

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE JEFFERSON AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Area Regional Transit Partnership (RTP) was established following a recommendation of the Regional Transit Coordination Study in 2017 to serve as an interim body and precursor for establishing a regional transit authority; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the RTP was "to provide recommendations to decision-makers on transit-related matters," with goals that included communication, coordination, regional goals, vision, and shared opportunities; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the RTP has been instrumental in laying the foundation for a stronger, more coordinated regional transit system; and

WHEREAS, the RTP has successfully provided a strong forum for communication and coordination between transit providers and filled a critical role in building consensus around regional transit priorities; and

WHEREAS, the work of the RTP included completion of a strategic plan (2018), the Albemarle County Transit Expansion Study/Micro-CAT (2022), a Regional Transit Vision Plan (2022), and a Transit Governance Study (2024); and

WHEREAS, the Transit Governance Study provided the foundation for formation and activation of the Charlottesville Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA) to serve as the primary forum for regional transit discussion and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the first chair of the RTP was Albemarle Supervisor Diantha McKeel, who was elected to the position in October, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKeel, who is completing her third and final term on the Albemarle Board of Supervisors this year, has continued to chair the RTP since its formation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKeel brought a strong desire and keen perspective to discussions about improving transit service in the region; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKeel's passion and servanthood also led to her serving on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Transit Association, including as its President; and

WHEREAS, the pending dissolution of the RTP and transfer of its duties to CARTA is a milestone in discussion of transit service in the region; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) does hereby commend the Jefferson Area Regional Transit Partnership for the exemplary work to provide a forum for discussion and foundation for action to expand transit options in the region; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the TJPDC commends Diantha McKeel of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors for her diligence, vision and steadfast leadership while serving as the first and only chair of the Regional Transit Partnership.

Adopted this 6th day of November 2025 by the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission.

Keith Smith, Chair
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

Christine Jacobs, Executive Director
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

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