

Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority Overview

CARTA Board Meeting
June 5, 2026

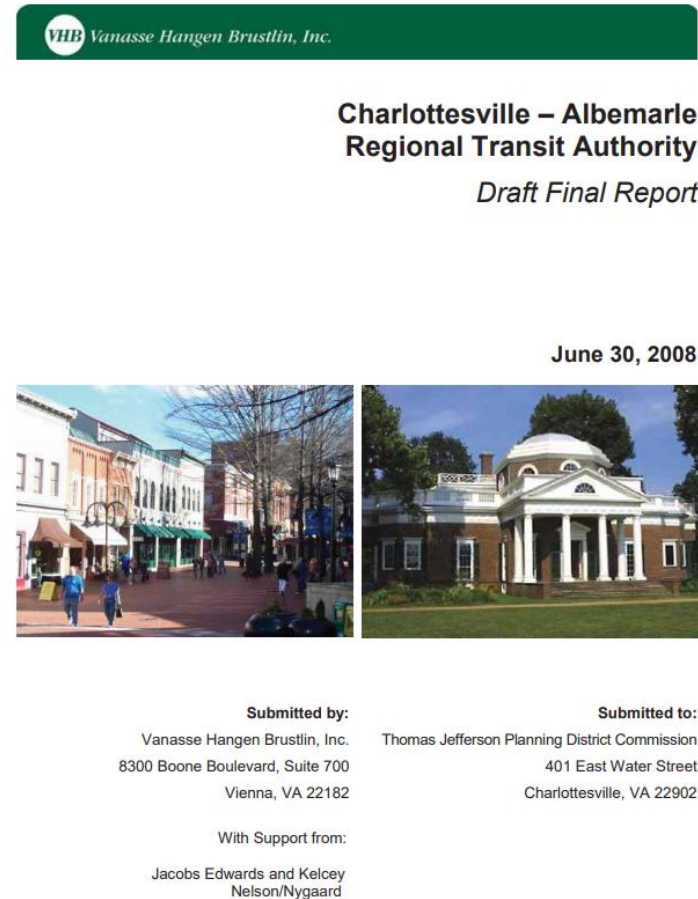


Agenda

- I. Regional Transit Authority History
- II. Regional Transit Partnership (RTP)
- III. CARTA Activation and Current Activities

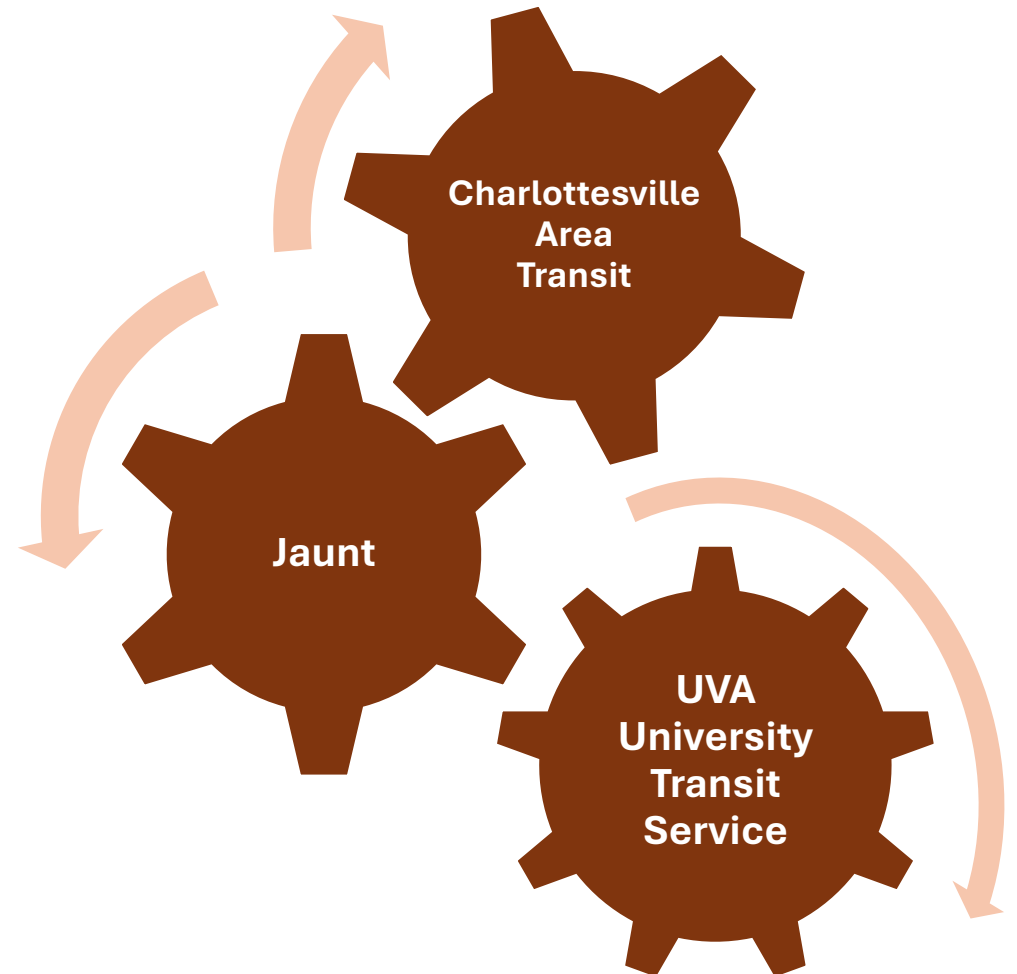
Regional Transit Authority History

- Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority Report (2008) explored the formation of a regional transit authority
- General Assembly approved legislation (HB 2158) in 2009 authorizing the creation of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA)
- Accompanying legislation to permit an additional sales tax for transit via referendum was not successful



Regional Transit Partnership (RTP)

- In 2016, Planning and Coordination Council (PACC) asked TJPDC and CA-MPO to reexamine opportunities for improved coordination on transit
- RTP was established following a recommendation of the Regional Transit Coordination Study (2017)
- Interim body and precursor for establishing a regional transit authority
- Forum for communication and coordination between transit providers
- Critical role in building consensus around regional transit priorities



Regional Transit Partnership (RTP)

2018

RTP Strategic Plan



Identified clear goals, objectives, and scope of the RTP

2022

Albemarle Transit Expansion Study



Resulted in the launch of microtransit service

2022

Regional Transit Vision Plan



Established a vision for transit service in the region

2024

Transit Governance Study



Guided formation of the governance structure, explored revenue sources, and funding structure

Authority Activation and Recent Activities

MARCH 2024

Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority staff Working Group assembled

FEBRUARY 2025

First meeting of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority

NOVEMBER 2025

Final meeting of the Regional Transit Partnership (RTP)

DECEMBER 2024

Charlottesville City Council and Albemarle County Board of Supervisors voted to join the authority

SEPTEMBER 2025

Appointment letter for Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) to join as a non-voting member

Enabling Legislation and Bylaws

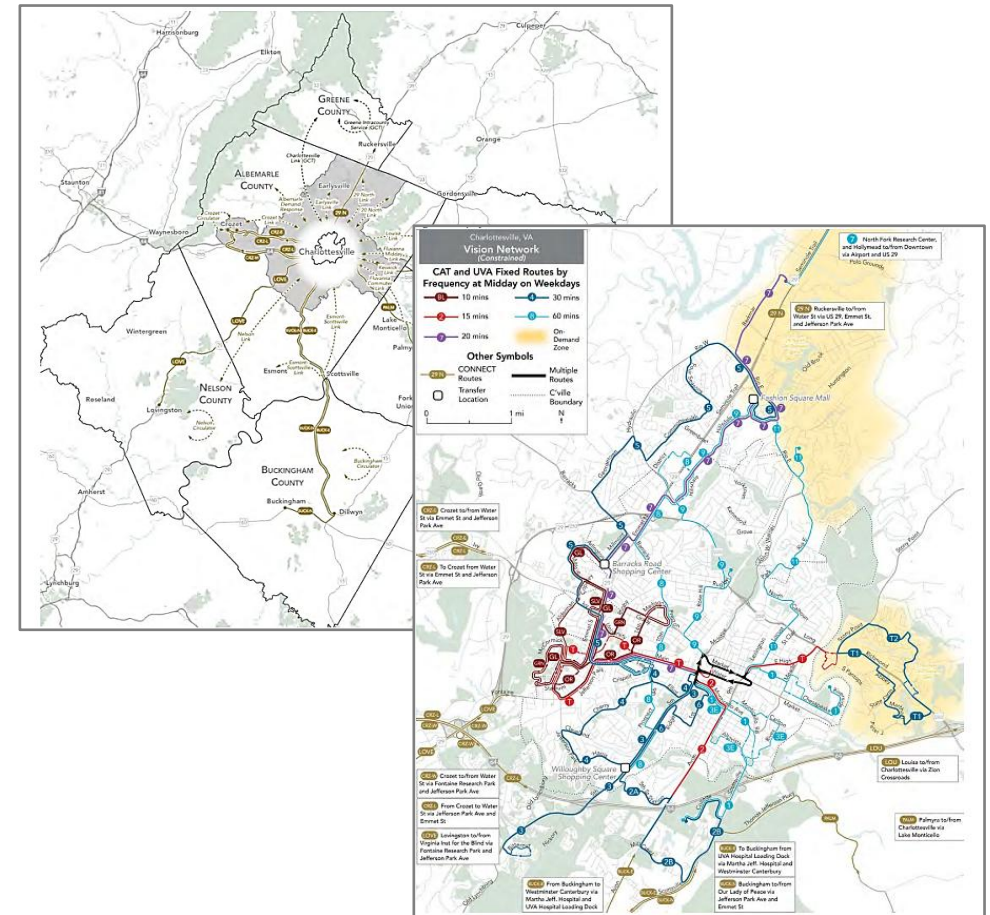
Code of Virginia §§ 33.2-2800 through 33.2-2812

- Initial Board of Directors with two representatives each from Charlottesville City Council and Albemarle County Board of Supervisors
- Counties of Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson may join the Authority
- Up to four additional non-voting directors representing the interests of agencies or institutions may join the Authority
- Bylaws allow for Finance and Technical committees



Transit Service Prioritization and Implementation Feasibility Study

- FY26 DRPT Technical Assistance Grant
- Regional Transit Vision Plan (2022) developed constrained and unconstrained network of services
- This study will develop an implementation plan that identifies costs for those services and feasible short, mid, and long-term timelines
- **Task 1:** Service Identification and Prioritization
- **Task 2:** Implementation Plan
- **Task 3:** Draft and Final Plan
- 20-month schedule for completion



Questions?

