



Regional Transit Partnership

What is the purpose of the partnership? The Regional Transit Partnership (RTP), serves as an official advisory board for the City of Charlottesville, County of Albemarle, JAUNT, UVA, and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT) to provide transportation related policy recommendations to decision makers.

Who participates? The members of the advisory board consists of voting and non-voting members. The voting members include elected officials from participating localities, JAUNT members, UVA, and state stakeholders from the VDRPT. Non-voting members include transportation and community members, including transportation providers, schools, and hospitals.

What is the organizational structure?

Voting Members

Voting membership includes six members, including:

- Charlottesville City Council - *two representatives*
- Albemarle Board of Supervisors - *two representatives*
- JAUNT Corporation Board - *two representatives*
- Department of Rail and Public Transportation - *one representative*
- University of Virginia - *one representative*

Non-Voting Members

There is a larger pool of stakeholders that have non-voting status on the RTP Advisory Board. This will allow them to participate in discussions.

One representative each from:

- CA-MPO staff
- RideShare
- CAT staff
- Charlottesville's Transit Advisory Board
- JAUNT staff
- UTS staff
- Green County Transit
- Martha Jefferson Hospital
- UVA Hospital
- Charlottesville School System
- Albemarle County School System
- Piedmont Virginia Community College
- Charlottesville Area Chamber of Commerce

How is it funded? Funding is arranged by the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (CA-MPO), and is a combination of federal funding, from the Federal Transit Administration, and state funding, from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and from City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. Funding for the partnership is included in the CA-MPO's Unified Planning Work Program, which is the formal presentation of each fiscal year's transportation projects and the associated costs.

What is the purpose of the partnership? The purpose of Regional Transit Partnership is to provide recommendations to decision-makers on transit-related matters. The Charlottesville Albemarle Regional Transit System is an efficient, high quality, integrated regional network of transit services that provides all residents with access to employment opportunities and community services in a way that minimizes congestion, catalyzes equitable and sustainable redevelopment and maximizes the region's reputation as the best place to live, work, learn and play.

When was it created? The partnership was formalized in February 2017 and a memorandum of understanding was signed the following July by the members of the partnership. The MOU is signed by all partners every year. In 2019, UVA was added as a voting member to the partnership.

How are members appointed and what are their primary responsibilities? Members are appointed to the advisory council by virtue of their roles in their respective city and county governments. Elected officials from Charlottesville and Albemarle are chosen to serve on the board through their respective processes. Non-voting members are chosen by the partners and community stakeholders seen above in order to contribute to robust and sustained regional transportation communication and goal setting. The primary responsibility of board members is to work to present regional transportation solutions that make the region more connected for more people. These solutions can come in many forms, such as the evaluation of a Regional Transit Authority, coordination of services, and other collaborative efforts.

What are the advantages to the partnership? The partnership serves as the primary forum for regional transportation issues to be discussed and solved. Historically, different organizations and localities would create overlapping service, or have other issues related to simply not knowing what other organizations were doing. This partnership ensures that each partner is operating collaboratively, rather than individually. Another advantage is the suitability of the partnership to study a Regional Transit Authority, that could potentially consolidate services and streamline transportation for many in the region. This type of collaborative process requires a partnership guided by shared goals, like the Regional Transit Partnership.



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