

Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority

Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO
Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro MPO
Joint Policy Board Meeting
September 30, 2025

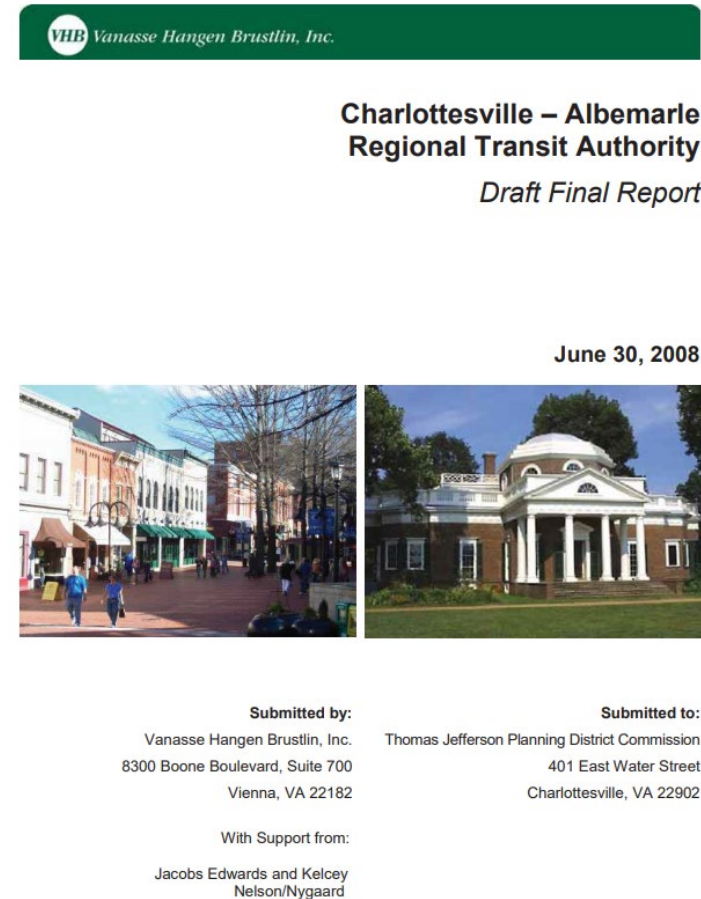


Agenda

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

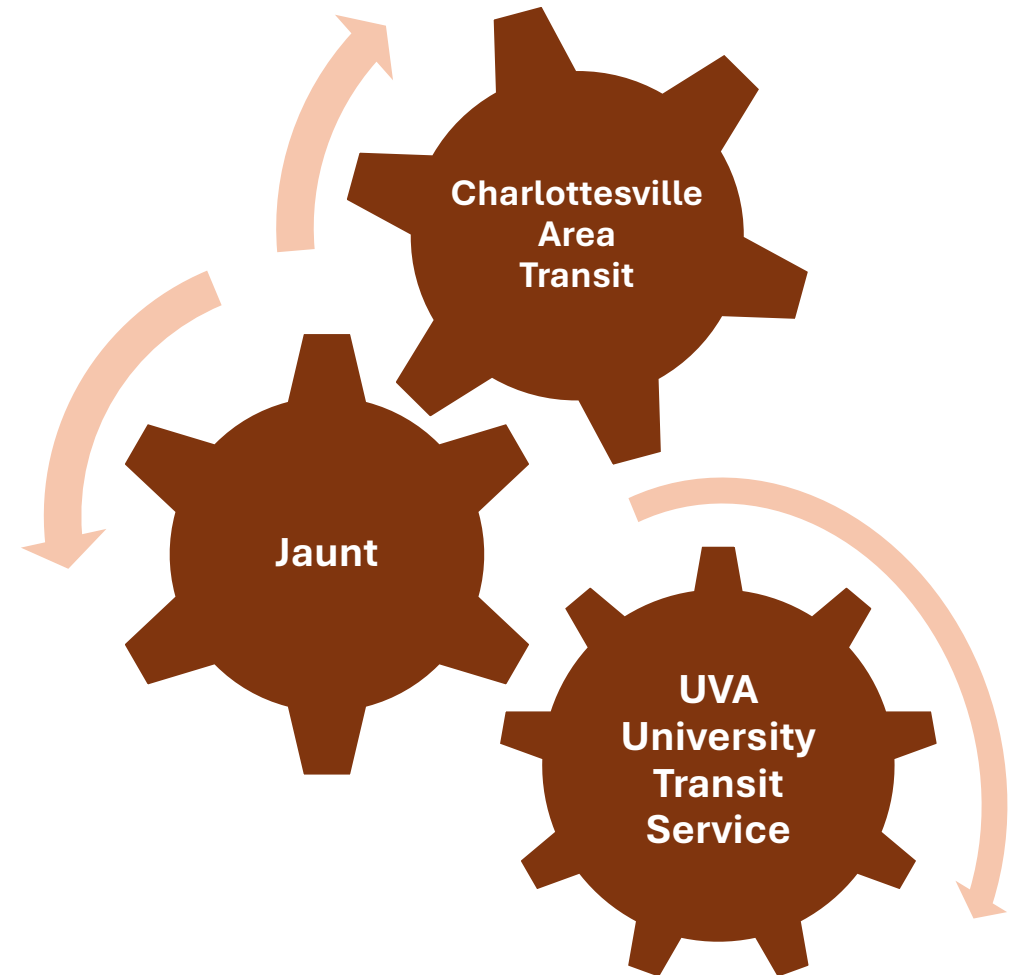
Regional Transit Authority History

- 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 was not successful



Regional Transit Partnership (RTP)

- 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
Working Group
assembled*

FEBRUARY 2025

*First meeting of the
Charlottesville-
Albemarle Regional
Transit Authority*

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

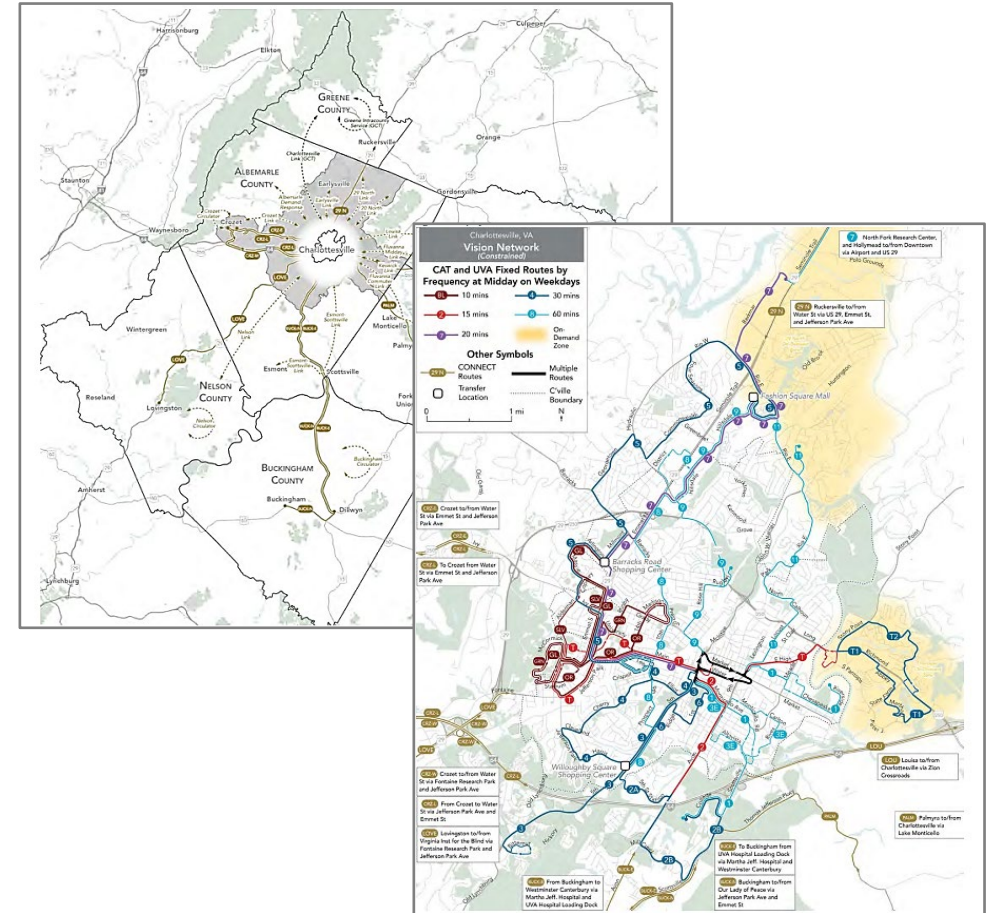
Code of Virginia §§ 33.2-2800 through 33.2-2812

- 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?

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