Roanoke Valley — Alleghany Regional Commission **Demographic Profile Rural Data Supplement** Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission FY 2005-2006

Introduction

In accordance with the Public Involvement Policy of the Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission (RVARC), the staff of the RVARC has worked to prepare a data supplement to the original Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission demographic profile that examines in more detail various attributes of the population of rural portions of the RVARC service area.

This document is an add-on to the previously published Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission Demographic Profile in that it contains data at a finer geography (block group level) than what was included in the original RVARC Demographic Profile for rural areas¹. For block group level at the urban level please consult the Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Demographic Profile.

It should be noted that all data contained herein is Census 2000 data published by the US Census Bureau.

As with the MPO and the Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission profiles published previously, this document will serve to inform the community, planners, policymakers, and stakeholders about the demographic makeup of their communities, especially as it relates to specially protected minorities and special needs groups. It is intended that this information will serve to assist in targeting public outreach efforts to minority groups, avoiding disproportionate impacts on minority or special needs groups, and serve as a general input into planning documents prepared for the rural region. Additionally, this information will be posted on the internet and will be available free-of-charge to anyone in the region.

Each of the following maps addresses one of the special federal nondiscrimination protections: age, race, Hispanics (national origin), poverty, and disability. Please review the Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission Demographic Profile for more tabulated data and additional recommendations applicable to the public involvement process. This document simply serves to supplement the data in the previous demographic profile documents with block-group level data for rural areas.

More information on the public participation policies of either the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission or the Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization can be found in the Public Participation Manual, which includes the Public Involvement Policy, Title VI Complaint Procedure, and the Responsibilities of the Designated Officer for Civil Rights Complaints. Generally, however, it is the policy of the RVARC and the RVAMPO to ensure nondiscrimination in all programs, services and activities in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other nondiscrimination authorities.

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¹ It should be noted that LEP information is not included in this additional data because LEP information is not available at block group level and is only available at tract level or county level. Please consult the original Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission Demographic Profile for LEP information.































