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**TO:** Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO Technical Committee and Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)  
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**RE:** The MPO Technical Committee and CTAC's Review of the Moving Toward 2050 Draft

**PURPOSE:** At its April meetings, the MPO Technical Committee and CTAC 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 MPO Technical Committee and CTAC have 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 MPO Technical Committee and CTAC 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 MPO Tech Committee will see before their May meeting. Additionally, consultants are still wordsmithing chapters, updating text, and finetuning the narrative.

**ACTIONS NEEDED:** The MPO Technical Committee and CTAC are familiar with the plan's content, given their role during the last 18 months. Committee 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 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Technical Committee will receive a final, formatted draft in its meeting packet a week before the May 21 meeting. At that time, the group must forward a recommendation to the MPO Policy Board, which must consider the final document for adoption on May 22. As stated earlier, the MPO may decide to revise the plan at any time. While the Policy Board must adopt the plan in May, there are future opportunities to tweak the document if a need should arise.

Technical Committee and CTAC members can send questions or comments to TJPDC staff, who will forward those items to EPR and direct efforts on further revisions.