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Stephen C. Brich, P.E. Commissioner

5/22/2020

Erin Yancey, AICP Public Works Planning Manager Department of Public Works 320 E. Mosby Road Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801

Dear Ms. Yancey:

Thank you for submitting the City of Harrisonburg's proposed Comprehensive Plan transportation chapter amendment to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for review on May 12, 2020 in accordance with the Virginia Traffic Impact Analysis Regulations, 24VAC30-155. VDOT Staunton District Planning has evaluated the updates to the transportation chapter of the plan for conformity with Chapter 729 regulations of state code 15.2-2223. Chapter 729 requires that locality Comprehensive Plans include four principle elements: an inventory of the existing transportation network, planning assumptions that will influence the transportation network, an existing and future needs assessment, and recommendations addressing those needs. In addition, the Comprehensive Plan must be consistent with VTrans, the SYIP (Six-Year Improvement Program), and the selected location of state highways set by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. In this case, consistency is defined as inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan of significant new, improved, or relocated highway projects on roadways with a functional classification of major collector or higher.

The transportation chapter update was found to be in conformance with state code.

I ask that you arrange to have VDOT's comments from this letter included in the locality's official public records for the Comprehensive Plan. Once the transportation chapter update is officially adopted by the city, VDOT requests that you forward a digital copy to us for our records.

Please feel welcome to contact me if you have any questions about this review or if you would like to request VDOT assistance with any further comprehensive planning efforts.

Sincerely,

Brad W. Reed, AICP Assistant District Planner Staunton District Planning

CC: Terry Short, Jr., VDOT David Atwood, PE, VDOT