Memorandum

To: RTAC
From: Kristian Zimmerman, Planner I
Date: January 9, 2018
Reference: RLRP Update

Purpose: Every 5 years the MPO must review and update the Rural Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRP). The process developed by MPO staff includes a review of existing RLRP (2040 plan) project lists and project review criteria (performance measures).

Background: The United Jefferson Area Mobility Plan (UnJAM), has already analyzed the deficiencies and needs of the region’s transportation network, including the rural areas. The first of these plans was UnJAM 2025 which was prepared by the PDC and adopted by the MPO Policy Board in 2004. The plan was updated in 2009 with the adoption of UnJAM 2035. Since the adoption of UnJAM 2035 the MPO has adopted a separate urban Long Range Transportation plan called LRTP 2040 and a Rural Long Range Transportation Plan called RLRP 2025. With this update of the plan the planning horizon year has been advanced by five years to 2040. 2040 represents the year for which the plan must address the anticipated impacts of population and employment growth upon the transportation system.

Summary: MPO staff are currently working on creating a completed draft of RLRP 2040 which include updates to the regional overview, demographics, transportation system, safety, public transportation, freight and inter-regional transit, employer locations (rural), freight generators, travel demand management, land use, bridge sufficiency, and an overall deficiency system.

Action Items: MPO staff are asking for the MPO Technical committee to review the draft document and provide feedback by the end of January 2018. Staff will lead the committee through a discussion of the major updates to the RLRP 2040 updates. If there are any questions or comments, please contact Wood Hudson at whudson@tjpdc.org or (434)422-4825.