



Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

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RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING TJPDC'S RAISE GRANT APPLICATION TO FUND A CHARLOTTESVILLE REGIONAL MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION STATION MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation released a Notice of Funding Opportunity on April 13, 2021 for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program – formerly Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants; and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission previously applied for a BUILD planning grant in FY20 for \$712,000 to create a Charlottesville Regional Multimodal Transportation Station Master Plan for the 3.3-acre Charlottesville Union Station site; and

WHEREAS, the FY20 BUILD application was composed of three phases designed to leverage public input to identify community-preferred design concepts for the station and surrounding site that will address accessibility, safety, and capacity concerns; and

WHEREAS, the FY20 BUILD application received letters of support from the offices of Senator Warner, Senator Kaine, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit's (DRPT) Jennifer Mitchell, the City of Charlottesville, the Cville and the Piedmont Rail Coalition, the Piedmont Environmental Council, and Amtrak; and

WHEREAS, the FY20 BUILD application was not funded, but TJPDC staff were informed by USDOT staff in a debrief that the application scored very highly and TJPDC staff were recommended to resubmit the application with minimal changes in the FY21/FY22 grant round; and

WHEREAS, DRPT staff have confirmed that capacity issues remain a concern for Charlottesville Union Station, with those issues likely to be exacerbated by continued rail investment by the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, TJPDC staff will submit a revised grant application for FY21/22 for no more than \$800,000 for the creation of a master plan to address capacity, safety, and accessibility issues at Charlottesville Union Station and the surrounding site in a manner that meets the community's expectations; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the TJPD Commission is in full support and endorses the RAISE planning grant funding application for the Charlottesville Regional Multimodal Transportation Station Master Plan.

Christine Jacobs, Interim Executive Director

Dale Herring, TJPD Commission Chair

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