

CA-MPO Transit Coordination Study

September



Overview

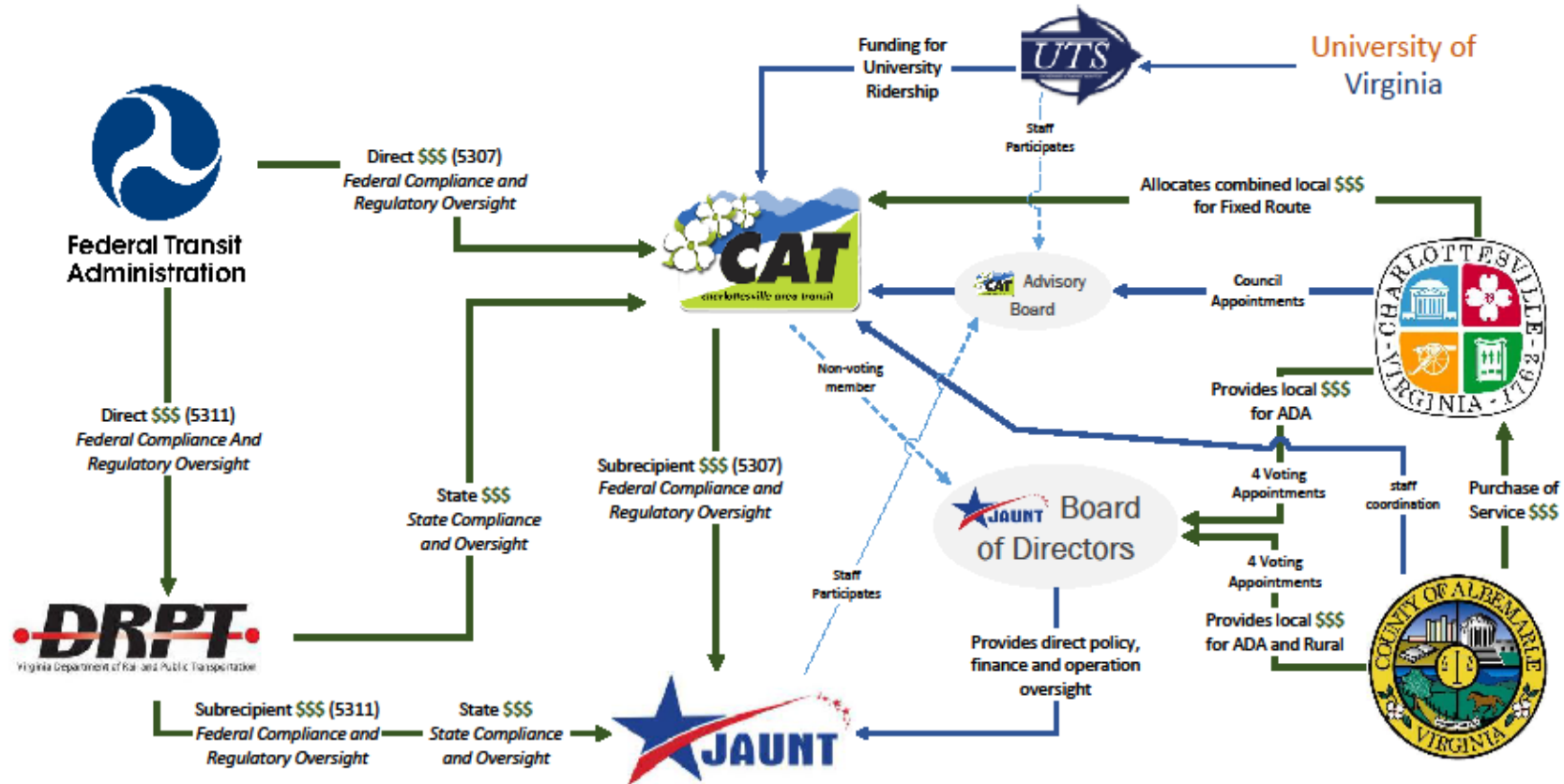
- Summary of steps taken
- Review of existing agreements
- Survey results
- Interview results
- Next steps



Steps Taken

1. Review of existing documents
 - a) Budgets
 - b) Strategic plans
 - c) Organizational structures and staff positions
 - d) Cooperative agreements (formal and informal)
 - e) Existing transit studies
2. Collection of case studies
3. Development and analysis of survey to decision-makers
4. Interviews with transit staff
5. Convening of the steering committee

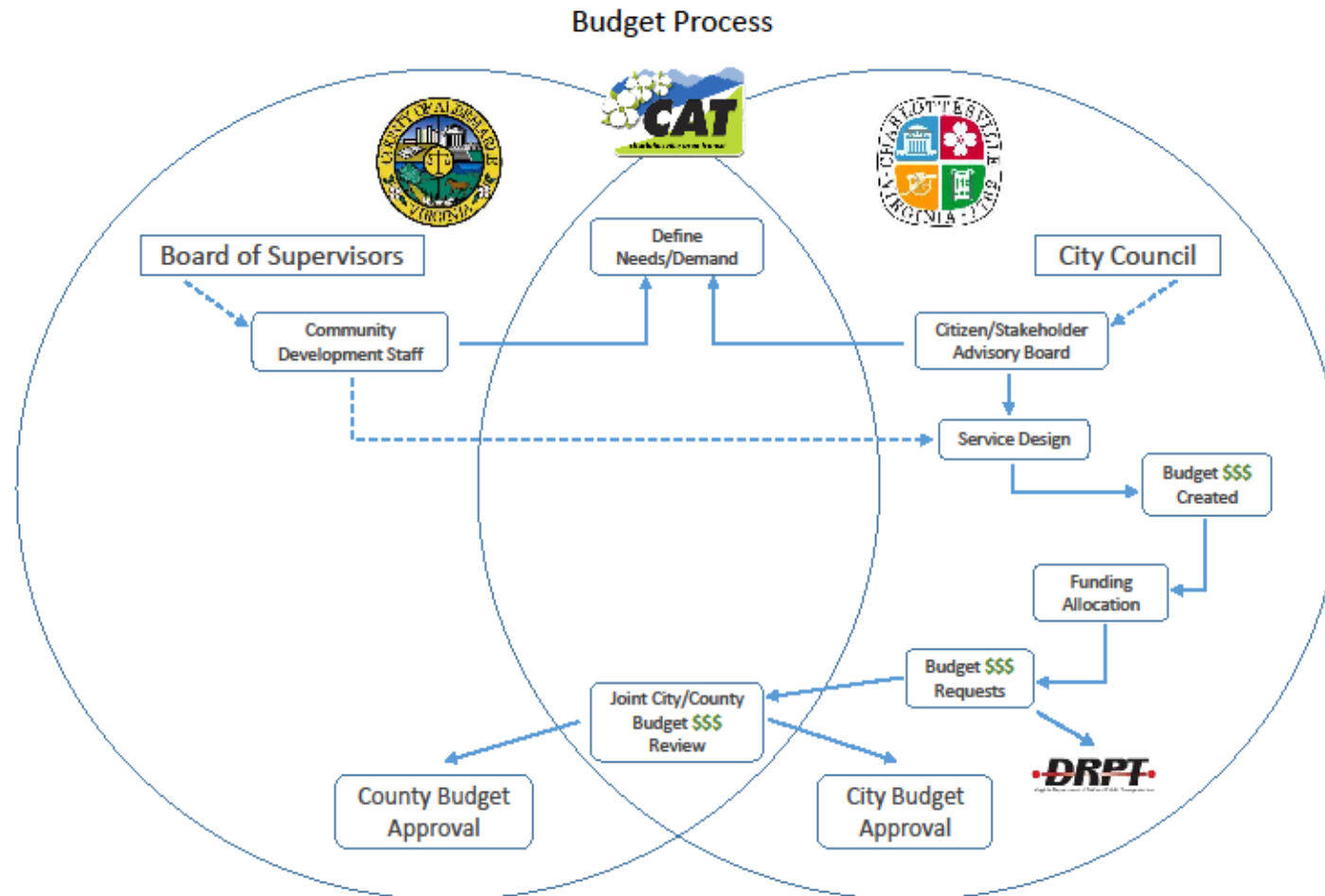
Transit Funding Streams



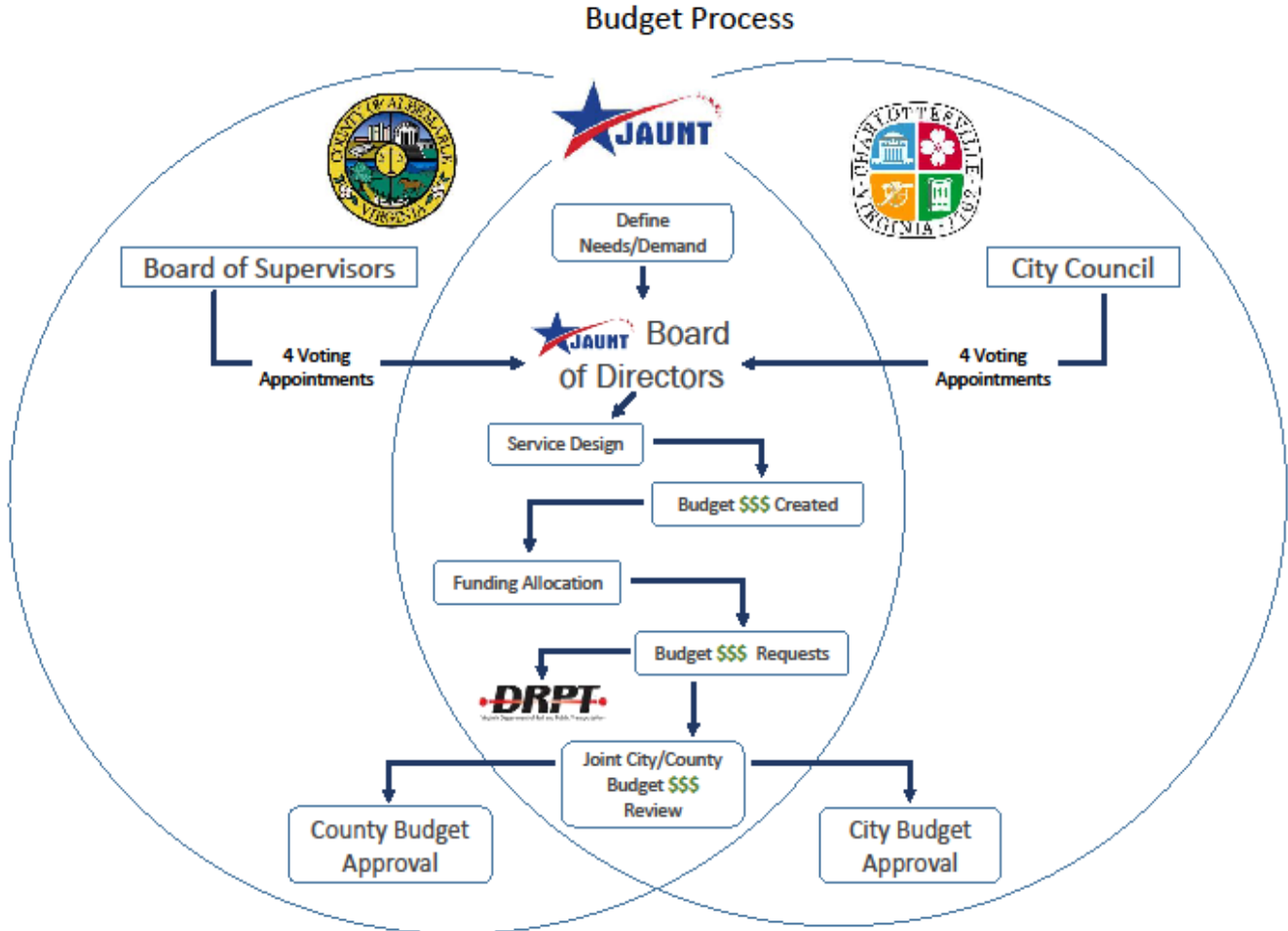

 Thomson Jefferson
 Planning District Commission
 Charlottesville, VA 22902-4000

MPO Policy Board - City and County members
 STIP - Identifies transit funding
 LRTP - Future transit planning

CAT Budget Process






JAUNT Budget Process






Overall Satisfaction

Rank your overall satisfaction with transit service for your locality. (If JAUNT Board, your overall satisfaction with JAUNT and CAT services)

Respondents	CAT Service	JAUNT Service
	Satisfied	Satisfied
	Unsatisfied	Very Satisfied
	Very Satisfied	Very Satisfied


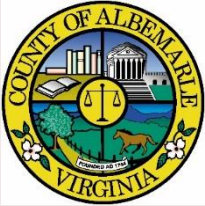

Decision-Making

All critical and applicable players are involved with transit decision-making.

Respondents	CAT Service	JAUNT Service
	Neither	Disagree
	Disagree	Agree
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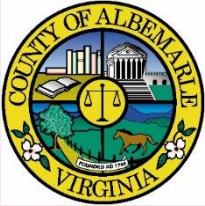

Official Kept Informed

Local elected officials are kept informed on the transit providers' decision-making

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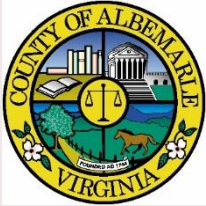

Official are Engaged

Elected officials are highly engaged and interested with issues involving the region's transit providers.

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	Agree	Neither
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	Disagree	Neither




Coordination

There is sufficient coordination between CAT and JAUNT services.

Respondents	
	Strongly Agree
	Neither
	Agree

Coordination with UTS

There is a need for greater coordination with the University (UTS) on transit services.

Respondents	
	Agree
	Agree
	Agree

Greatest Challenges

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City Council Comments



- I would love to see more county supervisor engagement with transit, possibly through a regional transit authority.
- City Transit Manager, JAUNT Executive Director *should be involved in decision-making.*
- *In terms of challenges, there is a* General lack of knowledge regarding the capabilities available within in agency to provide services in specific areas

Board of Supervisor Comments



- County pays costs for county routes and has no input
- No issues with JAUNT. The Board of Supervisors need to be a partner with the City in CAT's governance. Currently Albemarle County is just an "ATM" for CAT.
- The County bus runs as a city department
- We need an RTA
- I believe we have to do something before Albemarle county is put in the position of having to start their own bus system. We need an RTA so that transportation planning can be coordinated with small area plans in the both the city and urban areas of the county.

JAUNT Board Comments



- DRPT, VDOT, and the areas largest employers should be included in transit decision-making
- There are decisions that get made by the city and the county that impact CAT and JAUNT that are not discussed with JAUNT and CAT.
- Organizations that hire or train handicapped citizens should be included in transit decision-making
- Arriving at a consensus among the governing political bodies is a challenge
- Disability employers need to be included
- The success of these systems is due to their separation of services.

Next Steps

- Follow up interviews with decision-makers
- Assembly of case studies
- Development of coordination options (range of options for further study and/or establishment of steps)
- Reconvening of the Steering Committee
- Development of document
- Presentation to PACC in January
- Presentation to MPO Policy Board

