdivision updates. They had their first utilities solar application come through for 500 acres of solar panels. The planning commission recommended denial, and the Board will hear that information in November.

She reported that the Livingston sewer project kicked off today, replacing 8,000 linear feet of clay pipe. She noted that would go along with the revitalization project.

She noted that they had a proposed subdivision in an existing development off the Blue Ridge Parkway. There is work underway to squash the efforts.

Lastly, she noted that the Rural Planning Caucus is October 15 – 18. It is open for registration now.

TJPDC

Ms. Jacobs reported that Sara Pennington will be the staff contact for Rural Tech committee. She also introduced Gorjan Gjorgjevski and Sarah Simba to the committee.

There were mentions of numerous job openings at both the TJPDC, Nelson County, VDOT, and Louisa County.

Sara Pennington said Rideshare is starting a new fiscal year while also wrapping up the previous one. They are getting close to finishing their CAP Strategic plan and is hoping to have it finished by October.

VDOT

Sandy Shackelford said they are looking for locations for new pipeline projects, so they may be reaching out to localities in the future.

Chuck Proctor said VDOT would be reaching out to all the localities to talk about revenue share and TAP grants for next year, and whether there is any need for assistance with those applications.

Greene County

Jim Frydl said they have a development that is adjacent to and in the surrounding area of the Town of Stanardsville and are looking for an exit to get out of the Town. The BOS voted down the resolution of support. The Town is appealing to the CTB. He said it would be a traffic safety issue not to have the exit.

He also said there is a development going in adjacent to the Preddy Creek Park area and there will be about 2 miles of hiking trails built in. He said there may be an opportunity for a multi-modal project between Greene and Albemarle. More to come on that.

He noted that the BOS approved local administration of a Round 2 Smart Scale project to try to achieve some different, innovative intersections that fit better with the County plan.

Tom Egeland gave Update on the Louisa Love’s Truck Stop at the Gum Springs exit. He noted the planning commission recommended 6-0 to recommend denial of the permit. The BOS would be voting on this in the near future.

Dylan Bishop said if a road is marked 25 mph, then locality can bring it down to 20 or 15 mph. Other than that, it is up to the state to determine speed limits.

Albemarle County

No report given.

Fluvanna County

No report given.

It was decided that the December 17 meeting date should remain as is.

Future topics: What have localities learned from having a truck stop come to their jurisdiction? Christine Jacobs said it would be interesting to learn about state rail plans. Tom Egeland said he would like to have a summary of the Rural Planning Caucus. It was also suggested that there be an update on the SS4A project.

11. Additional Matters from the Public (MINUTE 1:08:30)

None.

Adjourn

Tom Egeland adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

The next meeting is in person October 15, 2024 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Water Street Center, 407 E Water Street, Charlottesville, VA.

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Carson Eckhardt, VDOT, Lynchburg *	x		
Jason Espie, Jaunt	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
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*** attended online via Zoom.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Rural Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Tom Egeland, presided and called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. It was determined that there was not an in-person quorum when the meeting started.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (:

- Comments by the Public:** None
- Comments provided via email, online, web site, etc.:** None

3. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2024

Approval of draft minutes was tabled due to a lack of quorum. It was noted that since there is no quorum, there will be no official minutes for this meeting, only notes, and the official May and August minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

Sara Pennington noted that the December meeting will be on December 17 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.



4. JAUNT RURAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (MINUTE 2:25)

Jason Espie presented the committee the Jaunt Rural Transit Needs Assessment. The Study Overview he shared reported that they gathered population and demographic profiles, existing transit service levels, service gaps, recommendations, and conclusions.

He continued with the details of the total trips per capita in FY23, the service gaps, and county-level ridership deficits and the goals for the future. He continued with recommendations for each of the counties included in the study: Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson, and (western) Goochland counties.

He noted that if you have questions, please contact Jeremy Mattson at Jeremy.w.mattson@ndsu.edu.

There was a question-and-answer session after the presentation with some suggestions from VDOT.

5. SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL UPDATE (MINUTE 43:36)

Gorjan Gjorgjievski introduced himself and Sarah Simba to the committee. He gave a brief background and overview of the project. He gave an overview of the specific comprehensive safety action plan components and funding opportunities. He continued with the process overview and the steps that have been taken for the process thus far. They have held six in-person public meetings and one virtual meeting. They have also been 21 pop-up events across the TJPDC region.

He continued with an overview of the 300+ survey responses, noting that driver behavior is the one of the greatest concerns. Round Two will continue with site visits and public engagement.

Mr. Gjorgjievski explained the High Injury Network (HIN) methodology and the criteria options for it. He continued with specifics for Albemarle, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson.

He gave a brief overview of the plan and the development process.

Dylan Bishop left the meeting.

6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TOPICS (MINUTE 1:04:06)

TJPDC

Mr. Gjorgjievski said there will be more pop-up events for SS4A instead of virtual meetings for the public.

Louisa County

Tom Egeland said the planning commission is focusing on growth areas for the land use map. They are working on some ordinance clean up.

Greene County

Jim Frydl said they have a Round 2 Smart Scale project that Greene is going to locally administer. They are working with VDOT and a firm with experience with this type of project. He said locally administering this project gives them a lot more control over what is happening with the project.

Albemarle County

Alberic Karina-Plun said they are waiting for AC44. They went to the Planning Commission re: land use. Three Notch'd will release who the consultant will be in the very near future.

Fluvanna County

Todd Fortune introduced Trey Walton to the committee. He said they recently adopted and update of their 2024 comprehensive plan which is basically their 2015 plan. They are about to go into a full update of their comprehensive plan and has been in touch with TJPDC staff and VDOT about transportation requirements. There are public hearings scheduled for getting rid of rural cluster subdivisions. He said they are looking at a couple of possible TAP grant submissions for Fork Union and Palymra Village.

Rideshare

Sara Pennington said the first full draft of the CAP Strategic Plan will be ready in the next month or so. Rideshare is working with DRPT on Connecting Communities and “Fall into a New Commute” campaigns.

VDOT

Sandy Shackelford said they are starting their next round of STARS and Pipeline studies mostly focused in the urbanized areas because they are the places that have the highest safety concerns. They are also looking at putting in a Park and Ride at Exit 118 which would provide support to rural commuters. She said VDOT is offering help with application development for TAP and revenue sharing grants.

VDOT – Lynchburg

Carson Eckhardt reported that they got a project for Nelson submitted to Smartscale (Route 151 and Tanbark roundabout) He also reported that VDOT got the final report of the 151 corridor study and should be wrapping that up soon.

Nelson County

There was no report.

7. Additional Matters from the Public (MINUTE 1:14:15)

None.

Adjourn

Tom Egeland adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.

The next meeting is in person December 17, 2024 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Water Street Center, 407 E Water Street, Charlottesville, VA.

DRAFT Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission FY-2026 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program

July 01, 2025 – June 30, 2026



Preface

Prepared on behalf of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, through a cooperative process involving Region 10's counties (Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson), Jaunt, RideShare, and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

This scope of work is required to include specific activities as requested by VDOT and/or the Federal Highway Administration. The scope of work also includes activities or studies addressing other transportation planning related issues that are of specific interest to the region. The criteria for the determination of eligibility of studies for inclusion as part of this work program are based upon 23 U.S.C. 307 (c), State Planning and Research.

The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) reviewed this work program at their February 18, 2025 meeting. The Commission reviewed the draft of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee Work Program at their March 6, 2025, meeting and approved the work program at their April 3, 2025 meeting.

The preparation of this program was financially aided through administrative funds from the FY25 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program.

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Introduction

Purpose and Objective

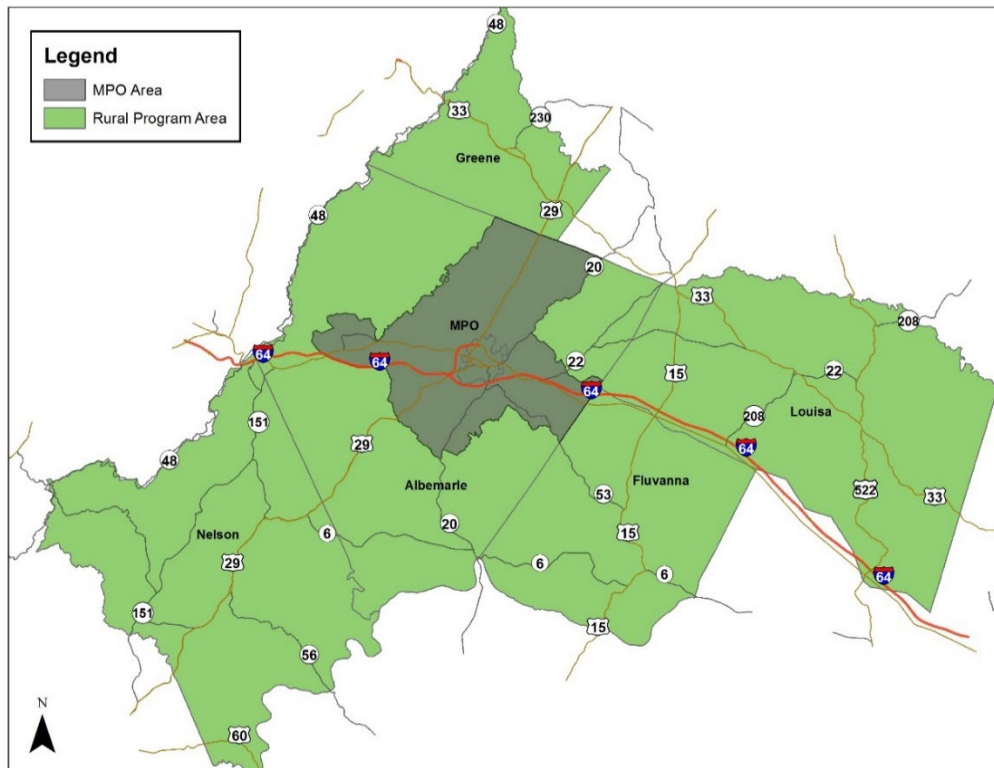
The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) allocates part of the State Planning and Research (SPR) funding to provide annual transportation planning assistance for non-urbanized areas within the Commonwealth. The Rural Transportation Planning (RTP) Program was created to aid the State in fulfilling the requirements of the State Planning Process to address the transportation needs of non-metropolitan areas. Funds appropriated under 23 U.S.C. 307(c) (SPR funds) are used in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia for transportation planning as required by Section 135, Title 23, U.S. Code. These Federal funds provide 80 percent funding and require a 20 percent local match.

In FY-2026 each planning district commission / regional commission that includes rural areas will receive \$58,000 from VDOT's Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program. The corresponding planning district commission / regional commission will provide a local match of \$14,500 to conduct rural transportation planning activities. This resource may be supplemented with additional planning funds. The arrangement of all such funds involves the development of a scope of work, approval, and other coordination in the Transportation & Mobility Planning Division's (TMPD) administrative work programs.

The scope of work shall include specific activities as requested by VDOT and/or the Federal Highway Administration. The scope of work may also include activities or studies addressing other transportation planning related issues that may be of specific interest to the region. The criteria for the determination of eligibility of studies for inclusion as part of this work program are based upon 23 U.S.C. 307 (c), State Planning and Research.

Rural Transportation Program

The scope of work includes specific activities as requested by VDOT and/or the Federal Highway Administration. The scope of work also includes activities or studies addressing other transportation planning related issues that are of specific interest to the region. The criteria for the determination of eligibility of studies for inclusion as part of this work program are based upon 23 U.S.C. 307 (c), State Planning and Research. The map below shows the rural program areas in light green.



Highlights of FY25

In FY25, the Rural Transportation Program focused on a variety of outcomes. The program dedicated significant time to continued work on the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and completing the Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan. While TJPDC staff conducted its regular administration of the program and provided a variety of other services to the region and its members, the following highlights the more substantive efforts.



COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY ACTION PLAN – In FY23, the TJPDC was notified that it was awarded a grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant Program to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for all six of its member jurisdictions. To utilize the grant funding most effectively, the TJPDC allocated additional staff effort to support the plan development through the Rural Work Program and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (CA-MPO) Unified Planning Work Program. The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is due for mid-FY26 completion.

COMMUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM STRATEGIC PLAN – The TJPDC undertook completion of the required five-year strategic plan for its RideShare program in FY24. Consultant expenses were paid through a Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation technical assistance grant, and staff effort was supported through the Rural Work Program and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (CA-MPO) Unified Planning Work Program. The plan was completed and adopted by the Commission in FY25.

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Task	Description	SPR Funds (80%)	PDC (20%)	Total
TASK 1.0	PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION	\$14,400	\$3,600	\$18,000
TASK 2.0	PLANNING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	\$43,600	\$10,900	\$54,500
TOTAL	RURAL PLANNING PROGRAM	\$58,000	\$14,500	\$72,500

FY2026 Scope of Work: This section of the Scope of Work details the administrative and technical tasks, staff responsibilities, and expected end products. The purpose of this work element is to facilitate regional participation and consensus building on transportation-related issues through a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated (3-C) planning process.

Fiscal Year 2026 Activities by Task

FY 2026 – 1.0 Program Administration - \$18,000

The purpose of this task is to facilitate regional participation and consensus building on transportation-related issues through a continuing, comprehensive and coordinated planning process (*the 3 C's approach*). The PDC's Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) is the technical committee of the Rural Transportation Program, and is composed of professional staff from local governments, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), JAUNT, and the PDC's RideShare program. The Planning District Commission functions as the Policy Board of the Rural Transportation Program.

Task 1.1- Reporting and Compliance with Regulations - \$5,500

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:

Coordinate rural transportation planning activities (committees, community workshops, studies) and prepare quarterly progress reports and invoices. TJPDC staff will coordinate activities, develop reports to VDOT, and prepare monthly progress reports and invoices. VDOT staff will process invoices and handle reimbursements.

DELIVERABLE TASKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN:

- Submit 12 monthly reports and invoices
- Maintain the FY25 Rural Work Program
- Prepare the FY26 Rural Work Program

Task 1.2 - Staff committee meetings - \$5,500

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:

The TJPDC will staff committee meetings, by: preparing materials; maintaining committee membership; writing minutes; handling public participation and mailings; updating committee websites; and, coordinating with the CA-MPO.

DELIVERABLE TASKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN:

- Staff the Rural Technical Transportation Committee – meeting 6 times per year.
- Conduct presentations to the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (Rural Transportation Program Policy Board).

Task 1.3 - Share information with agencies and public - \$7,000

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:

TJPDC staff will work to share transportation-related information with state agencies, local officials, other PDCs, stakeholders, and the general public. Staff will also attend relevant training sessions that will better inform rural transportation planning efforts.

DELIVERABLE TASKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN:

- Continue to update the Rural Program website, to better share information with VDOT and stakeholders
- Participate in outreach meetings and provide/review data as requested by VDOT
- Attend Boards of Supervisors meetings in rural member localities in alignment with VDOT quarterly updates
- Participate with the MPOs and VDOT on setting performance measure goals

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- Assist VDOT with local and regional input to annual statewide transportation improvement programs
- Conduct intergovernmental discussion and coordination of transportation projects and developments
- Provide informational updates in TJPDC news distribution channels (newsletters, Quarterly Reports, etc.)
- The RTAC and Commission will continue to include public comment periods in its meeting agendas
- Provide social media informational articles through TJPDC social media pages
- Attend transportation sessions at statewide conferences
- Attend trainings from state agencies
- Host VDOT work sessions at the TJPDC Water Street Center or virtually

Administration Budget

SPR Funds (80%)	\$14,400
PDC Funds (20%)	\$ 3,600
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration	\$18,000

FY 2026 - 2.0 Planning & Local Technical Assistance - \$54,500

The following tasks highlight the planning and technical services that the TJPDC will provide to its member localities in Fiscal Year 2026. The TJPDC will provide general technical assistance to its member localities, as well as undertake specific endeavors on projects throughout the region to move towards the goals established in the Rural Long Range Transportation Plan.

Task 2.1 – Comprehensive Safety Action Plan - \$10,500

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:

- The TJPDC was awarded a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant to develop Comprehensive Safety Action Plans for each of the six jurisdictions. To effectively leverage the funding, the TJPDC is committing additional staff support for the development of the safety action plans through both the Rural Work Program and the CA-MPO's Unified Planning Work Program. Once funding is released, there is a two-year performance period for the development of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, which will identify strategies for each locality to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries occurring along their roadways. TJPDC will partner with VDOT to complete an analysis of crashes throughout the region to determine the priority corridors outside of the federal grant in order to maximize the use of the grant resources.

TASKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN:

- Conduct crash analysis and identify high-priority corridors in collaboration with VDOT staff.
- Attend meetings related to the release of the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant funding, and prepare the agency to receive the funding.
- Provide ongoing administration and coordination of the grant activities in addition to what is supported with the grant funding.

Task 2.2 – Prepare transportation infrastructure grant applications - \$8,500

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:

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The TJPDC staff supports its regional members in the identification and submission of SMART SCALE and other transportation grant applications at their request.

CURRENT/PLANNED PROJECTS:

- Assist the TJPDC region's counties, towns, and villages with grant applications related to transportation improvements
- Pursue grants for implementation of RLRP or Comprehensive Safety Action Plan projects
- Provide assistance for SMART SCALE grant applications upon request

Task 2.3 – Provide assistance to local and state partners as requested - \$10,000

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:

Unanticipated rural transportation planning needs and issues arise during the fiscal year and the Rural Transportation Planning Program of the Planning District should be a resource for addressing these issues.

TASKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN:

- Provide support and technical assistance with plan reviews, rural transportation and corridor studies, strategic planning efforts, bikeway plans and studies
- Participate on VDOT studies as part of the project development pipeline process
- Develop and provide GIS information, as requested
- Support the development of local Comprehensive Plan chapters and recommendations, as requested

Task 2.4 – Regional Transit Partnership, Travel Demand Management, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities - \$20,000

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:

There are several regional efforts to promote and support alternative transportation modes that will need to coordinate with the Rural Transportation Work Program, including regional transit planning initiatives and commuter assistance program initiatives.

One effort that will begin in FY26 is the development of a comprehensive regional Travel Demand Management Study. This study will be used to help identify long-term initiatives to reduce the increase in vehicle miles travel throughout the region. Staff support for this study will be supported by both the Rural Work Program and the CA-MPO's Unified Planning Work Program. Other efforts that will be programmed in this task include ongoing coordination with the Regional Transit Partnership and coordination of bike/ped projects with state funding applications.

TASKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN:

- Coordinate with the Regional Transit Partnership to ensure that rural interests are represented in regional transit planning efforts
- Provide ongoing support for transit initiatives to expand the Mobility Management program and support rural locality engagement in establishing the Regional Transit Authority
- Support the development of studies, plans, and initiatives that will promote access to safe infrastructure for rural users
- Collaborate with Rideshare to support programming that will improve participation in the regional Travel Demand Management activities and initiatives

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Statewide Coordinated Human Services Mobility (CHSM) Plan - Programs funded under the FTA Section 5310 program must align with strategies defined in the Coordinated Human Service Mobility (CHSM) Plan. When applying for Section 5310 funding through DRPT, applicants must demonstrate how their project aligns with the CHSM strategies and actions. DRPT is preparing to update the CHSM plan beginning in FY26, and Rural Transportation Program staff may participate as a grant recipient if requested.

Task 2.5 – Long Range Priorities and Plans - \$5,500

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:

Staff will assess the existing long-range priorities and status of projects from the 2040 Rural Long Range Plan (RLRP). By holistically assessing the needs and funding for projects in the region's rural areas we can determine when the next RLRP will need to be updated.

TASKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN:

- Assess status of projects identified in 2040 RLRP
- Review projects that haven't been funded yet for other opportunities or changes
- Determine how the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan can be applied to the region through the RLRP

Planning & Technical Assistance Activities Budget

SPR Funds (80%)	\$43,600
PDC Funds (20%)	\$10,900
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities	\$54,500

FY27 Anticipated Work Tasks

To provide a longer view of the Rural Transportation Program, staff anticipates work tasks for the next fiscal year to create better continuity between fiscal years and manage commitments to member localities.

In FY27, continued work on developing a coordinated regional strategy for SMART SCALE funding application projects that prioritize projects by both need and likelihood of funding. The TJPDC will once again assist local governments in application preparation. Staff will continue to work on the comprehensive regional travel demand management study. With the completion of the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan in mid-FY26, staff will determine the level of support for any implementation activities that are identified as part of that plan development.

Appendices

Appendix A: FY-2026 Budget Summary

Tasks	VDOT (SPR) 80%	PDC (Match) 20%	Total 100%
Program Administration			
Task 1.1- Reporting and Compliance with Regulations	\$4,400.00	\$1,100.00	\$5,500.00
Task 1.2 – Staffing Committees	\$4,400.00	\$1,100.00	\$5,500.00
Task 1.3 - Information Sharing	\$5,600.00	\$1,400.00	\$7,000.00
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration	\$14,400.00	\$3,600.00	\$18,000.00
Program Activities			
Task 2.1 – Comprehensive Safety Action Plan	\$8,400.00	\$2,100.00	\$10,500.00
Task 2.2 – Prepare transportation infrastructure grant applications	\$6,800.00	\$1,700.00	\$8,500.00
Task 2.3 – Support Local and State requests for assistance as needed	\$8,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$10,000.00
Task 2.4 – Regional Transit Partnership, Travel Demand Management, and Bicycle/Pedestrian Activities	\$16,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$20,000.00
Task 2.5- Long Range Priorities/Plans	\$4,400.00	\$1,100.00	\$5,500.00
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Activities	\$43,600.00	\$10,900.00	\$54,500.00
Total Budgeted Expenditure for Program Administration and Program Activities	\$58,000.00	\$14,500.00	\$72,500.00