

Memorandum

To: Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority Board
From: Christine Jacobs, Executive Director
Date: July 24, 2025
Subject: Regional Transit Partnership Transition

Purpose:

This memorandum provides an update on the conclusion of Regional Transit Partnership meetings and duties following the establishment of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority.

Background:

The Regional Transit Partnership (RTP) was established in 2017 as an advisory board to provide recommendations to decisionmakers on transit-related matters.

Discussion:

The RTP was created following a recommendation of the Regional Transit Coordination Study (2017) to serve as an interim body and precursor for establishing a regional transit authority. Since formation, RTP has successfully provided a strong forum for communication and coordination between transit providers and played a critical role in building consensus around regional transit priorities. The RTP completed a strategic plan (2018), Albemarle County Transit Expansion Study (2022), Regional Transit Vision Plan (2022), and Transit Governance Study (2024) that provided the foundation for the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA) activation in 2024.

As a result of the work of the RTP, the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County have a regional transit vision that community members and transit providers support. The activation of CARTA represents a significant milestone in the region's efforts to formalize a unified approach to regional transit planning and governance. CARTA will serve as the primary forum for transit discussion and decision-making in the region and will continue working toward legislative pursuits to secure revenue-generating authority.

Meetings of the CARTA Board are open to the public and include opportunities for public comment. Special interest groups currently participating in the RTP are encouraged to remain engaged through attendance at CARTA meetings and by submitting feedback during public comment periods.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the last meeting of the RTP take place in December 2025, during which members will reflect on the Partnership's accomplishments, formally recognize its contributions to regional transit advancement, and support the transition of responsibilities to CARTA. The CARTA Board and TJPDC staff will continue to coordinate closely with participating jurisdictions, stakeholders, and the public.