

Memorandum

To: Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority Board
From: Lucinda Shannon
Date: January 22, 2026
Subject: Standing Transit Provider Updates

Purpose:

This memorandum provides an update on the conclusion of Regional Transit Partnership meetings and formalizes the addition of transit provider updates as a standing item on the CARTA Board meeting agendas.

Background:

The Regional Transit Partnership (RTP), an advisory board that provided recommendations to decision-makers on transit-related matters, held its final meeting in November 2025, with the understanding that CARTA would continue the work the RTP had begun. As a result of the RTP's commitment, the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County have a regional transit vision that community members and transit providers support. CARTA will serve as the primary forum for transit discussion and decision-making in the region and will continue legislative pursuits to secure revenue-generating authority.

Discussion:

During the joint RTP and CARTA Board meeting in November, members expressed that significant value from the RTP came from the opportunities for communication and information sharing between transit providers. Then-Chair Diantha McKeel requested that the CARTA Board add a standing agenda item to meetings to allow the transit agencies, CAT, Jaunt, and the University Transit System (UTS), an opportunity to share information about their organization's transit plans and operations on an ongoing basis. The purpose of the transit providers' update is to continue the open discussion and collaboration among the transit providers and the CARTA Board.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend adding a standing agenda item to CARTA Board agendas to allow transit providers time to provide updates on their activities and foster collaboration.