RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE AFTON EXPRESS TRANSIT SERVICE 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, the 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 SHRP II Interstate 64 Corridor Plan developed by the Charlottesville Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization in December 2017 identified in Goal # 1: "further integrate transit into the corridor through supporting research and development of inter-regional transit options; and

WHEREAS, the SHRP II Interstate 64 Corridor Plan identified that 4,597 workers from Augusta County and the Cities of Waynesboro and Staunton travel daily into the Albemarle-Charlottesville area; and

WHEREAS, the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission developed an I-81/I-64 Inter-Regional Public Transportation Feasibility Study that identifies a plan to provide public transit services connecting stops in Staunton, Fishersville, Waynesboro, Charlottesville and Albemarle County with eight daily trips on Mondays through Fridays; and

WHEREAS, the Feasibility Study's recommended services estimate a removal of at least 21,000 single occupant vehicle trips per year from the corridor travel; and

WHEREAS, the cost to run this service from Fiscal Year 2021 through Fiscal Year 2024 is estimated at $1,145,297, which includes a required local match of $209,058 for this period; and

WHEREAS, each of the local governments and the University of Virginia are being requested to provide a portion of the required local match; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle County's portion of the required match is a total of $17,437 over the Fiscal Years 2021 through 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors recognizes the need to reduce single occupant vehicles within the Interstate 64 corridor reducing carbon emissions, reducing traffic congestion and destination parking, improving travel times and improving traffic safety; and

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 Afton Express Transit Service Plan that includes at least one Albemarle County stop for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors supports the total contribution of $17,437 toward the local match to provide the Afton Express Transit Services for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2024.

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 15, 2020.

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Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Gallaway	____	____
Ms. Kirtley	____	____
Ms. Mallek	____	____
Ms. McKeel	____	____
Ms. Palmer	____	____
Ms. Price	____	____