

MEMO

To: Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO Policy Board
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RE: The MPO Policy Board's Review of the Moving Toward 2050 Draft

PURPOSE: At its April meeting, the MPO Policy Board will begin reviewing an unformatted draft of the region's Long Range Transportation Plan – **Moving Toward 2050**. TJPDC staff will forward this initial draft with the meeting packet, and the Committees will provide staff with questions and comments.

BACKGROUND: In the fall of 2022, TJPDC staff initiated a required five-year update to the MPO's 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), last adopted in 2019. The latest version, "Moving Toward 2050," is due for renewal in May 2024 and includes numerous updates to planning approaches and project lists. Over the past 18 months, the Policy Board has been central in reviewing the planning methodology and providing feedback to planning staff.

ISSUES: In 2022, the TJPDC contracted with EPR to consult on the planning process and assist with various tasks, such as managing a robust engagement effort, advising on federal requirements, and prioritizing transportation needs. However, staff turnover changed EPR's role in February and March of this year. Recently, the consultant team stepped in to write and format the plan as staff prepared for the required May adoption.

Attached is an unformatted draft of Moving Toward 2050, which reflects materials the Policy Board reviewed over the past 18 months. None of the content in this draft should be new to those involved in the process. However, this is the first document that comprehensively records the planning methodology, engagement, and results. EPR has not yet formatted the draft, as the MPO's staff and committees may recommend additional changes. There is a branded format, including updated maps and graphics, that the Policy Board will see before their May 21 meeting.

ACTIONS NEEDED: The Policy Board is familiar with the plan's content, given its role during the last 18 months. Board members should review the attached document and forward questions or comments to TJPDC staff by **April 26**. In the meantime, EPR will continue to polish the document. Public Comment will be advertised from April 22nd to May 21st. The Policy Board will receive a final, formatted draft in its meeting packet a week before the May 21 meeting, where the group will consider the final document for adoption. As stated earlier, the MPO may decide to revise the plan at any time. While the plan must be adopted in May, there are future opportunities to tweak the document if a need should arise.

Policy Board members may send questions or comments to TJPDC staff, who will forward those items to EPR and direct efforts on further revisions.