

### Legislative Priorities

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### 2025 Draft Legislative Priorities



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- Legislation
  - Expand Photo Speed Device Authority
  - One-Cent Sales Tax Option for Schools Capital
  - Reimbursement for Responding to Community Threats
- Budget Requests
  - Rivanna Futures
  - Biscuit Run Park project



## Expand Photo Speed Device Authority

#### **Proposed**

• Amend <u>Virginia Code §§</u>
46.2-882 and 46.2-882.1 to enable the use of photo speed monitoring devices on locally-designated segments of roads where speeding has been identified as a problem.

#### Other Information

 VACO has added to its legislative program



## One-Cent Sales Tax Option for Schools Capital

#### **Proposed**

• Either amend <u>Virginia Code § 58.1-602</u> to designate Albemarle County, in addition to other previously designated cities and counties, as a "qualifying locality" with the authority to conduct a one-cent sales tax referendum, or amend <u>Virginia Code § 58.1-605.1</u> to provide such authority to all cities and counties.

#### Other Information

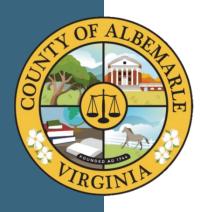
 Significant support from across the Commonwealth in 2024



## Reimbursement for Responding to Community Threats

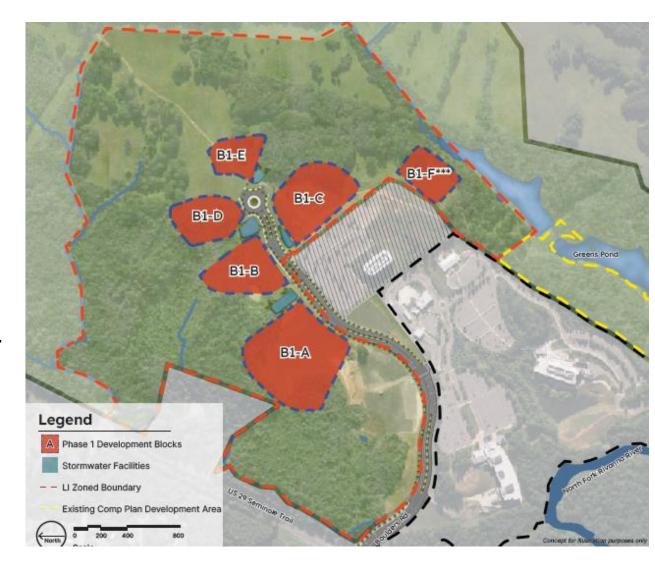
Amend Virginia Code § 15.2-1716.1 to eliminate the cap on reimbursement of minute-by-minute costs actually incurred by a locality in responding to terrorism hoax incidents, bomb threats, or malicious activations of fire alarms, and to increase the amount of reimbursement a locality may obtain on a flat fee basis, of \$1,000.

NOTE: The Board recently considered, but has not (yet) adopted, such an ordinance locally, due in part to the limited enabling authority.



## R I V A N N A FUTURES

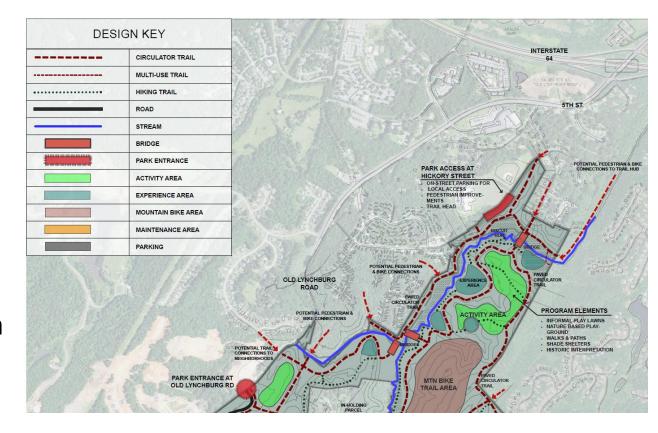
- \$11.2 million request for targeted, Phase 1 readiness
- 650' of road
- 4,650' of pipe
- Site work





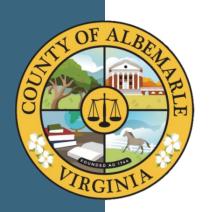
### Biscuit Run Park funding

- \$1.37 M request for trail segment
- Provides access from Southwood and connects to future Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park
- Segment of long-term circulator trail





#### Feedback



## Update on Regional Transit Authority

- Charlottesville Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA) funding authority
  - August 2024 Regional Transit Partnership endorsed formation of the CARTA
  - For 2025, staff recommends talking with legislators about the progress being made with CARTA, but to hold off on requesting additional authority at this time.



# Legislative Positions & Policy Statements



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#### Additions

- Economic Development / Site Readiness
- Local Authority Concerning Land Use Matters
- Skill Games
- Community Service Boards
- Mental Health Services
- Housing Albemarle
- Public Schools Funding

#### Other edits

- Reorganization of document
- Minor updates/adjustments for accuracy



#### Feedback



### Looking Ahead to 2025



### The 2025 General Assembly

- 2025 is an election year (again) in Virginia
  - House of Delegates members and Governor up for election in November
  - Adjustments to biennial budget for FY25 and FY26
  - Vetoed bills likely to return
  - Look for campaign "brochure bills"
  - Local authority bills still plentiful

