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Tiffany Robinson, Director
Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
600 East Main Street, Suite 2102
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Dear Director Robinson:

On behalf of the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors., I am writing to express support for the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission's (TJPDC) application for funding through the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation MERIT (Making Efficient and Responsible Investments in Transit) Technical Assistance Grant to conduct a regional transit service prioritization and implementation study for the services outlined in the Regional Transit Vision Plan.

As demonstrated by support for the Albemarle County Transit Expansion study, subsequent demonstration grant application, matching support for the Regional Transit Vision Plan, and the Regional Transit Governance Study, the County is enthusiastic about opportunities to expand public transit services in the Thomas Jefferson Planning District. As recommended by the Regional Transit Governance Study, Albemarle County and the City of Charlottesville activated and joined the Charlottesville Area Regional Transit Authority (CARTA) in order to continue efforts to improve regional public transportation services.

The County of Albemarle has actively contributed to the planning efforts leading up to this grant application and is committed to continuing to support regional transit planning through CARTA. A regional service prioritization and implementation plan will guide the expansion of transit services and improve conditions for Albemarle County residents, businesses, and landowners.

Albemarle County is pledging up to \$50,000 in matching funds towards the \$200,000 budget estimated for this project. TJPDC will provide staff support to manage the project.

We anticipate that the results of this study will guide our community to develop a regional implementation plan to coordinate and support transit expansion. The Albemarle County Board of Supervisors is pleased to offer its ongoing support for this application to conduct a regional transit service prioritization and implementation study.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey B. Richardson
County Executive