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Jim Andrews, Chair
Albemarle County Board of Supervisors
401 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, VA 22902

November 6, 2025

Dear Chair Andrews and Members of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors:

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) submits this letter formally requesting dissolution of the Regional Transit Partnership (RTP) following the activation of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA). Effective December 2025, CARTA will serve as the primary forum for regional transit discussion and decision-making and will continue working toward legislative pursuits to secure revenue-generating authority.

Following a recommendation from the Regional Transit Coordination Study, the RTP was established in 2017 to serve as an interim body and precursor for establishing a regional transit authority. Since formation, the 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/Micro-CAT (2022), Regional Transit Vision Plan (2022), and Transit Governance Study (2024) that provided the foundation for 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.

The principal guiding document that identifies partners, roles, and responsibilities for the RTP is the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), last amended in 2021. It reflects the shared commitment of its signatories, the region's transit partners:

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

According to **Article 6 – Amendments**:

Amendments to this AGREEMENT, as mutually agreed to, may be made by written agreement between all parties of this AGREEMENT.

Pursuant to Article 6, the TJPDC is requesting action from [Board/Agency] to concur with formally dissolving the Regional Transit Partnership.

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Thank you for your leadership, partnership, and participation in the RTP over the past several years. The RTP has been instrumental in laying the foundation for a stronger, more coordinated regional transit system and we look forward to continuing our collaboration through the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority.

Sincerely,



Keith Smith, Chair
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

11-6-25
Date



Christine Jacobs, Executive Director
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

11/9/25
Date

Attachments:

Memorandum of Understanding on the Jefferson Area Regional Transit Partnership (RTP)

CC:

Mr. Ned Gallaway, Albemarle County Board of Supervisors
Mr. Mike Pruitt, Albemarle County Board of Supervisors
Mr. Philip D'Oronzio, City of Charlottesville Planning Commission
Mr. Michael Payne, City of Charlottesville City Council
Mr. Tony O'Brien, Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors
Mr. Tim Goolsby, Greene County Board of Supervisors
Mr. James Higgins, Greene County Citizen Representative
Mr. Manning Woodward, Louisa County Board of Supervisors
Mr. Tommy Barlow, Louisa County Board of Supervisors
Mr. Ernie Reed, Nelson County Board of Supervisors
Mr. Jesse Rutherford, Nelson County Board of Supervisors