

AGENDA

Joint meeting of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority And the Regional Transit Partnership

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.

In person at the Water Street Center, 407 E. Water Street, Charlottesville, VA

Time	Item
5:00-5:10	1. CARTA Board & RTP General Administration (Supervisor McKeel, Chair) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Call to order b. Introductions and announcements c. Acceptance of the agenda* d. Approve CARTA Board draft meeting minutes, Sept. 25, 2025, meeting* e. Approve RTP draft meeting minutes, Oct. 23, 2025, meeting*
5:10-5:15	2. Matters from the Public: limit of 3 minutes per speaker <i>Members of the Public are welcome to provide comments on any public-interest, transit-related topic, including the items listed on this agenda, with a limit of three minutes per speaker.</i>
5:15-5:25	3. Remarks (Christine Jacobs, TJPDC)
5:25-5:35	4. Look Back Presentation (Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presentation
5:35-5:50	5. RTP Transition Follow Up (Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Memo
5:50-6:20	6. Transit Provider Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Albemarle County Schools (Jamie Gellner) b. UTS (Scott Silsdorf) c. CAT and City of Charlottesville Schools (Garland Williams) d. Jaunt (Mike Murphy) e. DRPT (Katy Miller)
6:20-6:30	7. Resolution Presentation (Keith Smith, Chair of the TJPDC Commission) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Resolution
6:30	8. Adjourn CARTA Board & RTP meeting* (Supervisor McKeel, Chair) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Refreshments

* A vote is expected for this item

Next CARTA Board meeting—January 22, 2026

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VOTING MEMBERS
Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville
Natalie Oschrin, Charlottesville
Diantha McKeel, Albemarle
Michael Pruitt, Albemarle
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
Grant Sparks, Department of Rail and Public Transportation

Regional Transit Partnership Members

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES
Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville
Natalie Oschrin, Charlottesville
Diantha McKeel, Albemarle
Michael Pruitt, Albemarle
Katy Miller, Department of Rail and Public Transit
Randy Parker, Jaunt Rural
Nick Pilipowskyj, Jaunt Urban
Scott Silsdorf, University Transit Service
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
Garland Williams, CAT, and Charlottesville Public School Transportation
Jamie Gellner, Albemarle County Public School Transportation
Mike Murphy, Jaunt
Christine Jacobs, Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization
Ann Wall, Albemarle County Executive Office
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville Executive Office
Sara Pennington, Rideshare
Peter Thompson, Charlottesville Area Alliance
Vicky Marsh, University of Virginia Hospital
Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council

Guests can join in person or by using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87664849564?pwd=Y9JAE2IU4YvRQOfwT7hxGrypMoxsG.1>

Meeting ID: 876 6484 9564 Passcode: 498508 Phone: 309-205-3325 US

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Charlottesville Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA) Meeting

Draft Minutes, September 25, 2025

The recording of this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKBzq2QhD7M>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	
Natalie Oschrin, Charlottesville	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Diantha McKeel, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Mike Pruitt, Albemarle	x	Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC	x
		Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x
		Ann Wall, Albemarle	x
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Grant Sparks, DRPT *	x	David Blount, TJPDC	x
		Tanya Schwarzendruber, Albemarle	x
		Katy Miller, DRPT *	x
		James Freas, City of Charlottesville	x
		Garland Williams, CAT	x
		Alex Joiner, IMPACT	x
		Mike Longue, VIA	x
		Mitch Huber, DRPT *	x
		Arielle Panitch, VIA *	x

* Remote attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Diantha McKeel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA (MINUTE 2:02)

Motion/Action: Brian Pinkston made a motion to approve the agenda. Natalie Oschrin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. MEETING MINUTES (MINUTE 2:36)

Diantha McKeel noted that one of the attendees should be changed from Sarah Duncan to Sally Duncan.

Motion/Action: Mike Pruitt made a motion to approve the May 22 meeting minutes with the noted change. Natalie Oschrin seconded, and the motion passed with Brian Pinkston abstaining.

Motion/Action: Mike Pruitt made a motion to approve the July 16 meeting minutes. Brian Pinkston seconded, and the motion passed with Natalie Oschrin abstaining.



4. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 4:40)

None.

5. PRIORITIZATION STUDY UPDATE (MINUTE 4:57)

Taylor Jenkins gave an overview of the scope of work for the study. She noted that the study should take about 20 months to complete. It was noted that services will be selected from both the constrained and unconstrained lists from the Regional Transit Vision Plan.

She continued with the proposal review timeline. Staff is currently at the consultant selection stage. Staff has received proposals from four consultants, AECOM, Michael Baker International, Kimley Horn, and RK&K. She gave an overview of the proposals with the Board and highlighted their strengths and weaknesses.

She noted that out of the four proposals, RK&K was the strongest and the staff recommends using them for the study. She said before there is a Notice to Proceed (NTP), they will be communicating in-person expectations at certain points in the study.

She provided the proposed study team and technical team members for the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, Transit, and state support (DRPT and VDOT).

Mr. Jenkins provided the expectations for the Board's participation including service identification and prioritization, the implementation plan and approval of the draft and final plan documents.

Ms. Jenkins said the next steps are for the board to take action on the consultant selection and staff will coordinate with DRPT to issue the NTP and organize the project kickoff.

Ann Wall said there is expected to be a draft plan prior to the 20-month timeframe, possibly this time next year, that will inform CARTA's discussion about going to the General Assembly.

There was consensus to proceed with RK&K as the consultant for this study.

6. DRPT APPOINTMENT (MINUTE 30:13)

Diantha McKeel noted that Grant Sparks with Katy Miller as an alternate, have been appointed by DRPT to participate as non-voting members with CARTA.

7. VIA UPDATE: RIDERSHIP DATA (MINUTE 31:09)

Mike Longue, VIA, noted that they are focused with on-demand routes. Mr. Longue gave an executive business review of MicroCAT. Arielle Panitch introduced herself as the General Manager of MicroCAT.

He noted that from service launch, MicroCAT has become extremely popular. In July 2025, Ridership

passed 100K rides. Riders love the quality of service resulting in high engagement and retention. Riders take an average of 10 rides per month. The key destinations include Walmart, Rio Hill Center, Albemarle High School, Mallside Forest Court Apartments (affordable housing), Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital and more.

He reported that the demographics show that 71% don't have a personal car, 73% earn less than \$50K per year and 40% report having a disability.

Mr. Longue gave additional information on top origins and destinations for riders. He offered information on more granular maps if requested.

He noted that MicroCAT has become increasingly efficient through continuous tech and operational improvements. There are an additional 1,140 additional rides per month at the same budget.

Ms. Panitch said a central location for the drivers is near the library at Rio Road. The algorithm is also getting more efficient. They are continually optimizing the number of vehicles on the road on an hourly basis to drive increased efficiency. It was noted that because it is popular and demand has grown rapidly, it has led to corresponding wait-times and unmet demand for trips. Anything over 30 minutes becomes a typical "drop off" point for demand when riders do not want to use the service. She said their goal is a 25-minute wait or less.

It was noted that MicroCAT is a highly cost-effective mode within the CAT network, especially to serve less dense suburban areas.

Mike Pruitt said he sees incentive shift and structure changes vs Uber or Lyft. Garland said many of the routes are taking people where the fixed routes are not running or the streets are too narrow for the buses to run. There is an incentive to use the service because it is free for the rider for now. There either needs to be an addition of vehicles or add a cost structure.

Natalie Oschrein noted that many of these issues are tied to land use and housing issues. People have to live in the suburbs to afford housing and these developments are not designed for bus access.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES AND REMINDERS (MINUTE 1:09:50)

Ms. McKeel noted that the next RTP meeting is October 23, 2025. Their last meeting will be on December 11.

Ms. McKeel reviewed the possible next dates for the November meeting. It was decided that the next meeting will be on November 18 at 5:00 p.m. in person at the Water Street Center in Charlottesville.

11. ADJOURN

Ms. McKeel adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Regional Transportation Partnership Meeting

Draft Minutes, October 23, 2025

The recording of this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqVUTqhgOzs>

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Brian Pinkston, Charlottesville		Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Natalie Oschrin, Charlottesville	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Diantha McKeel, Albemarle	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Mike Pruitt, Albemarle	x	Igor Kalina, TJPDC	x
Katy Miller, DRPT	x	Taylor Jenkins, TJPDC	x
Randy Parker, Jaunt Rural	x	Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
Nick Pilipowskyj, Jaunt Urban *	x		
Scott Silsdorf, UTS	x		
Allison Day, UTS (alternate)			
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Garland Williams, CAT	x	Zoë Macomber, City of Charlottesville	x
Jamie Gellner, Alb County PS	x	James Freas, City of Charlottesville	x
Vicky Marsh, UVA Hospital		Tonya Swartzendruber, Albemarle County	x
Peter Thompson, CAA	x	Alan Saunders, DRPT	x
Sara Pennington, Rideshare		Mitch Huber, DPRT *	x
Ann Wall, Albemarle		Bethel Kefyalew, DRPT *	x
Peter Krebs, PEC	x		
Mike Murphy, Jaunt	x		
Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x		
Jen Fleisher, CAA (alternate)	x		
Daniel Richardson, Alb County PS (alternate)			
Karen Davis, CAT (alternate)	x		

* Remote attendance

1. CALL TO ORDER (MINUTE 0:15):

The Regional Transportation Partnership (RTP) Chair, Diantha McKeel, presided and called the meeting to order at 4:01. Nick Pilipowskyj stated that he was attending virtually due to a family medical reason.

It was noted that no representative from the City was present in person, so no actions or motions could be taken.

2. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (MINUTE 1:26)

Approval of Agenda

There was no quorum, so no action was taken.



Approval of Minutes

There was no quorum, so no action was taken.

3. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 3:00)

None.

4. RTP TRANSITION UPDATE (MINUTE 3:33)

Taylor Jenkins noted that at the last meeting, there was a letter regarding the sunseting of the RTP. Because the bylaws do not speak to the dissolution, the same process that was used to set it up would be the same process to dissolve it. Additional information is in the packet including a copy of the dissolution letter and an MOU.

Natalie Oschrin joined the meeting in person at 4:05 p.m. creating a quorum.

Ms. Jenkins said the transit agency updates will continue to happen at the CARTA meetings. The Rural Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC) will also be updated on the work that CARTA is doing. There was a discussion about what RTAC is and who is on the committee. It was noted that there will be members who will be invited to CARTA to participate as non-voting members.

Ms. Jenkins said that CARTA will be meeting every other month until further notice. Ms. McKeel requested that the guiding document note that there is a transit provider update in the meetings. Ms. Oschrin said an agenda template might be useful as well. Ms. Jacobs said she would take that back to the working group.

Peter Krebs asked how the Authority would tackle the new influx of new six-figure jobs. Mr. Chambers said CARTA is strong in planning and is looking for ways to get funded well.

There was a discussion about what projects and enhancements CARTA will be helping to foster.

Ben Chambers said that could be fleshed out once the funding question has been answered. The funding must come first. For the short term, CARTA has no authority or funding to make recommendations for action. So, if there are two transit organizations that want to do something jointly, they would go to one another directly.

Mike Murphy would like to see CARTA target efforts to bring in other localities. Ms. Jacobs said CARTA may need to have successes before other localities might be inclined to join.

There was consensus that there should be an outreach to other localities, but there would not necessarily be success in having them join.

Ms. Jacobs said CARTA is new and is being built from the ground up and she appreciates feedback from the RTP members.

Peter Thompson has a concern that there would not be enough advisory voices from other organizations involved with CARTA.

Ms. McKeel asked to have the group vote in Nick Pilipowskyj. He joined remotely due to a family medical issue.

Motion/Action: Mike Pruitt made a motion to allow Mr. Pilipowskyj to join the meeting remotely. Natalie Oshrin seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McKeel asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion/Action: Randy Parker made a motion to approve the agenda. Mike Pruitt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion/Action: Mike Pruitt made a motion to approve the minutes. Natalie Oschrein seconded, and the motion passed with Randy Parker abstaining.

5. DRPT BUS STOP UPDATE

Alan Saunders, DRPT, introduced himself and gave a background on DRPT's mission and vision, who they are and what they do. He noted that DRPT only has 70 employees. He presented the engineering team's names and what they do.

Ms. Saunders reported that there are approximately 1,500 transit stops in the state. They cover a broad spectrum of projects that include everything from bus stops to Metro stations. He noted that every bus stop is unique and needs to be approached individually.

He continued with recent and future advancements. It was noted that DRPT has collaborated with VDOT to develop a Land Use permit for small transit shelters. It has developed transit stop design guidelines to support transit agency efforts across the state. DRPT has incorporated local and nationwide best practices and has developed a framework for cataloging bus infrastructure.

Bethel Kefyalew, DRPT, noted that cataloging bus stop infrastructure has been helpful for those making any decision about designing, engineering, and building bus stops. She noted that the dataset will continue to grow alongside the existing GIS/Data-Portal inventory. The best practices and the dataset should be on their website in November.

Mr. Saunders reported on several recent projects including CAT/Albemarle, CSPDC, District III, GET, and Fredericksburg. Every project needs a survey, a design, and to have a PE review it, and then put it up for approval for the Commonwealth Architecture Review Board. It may also go through NEPA. He

said if you are thinking about putting up a bus stop, he suggested that you contact him or Ms. Kefyalew to get guidance on how to get through the process.

He noted that bus stops are very complex projects and require a lot of thought.

Garland Williams thanked Mr. Saunders for his work on the bus stop the City just completed. He thought it was going to be about \$45K and it ended up being \$250K because there was a great deal that was not considered when they were first estimating the project.

There was a discussion about ADA compliance for bus stops.

Ms. McKeel asked if the Virginia Department of Transportation follows national guidelines for ADA compliance. The answer was that they do follow them. Ms. McKeel has been trying to get a shelter in Albemarle County for the past eight years. She said they got the OK to get it done, but it has to be done within three years of the approval, but it has already been 2 years.

Mr. Williams noted that Albemarle is close to getting that bus stop and noted that it will probably be within 6 months. He said it is definitely closer than she thinks it will happen.

Peter Thompson said the senior community has difficulty using transit because there is no shelter from the weather and no place for them to sit down.

6. REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CARTA) WORKING GROUP UPDATE (MINUTE 1:15:52)

Taylor Jenkins said the scope has gone out to DRPT's Transit Planning bench for RFPs and they have received four proposals back. There was an extensive review by staff and the consensus in CARTA was to choose RK&K as the consultant. She said they are hopeful to sign a notice to proceed soon.

7. TRANSIT PROVIDER UPDATES (MINUTE 1:17:00)

Albemarle County Public Schools: Jamie Gellner said it is National School Bus Safety Week this week. She had a briefing from Altamont re: the camera and school bus arms. She said in September, they issued 380 violations and 783 warning for the speed cameras in school bus zones. She said there were only 2 buses with working stop arm cameras in September, and there will be 4 stop arm cameras in October. There are approximately 160 buses.

UTS: Scott Silsdorf said UVA's semester continues. He reported that both units of his department were at conferences last week. He said they continue to get the Battery Electric Buses (BEBs) ready for the road. They have done their first round of training. By the end of this semester, there will be at least one of the four buses in circulation. The buses will be blue vs the others that are white. He reported that they completed the parking garage in September, but it is not open to the public yet because there are some additional updates that need to be completed. The purple line will stop at that garage eventually. There is also another garage going up at JPJ and there will be a transit stop there as well. Lastly, he reported that UTS will be renovating their HQ on Milmont.

CAT and City of Charlottesville: Garland Williams said the City schools are getting close to taking possession of their first two BEBs. He is hoping to have a ribbon cutting in mid-November. They are in conversation about getting two more. Re: CAT, he and his Assistant Director of Maintenance went to Gillet to see their BEBs and they are supposed to get them in April. They are working on the design for the wraps for those buses. There is a discussion between the City and County to make reliability better and potential changes to routes. He said they are working with DRPT to potentially go after a Smart Scale application to potentially update their current maintenance facility, and also to get additional space for their headquarters and maintenance facility for the BEBs. He said he is hopeful they would get awarded the NOLO grant, but they have not heard yet.

There was a discussion about the potential for hydrogen electric buses.

Jaunt: Mike Murphy reported that Jaunt turned 50 years old and they will be acknowledging that anniversary over the next year. There will be a place on the website for the public to share their stories about Jaunt.

He said that work continues on branding for Jaunt.

He also shared that all transit agencies are in the midst of National Transit Data reporting season. He said budgets are starting to be due, Jaunt has a total of nine budgets in all.

He reported that on Sunday, there will be a “Jaunted” bus at the Stonefield shopping center for their Halloween celebration.

Mr. Murphy said he would be presenting to the City Council at their work session on November 17. He said that he and Mr. Williams and potentially Mr. Silsdorf will be talking with a group of young transit leaders at the Virginia Transit Leadership Institute at their conference.

Jaunt will also be piloting the on-demand concept in a rural jurisdiction for all of Greene County.

Lastly, Mr. Murphy said Jaunt will be engaging with 8-9 public agencies to procure new scheduling software.

DRPT: Katy Miller said they are wrapping up procurement for the Virginia Breeze. They are close to having a 2026 launch timeframe.

She said on November 5-6 there is a workshop on procurement. She said on November 19 there is a Transit Program Grant workshop at 11:00 a.m.

She said the Merit program updates are ongoing, public comments should be sent to the DRPT email no later than November 21. All the info on that is on their website. She reported that there will be a TSDAC meeting on 11/24 to review all public comments and potentially vote on the proposed

changes. If it is ultimately passed by CTB, it will not be implemented until 2028. It may not even go to the CTB if the staff votes “no”.

Mr. Murphy said they are looking at losing 11% in funding.

Ms. Miller recommends the community submits as many public comments as possible.

Ms. McKeel said she met with approximately 100-150 high school students about environmental issues today and many of them said they would like a more robust transit system.

8. OTHER BUSINESS/UPDATES/REMINDERS (MINUTE 1:47:19)

Ms. McKeel said because of the holiday season, there will be a joint RTP and CARTA Meeting in November. She suggested Tuesday, November 18 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. It will be the last RTP meeting and there will be a celebration afterwards. This meeting would replace the December meeting.

Motion/Action: Randy Parker made a motion to move the Nov/Dec meeting to November 18. Mike Pruitt seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. ADJOURN

Ms. McKeel adjourned the meeting at 5:52 pm.



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

Lucinda Shannon, Senior
Regional Planner

Thomas Jefferson
Planning District
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

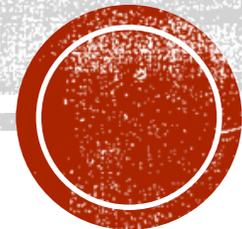
Kristin Szakos, Charlottesville

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

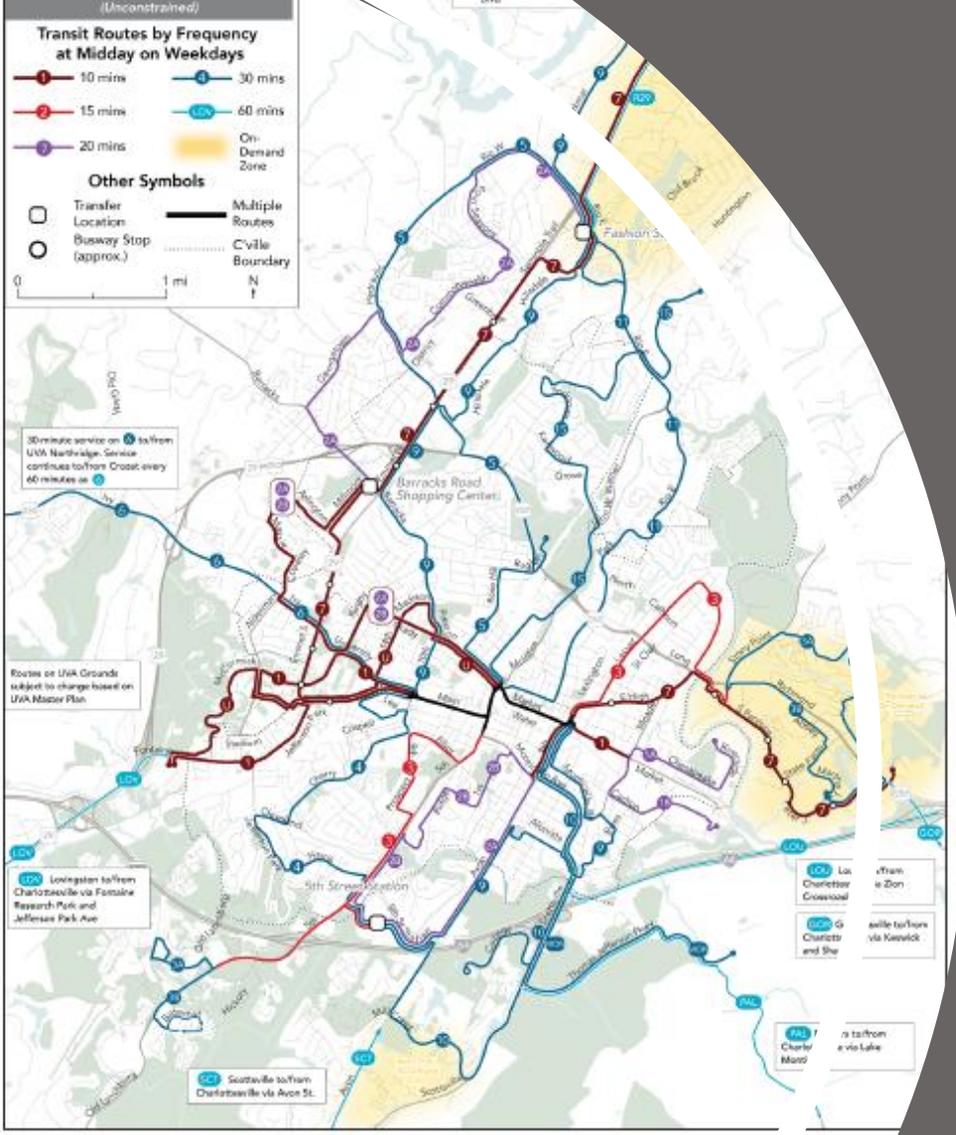
140%
More jobs accessible in 45 minutes via public transit

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

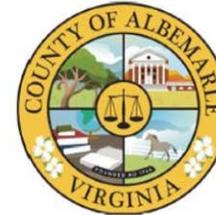
First CARTA Board meeting held in February 2025

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.



Memorandum

To: Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority and Regional Transit Partnership
From: Taylor Jenkins, Director of Transportation
Date: November 18, 2025
Subject: Regional Transit Partnership Transition Update

Purpose:

This memorandum provides an update on the conclusion of the Regional Transit Partnership (RTP) and transition of duties following the establishment of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA).

As the RTP prepares to hold its final meeting, staff recognize the importance of addressing two primary concerns that have been expressed by RTP committee members:

1. How the public and special interest groups will continue to have input into regional transit decision-making, and
2. How the needs of rural jurisdictions will be represented given the CARTA Board's current membership of the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County.

CARTA Involvement for Special Interest Groups and the Public:

Several RTP members have expressed concern about how special interest groups, advocacy organizations, and the public will be able to provide transit-related input for CARTA consideration. As a public body, CARTA will continue to be subject to the same public participation requirements as other public bodies, including hosting open meetings and providing opportunities for public comment.

While CARTA will assume the role as the primary forum for regional transit discussion and decision-making, it will continue to rely on local jurisdictions to collect and communicate feedback from their residents, organizations, and partners for integration into CARTA's ongoing activities. Because CARTA does not directly operate public transportation services and will focus on transit funding and planning for its member jurisdictions, it will be critical for local governments to serve as the key conduits for community and stakeholder engagement.

This approach maintains the connection between CARTA's activities and the local context of the communities it serves. It also ensures coordination between CARTA and its member jurisdictions, as local governments are best positioned to capture feedback from their respective communities of transit riders, advocates, and employers. As CARTA matures, the Board will have the opportunity to develop standing or ad hoc mechanisms to support ongoing dialogue with stakeholders.

Representation of Rural Transit Needs:

The second concern raised is how the transit needs of rural areas will be represented. Approximately one year ago, staff conducted outreach to rural jurisdictions to gauge interest in joining CARTA, but there was no interest expressed at that time. Historically, rural jurisdictions have preferred to coordinate directly with transit providers to fund services tailored specifically to the needs of their residents. Staff will revisit these discussions and ensure rural jurisdiction engagement as part of the upcoming Transit Prioritization Study being completed under CARTA's direction.

Additionally, the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) staffs the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC), which includes staff from each rural jurisdiction (rural Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson). RTAC will remain an active venue for discussing rural mobility as part of their regular meeting agendas to maintain the regional awareness and connectivity between urban and rural planning.

Next Steps:

At the November 6, 2025, TJPD Commission meeting, the Commission approved transmitting the following documents related to the RTP transition:

- **Letter requesting dissolution**
- The **RTP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) amendment**, which will formalize the conclusion of RTP activities
- The **CARTA MOU**, identifying the roles and responsibilities of the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, and the TJPDC in CARTA administration

TJPDC staff have distributed materials to all signatories of the RTP MOU. The signatories of the RTP MOU are as follows:

- Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission
- City of Charlottesville, on behalf of Charlottesville Area Transit
- Albemarle County
- Jaunt, Inc.
- Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (CA-MPO)
- University of Virginia

Staff appreciate the dedication of RTP members and the collective commitment to advancing regional transit coordination over the years and look forward to supporting a smooth transition.

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.

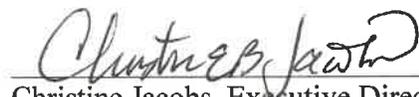
Adopted this 6th day of November 2025 by the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission.



Keith Smith, Chair
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

11.6.25

Date



Christine Jacobs, Executive Director
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

11/9/2025

Date