

# Hydraulic/Hillsdale Planning Update



## Joint City/County Workshop

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# Regional Coordination Transit Study



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# Presentation Outline

## **Our Discussion**

- Overview of Recommendations
- History – Where we were
- The Process – Where we are
- Recommendations – Where we're going
- Support of Recommendations
- Next Steps

# Problem Statement

## Systems Engineering Problem

*The region's transit systems suffer from an very complex, informal and often disorganized system for coordinating with each other and with stakeholders, resulting in:*

- ❑ *Misunderstandings,*
- ❑ *Local conflicts,*
- ❑ *Uncertainty and mistrust between stakeholders; and*
- ❑ *Lost opportunities.*

# Recommendations

## Regional Transit Partnership

- Establish a Regional Transit Partnership (RTP)
  - ▣ A regional advisory board
  - ▣ Membership consistent to RTA Board
- Role of the RTP would be to:
  - ▣ Test an RTA structure;
  - ▣ Oversee transit planning;
  - ▣ Integrate transit with MPO's long range plans and local land use/transportation decisions;
  - ▣ Simplify and formalize existing transit relationships;
  - ▣ Obtain a “win”,
  - ▣ Provide a venue for continued communication, coordination and collaboration between transit providers, localities and citizens; and,
  - ▣ Renew RTA study.

# Transit in Charlottesville

1914

Streetcar on  
West Main &  
University  
Avenue



# University Transit Service (UTS)

1972

University  
Transit Service  
Begins



# JAUNT

1975

JAUNT  
Established

1982

Began a  
Public  
Corporation



# History

1975

City Acquired  
the Yellow  
Transit  
Company



# Recent History

## 2008 RTA Study

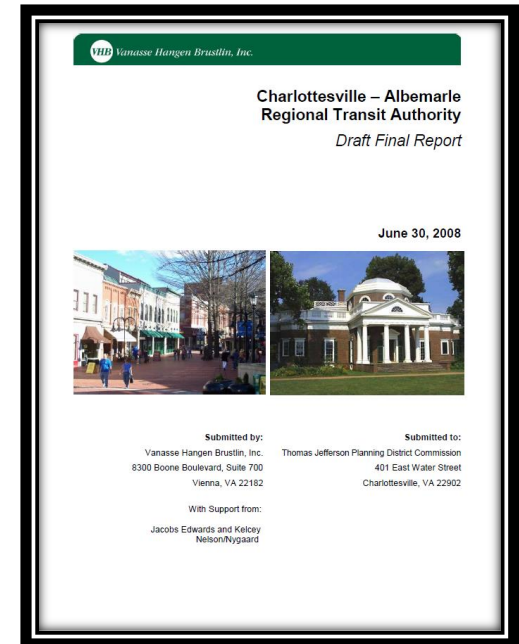
- Resulted in 2009 legislation §33.2-2800
- A basis for Charlottesville Transit Service rebranding



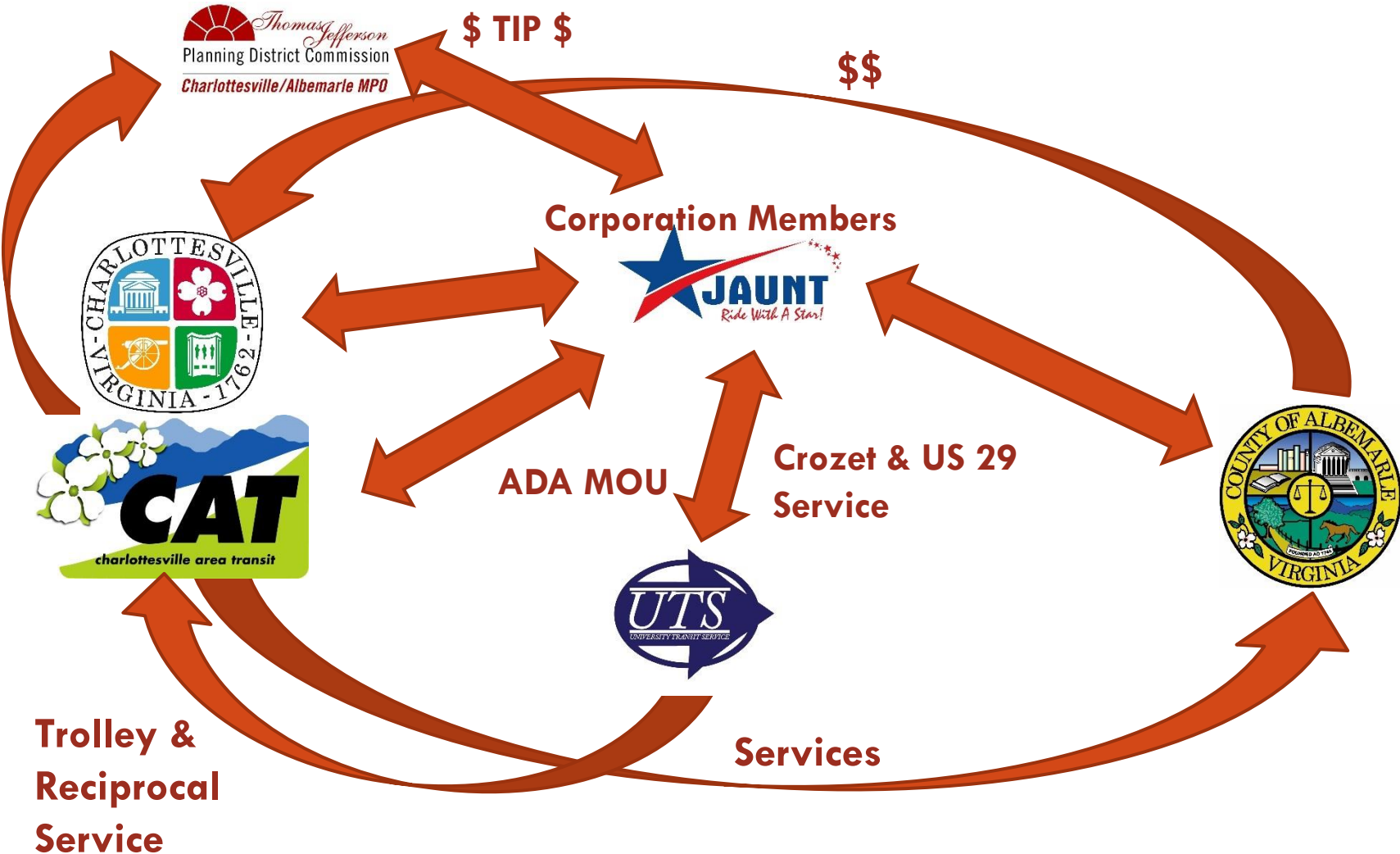
# Recent History

## RTA Study Challenges

- ❑ Failed enabling legislation on revenue
- ❑ Confused with capital investments
- ❑ Discrepancies in employee benefits
- ❑ Controversy with transfer of capital
- ❑ Lack of political will
- ❑ Lack of faith in City/County ventures



# Where we are



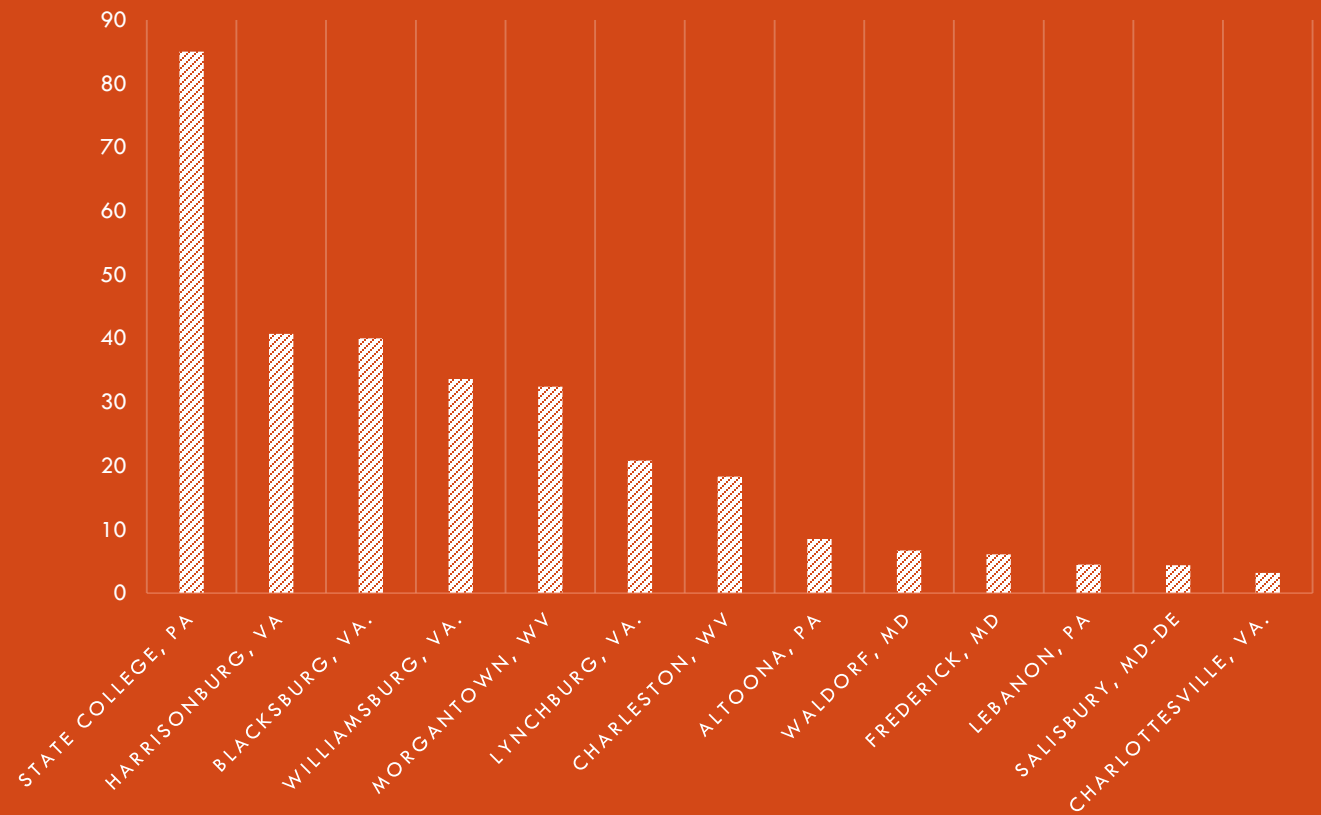
# Existing Services

## 2014 Report

Source:  
*FiveThirtyEight*



### REPORTED TRANSIT TRIPS PER CAPITA



# Changing Conditions

What  
Changed  
after 40  
years

- ❑ Confusing web of relationships
- ❑ Albemarle County is urbanizing
  - ❑ Urbanized Albemarle – 87,096
  - ❑ Charlottesville – 48,210
- ❑ County contribution increased 62% since FY11 (\$648,004 to \$1,052,124)
- ❑ Staff turnover

# Recommendations

## RTP and MPO Structure

- ❑ RTP would be advisory in nature
- ❑ CAT Advisory Board remains as citizen advisory committee and provides recommendations to CAT staff and RTP
- ❑ Staffing of RTP funded with MPO's FTA 5303 planning funds

# Proposed Structure

## RTP Board



**Staffing, Funding,  
Hosting, Coordinating**



 *Thomas Jefferson*  
Planning District Commission  
*Charlottesville/Albemarle MPO*



# Recommendations

## RTP Deliverables

- ❑ Formalize and clarify existing and new transit agreements
- ❑ With MPO staffing, conduct transit planning:
  - ❑ Develop consolidated regional plan\*
  - ❑ Integrate transit into regional/local efforts
  - ❑ Conduct benchmarking and baseline services
  - ❑ Set performance measures and goals
  - ❑ Coordinate strategies and efforts
- ❑ Relaunch feasibility study of RTA

\*Combine Transit Development Plans or better coordinate efforts, per DRPT.

# Recommendations

Next Steps:

Starting  
Immediately

- ☐ Approval of Concept by City, County, JAUNT
- ☐ Determine Membership of RTP Advisory Board
- ☐ Approval of MPO funds (MPO Policy Board and FHWA)
- ☐ Develop an RTP work program
- ☐ Address immediate needs
- ☐ Begin long-range planning

# Questions and Discussion

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