



WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Partnership of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission recommended the application in February, 2020 to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation for the funding for the development of an Albemarle County Transit Expansion Feasibility Study and Plan;

WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study and Plan would provide a detail assessment of current conditions and immediate needs for public transit options in the areas of Albemarle County specific to Route 29 North, Pantops and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello; and

WHEREAS, the immediate goal of the study is to identify appropriate methods of transportation, to document need and financial feasibility and to prepare a grant application to DRPT expected in February, 2022 for funding for an operational demonstration funding grant to implement a transit service in these three areas of Albemarle County; and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission would serve as facilitators, program managers and community engagement assistance for a selected transit consultant selected through DRPT's contracted vendor list; and

WHEREAS, an advisory panel selected by Albemarle County shall act as the Steering Advisory Panel for this effort; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board in December, 2020 approved a \$53,108 DRPT grant to be matched with \$53,107 of local funds for a \$106,215 Albemarle County Transit Expansion Feasibility Study and Plan project; and

WHEREAS, local transit partner of Albemarle County has agreed to fund the 50% match of \$53,107 over the two-year period of FY21 and FY22; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission authorizes the Executive Director to execute this grant agreement with DRPT and to execute funding Memorandum of Understandings with Albemarle County for their match requirements.

APPROVED, this 4th day of February, 2021 by the Commission being legally assembled.

Dale Herring, Chair

Date