

# CVPDC Rural Transportation Work Program

### **Background**

Each year, The Virginia Department of Transportation provides \$58,000 of state funding for PDCs to provide transportation planning services in areas outside of the MPO boundaries. We match this with \$14,500 of the PDC's funds.

We use these funds for staff to assist our localities with grant development, project management and technical assistance.

For example, in the current year, a portion of the rural funds were used to support the Village Highway Corridor Study in Rustburg.

# 2021-2022 Transportation Planning Summary

#### I. Rural Flood Impact Project

Staff will be exploring the regional roadways which are susceptible to flooding, as identified by the Central Virginia Planning District Commission's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

PDC staff will work with local officials to evaluate the potential need for rerouting of emergency vehicles, consider potential mitigation projects for the future, and address previously identified vulnerabilities.

#### II. Update to the Region 2000 Greenways, Blueways and Trails Plan.

Staff will begin updating the Region 2000 Greenways, Blueways and Trails Plan which was last updated in 2012, to guide the development of a linked series of trails, parks, and river connections.

Staff will begin an update of the plan, which will include data collection of new trails, community engagement to determine both needs and opportunities and the development of goals. The Plan update process will be spread over 18 months, beginning in the latter half of FY 22.

#### III. General Technical Assistance to local planners

- a) Grant application assistance, including Transportation Alternative Program applications.
- b) Planning and training activities and support for local planners related to transportation, including review of small or special area plans.
- c) Reviewing and updating local comprehensive plans.
- d) Developing and sharing GIS information.
- e) Providing education, information, and assistance to local transportation planning committees.

## **Recommended Action**

Approval of the resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign the appropriate contract with VDOT and the commitment for \$14,500 in local match for the Rural Transportation Planning program.