

RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING FY2025 LOW OR NO EMISSION GRANT APPLICATION FOR
CHARLOTTESVILLE AREA TRANSIT FACILITY EXPANSION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the organization designated by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia as being responsible, together with the Commonwealth of Virginia, for implementing the applicable provisions of amended of 23 USC 134, 135 (as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts, Section 11201, November 2021); 42 USC 2000d-1, 7401; 23 CFR 450 and 500; 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration released a Notice of Funding Opportunity on May 14, 2025, for the Low or No Emission discretionary grant program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville provided a leadership commitment in 2023 establishing a goal of carbon neutrality by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the operations of Charlottesville Area Transit are critical to meeting the transportation needs of the community, supporting economic growth and vitality, and are an important component of meeting overall carbon emission reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, Charlottesville Area Transit has completed a feasibility study and transition plans documenting the need for growth in their fleet and the process to a methodical and efficient transition to zero emission technologies by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study has documented that the current facility has insufficient space to meet planned service expansion nor a transition to a zero emission fleet without significant modifications; and

WHEREAS, Charlottesville Area Transit is currently completing the National Environmental Policy Act process for the necessary facility modifications; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia has committed funding, along with the City of Charlottesville, to advance final design of the facility modification in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville is committed to advancing the facility project expeditiously if awarded funds through the Low or No Emissions grant program by the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, the modification of the CAT facility to support expanded services and a transition to a zero emission fleet is consistent with the goals of the Charlottesville – Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Moving Toward 2050 Long Range Plan, adopted in May 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville – Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization is committed to fulfilling its role in the federal planning process by incorporating this project and subsequent Federal grant awards into the MPO Long Range Plan and Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlottesville will submit a FY2025 grant application request for up to \$39,900,000, to support expansion of the CAT maintenance and operations facility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board is in full support and endorses the Low or No Emission Grant funding application.

Adopted this 25th day of June 2025.

Ned Gallaway, Chair
Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO

Christine Jacobs, Executive Director
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

Date

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