

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE ALBEMARLE COUNTY MICROTRANSIT DEMONSTRATION GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors has routinely provided funding to the City of Charlottesville’s Charlottesville Area Transit and to JAUNT for both fixed route and on-demand public transportation services for areas within the County of Albemarle; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code §15.2-947 enables local governing bodies to contract with any authority providing public transportation in contiguous localities for transportation services or the interchange of passengers for the purpose of providing continuous service between localities; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan Transportation Objective 3 states, “multi-modal transportation has been a hallmark of the Charlottesville Albemarle long-range transportation plan, including traffic demand management techniques. It is also a key principle in the Neighborhood Model, as discussed in the Land Use for Development Areas Chapter. Providing regional multimodal transportation options featured prominently in the joint City-County policy recommendations in the Livable Communities Planning Project. Albemarle County strives to promote transit-friendly, walkable, mixed-use communities that are served by multiple transportation modes. A connected, mixed-used community can reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and, thereby, improve citizens’ health by reducing vehicle emissions;” and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission developed an Albemarle County Transit Expansion Study that identifies opportunities for immediate expansion and improvement to transit service in three key study areas: Pantops, Monticello, and along Route 29 from the Albemarle County/City of Charlottesville line to UVA’s North Fork Discovery Park; and

WHEREAS, the Study recommended microtransit services within all three study areas, with the study team suggesting the Route 29 North-area and Pantops-area microtransit services would be competitive for Department of Rail and Public Transit demonstration grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Study’s recommended microtransit services would remove an estimated 75 single-occupancy vehicle trips per day from the Route 29 North service area and 25 single-occupancy vehicle trips from the Pantops service area; and

WHEREAS, the transit provider would run this service for 12 months beginning in Fiscal Year 2023 – a duration which is expected to demonstrate the long-term success of the transit service; and

WHEREAS, the cost to run this service for 12 months beginning in Fiscal Year 2023 is estimated not to exceed \$2,250,000, which includes a required local match of approximately \$450,000 for this period; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to reduce single-occupant vehicles within Albemarle County, reducing carbon emissions, reducing traffic congestion and destination parking, improving travel times, and improving traffic safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT for purposes of public necessity, convenience, and general welfare, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the recommended microtransit service in the Route 29 North and Pantops service areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors supports a contribution not to exceed \$450,000 toward the local match to provide microtransit services in the Route 29 North and Pantops service areas for 12 months beginning in Fiscal Year 2023.

I, Claudette Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors by a vote of _____ to _____, as recorded below, at a meeting held on January 19, 2022.

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Andrews	_____	_____
Mr. Gallaway	_____	_____
Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Ms. Price	_____	_____