

Rural Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Draft Scope of Work

The Rural Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) is the region's multimodal transportation vision for the rural jurisdictions of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC). The plan serves as a technical resource and implementation tool for the counties of Albemarle (non-urbanized), Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson.

Purpose

The last RLRTP was updated in 2018 and had a planning horizon to 2040. The RLRTP is intended to:

- Identify current and future transportation needs in the rural region
- Assist localities with comprehensive plan updates
- Prioritize transportation improvements and strategies that support local and regional goals
- Provide content and guidance for statewide transportation plans
- Establish recommendations for future studies and reports

The FY27 update will refresh the previous RLRTP to reflect updated demographic and land use trends, changes in transportation conditions and travel patterns, and progress on previously identified projects and recommendations.

Plan Update Process

Task 1. Development of Goals and Objectives

Goals and objectives will provide the broad policy direction for the plan and will serve as the foundation for the needs assessment, project prioritization, and recommendation development phases of the plan. In coordination with member jurisdictions, staff will review the goals developed for the previous RLRP and update them.

Task 2. Project List Review and Demographic Data Compilation

Staff will review and update the existing Rural Long Range Transportation Plan project list to reflect implementation status and document completed projects. In conjunction with the project list review, staff will compile and analyze updated demographic, socioeconomic, and land use data for the rural planning area. This will include data for population, employment, and commuting patterns.

Task 3. Assessment of the Regional Transportation System

This task will update chapter 3 of the previous RLRTP. This effort will evaluate the condition, performance, and connectivity of the region's transportation network, including roadways, bridges, public transportation, park and rides, and VTrans Needs. The resulting assessment will provide a clearer understanding of existing conditions and establish the foundation for identifying transportation deficiencies, needs, and strategic investments.

Task 4. Project Recommendations List

Staff will coordinate with RTAC members to identify existing and anticipated deficiencies in the rural transportation system. Recommendations will include those still designated as priorities from the previous rural long range plan update, as well as new recommended strategies, projects, and actions to

address identified needs. Projects and strategies will be organized by local jurisdiction and implementation time frame.

Task 5. Report and Website Updates

Staff will complete draft and final reports and update the RL RTP webpage on the TJPDC website.