



**REGIONAL
TRANSIT
PARTNERSHIP
A DECADE OF
COLLABORATIVE
PLANNING**



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Commission (TJPDC)

November 18, 2025

Meeting Objectives: Orient RTP members, officially adopt a framework for the partnership, introduce topics for more indepth discussions in the future, and prepare for future meetings

Item	Time†	Description
1	4:00-4:10	Overview and Background: Staff will provide a brief overview of the background of the RTP. <i>Click here for the RTP website</i>
2	4:10-4:15	Election of Officers: RTP members will elect its chair and vice-chair. MPO staff will facilitate election of chair.
3	4:15-4:25	Acceptance of Framework Document: RTP members will review and accept a framework for the partnership. MPO staff will provide a brief presentation on the draft framework. <i>Click here for the draft RTP Operational Framework</i>
4	4:25-4:35	Discussion of Bylaws: RTP members will begin discussions of bylaws for the Partnership. MPO staff will provide recommendations, based on discussion on the framework. The RTP will <i>not</i> approve a final set of bylaws at the October meeting, but will provide feedback for the draft document, to be reviewed in December.
5	4:35-4:45	Meeting Schedule: MPO staff will facilitate a discussion on the regular meeting schedule for the RTP.
6	4:45-5:00	Presentation of Service Provider Budgets: CAT, JAUNT and RideShare will provide an brief overview of their budgets, as an informational item to RTP members. This is intended to be an <i>initial step</i> to building a greater understanding of the service provider's budgets.
7	5:00-5:20	Discussion of Driver Recruitment and Retention: The transit providers will begin a discussion on driver recruitment and retention. This discussion will begin to explore pay ranges and benefits.
8	5:20-5:30	Ridership Reports: MPO staff will provide an updated Ridership Report. <i>Click here for a template for future reports</i>
9	5:30-5:40	Other Discussion There may be further discussion on other transit-related matters. MPO staff will make brief comments on the Transit Development Plan (TDP) updates.

FIRST RTP MEETING 2017

SIGNED A JOINT MOU





Highlights of the Regional Transit Partnership June 27, 2018 Strategic Planning Retreat

Draft #2: July 20, 2018

REGIONAL TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP 2018

The Regional Transit Partnership
developed its Strategic Plan

MISSION: Regional Transit Partnership is “to provide recommendations to decision-makers on transit-related matters.”

VISION: The Charlottesville Albemarle Regional Transit System is an efficient, high quality, **integrated regional network of transit services** that provides all residents with access to employment opportunities and community services in a way that minimizes congestion, catalyzes equitable and sustainable redevelopment and maximizes the region’s reputation as the best place to live, work, learn, and play.



Committee – Voting Members

Diantha McKeel, *Albemarle County*
Ann Mallek, *Albemarle County*
Kathy Galvin, *City of Charlottesville*
Bill Wuensch, *JAUNT*
Randy Parker, *JAUNT*
Patrice Strachan, *DRPT*

Staff and Alternates

Will Cockrell, *TJPDC*
Kevin McDermott, *Albemarle County*
Alexander Ikefuna, *City of Charlottesville*
Karen Davis, *JAUNT*
Stephen Johnson, *JAUNT*
Fran Hooper, *JAUNT*
Juwhan Lee, *CAT*
Katie Schwing, *DRPT*

Non-Voting Members

Chip Boyles, *TJPDC*
Sara Pennington, *RideShare*
John Jones, *CAT Staff*
Lena Seville, *CAT Advisory Board*
Brad Sheffield, *JAUNT*
Andy Mansfield, *UTS*
Sally LeBeau, *UVA Hospital*

Press and Other

Sean Tubbs, Charlottesville Tomorrow

Members Absent

Voting Members

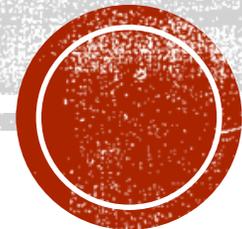
Kristin Szakos, Charlottesville

Non-Voting Members

Green County Transit
Martha Jefferson Hospital
Charlottesville School System
Albemarle School System
Piedmont Virginia CC
Charlottesville Area Chamber of Commerce

REGIONAL TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP 2019

**Albemarle and
Charlottesville FY20
Funding MOU**



Technical Assistance Applications
Submitted 2/2/2020

- DRPT
 - 50% grant funding with 50% local match
1. Expanded Transit Service for Albemarle County Destinations
 2. Regional Transit Vision Plan

**REGIONAL
TRANSIT
PARTNERSHIP
2020**

UVA joined the RTP as a voting member



REGIONAL TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP 2021

**Secured Department of Rail and Public
Transportation (DRPT) Grant -
Albemarle County Transit Expansion
Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan**

Amtrak BUILD Grant

Not awarded in FY21 round. The application was seen as favorable for the next BUILD Grant Round.

Albemarle County Transit Expansion Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan

Purpose:

- a feasibility study and implementation plan for expanded transit service to population and employment centers within Albemarle County, particularly:
 - the Pantops area,
 - Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, and
 - along Route 29 North (between City limits and the UVA Research Park)
- Innovative transit options (to include on-demand service) that emphasize accessibility and responsiveness to customer needs should be investigated alongside traditional fixed-route options

Budget: \$106,215

- \$53,108 in grant funds
- \$53,107 from Albemarle County as local match

Timeline: ~10 months (from signed agreements – December 31st, 2021)

REGIONAL TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP 2022

- **Completed Albemarle County Transit Expansion Study**
 - Assisted CAT with demonstration grant proposal
- **Secured Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Grant** – Charlottesville and Albemarle Regional Transit Vision Plan
 - Budget: \$350,000
 - RTP served as Advisory Group



Network

Urban Network Highlights

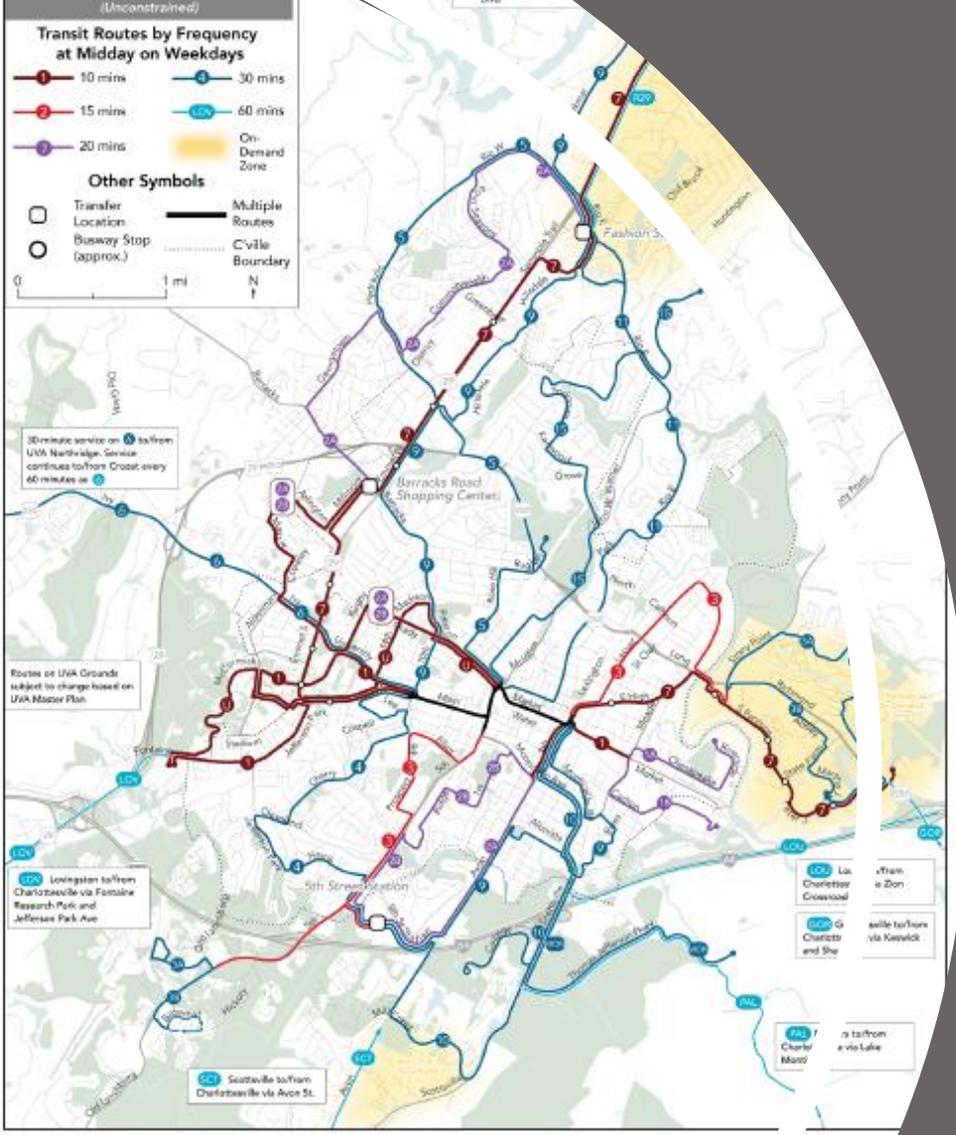
140%
More jobs accessible in 45 minutes via public transit

157%
More residents near transit service coming every 15 minutes or better

111%
More jobs near transit service coming every 15 minutes or better

7
day a week service on the urban network

310%
more service compared to today



Regional Network Highlights

7
day a week of Jaunt regional services

704%
more service compared to today

8
new all-day route serving destinations in Louisa County

REGIONAL TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP 2023

Complete Regional Vision Plan

Set the RTP/TJPDC up to apply for DRPT technical assistance funding

Secured Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Grant

Regional Transit Governance Study

Budget: \$186,759

RTP will serve as Advisory Group

REGIONAL TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP 2024

Completed Regional Transit Governance Study

Recommended that the City of
Charlottesville and Albemarle County
enact the CARTA legislation

Region 10 Transit Governance Study

Final Report

February 2024



The City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County enact the CARTA legislation

First CARTA Board meeting held in February 2025

Secured DRPT Grant—Service Prioritization and Implementation Feasibility Study

Budget: \$200,000

CARTA Board will serve as Guiding Governing Body

Forming a Regional Transit Authority



REGIONAL TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP 2025





**CHARLOTTESVILLE-
ALBEMARLE REGIONAL
TRANSIT AUTHORITY 2026**

Kick off the Service Prioritization and
Implementation Feasibility Study



ACKNOWLEDGING THE REGIONAL TRANSIT PARTNERSHIP'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Regional Transit Partnership (RTP) helped the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County develop a unified transit vision with support from community members and transit providers.
- The activation of the Charlottesville- Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA) is a significant step in formalizing this approach. CARTA will pursue legislative efforts to secure revenue-generating authority to support the community's transit vision.

