

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	September 19, 2022
Action Required:	Appropriation of \$30,000 from CAT to TJPDC
Presenter:	Garland Williams, Director
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Title:	Appropriation from Charlottesville Area Transit local funding to Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission to support the Governance Study - \$30,000 (1 of 2 readings)

Background

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) will hire a transportation planning firm to conduct a governance study to examine the organizational structure of existing transit systems and governance options for a regional authority. The Thomas Jefferson Planning District is exploring mechanisms to support regional coordination and planning around transit operations and increase transportation investments and outcomes. The 2022 Regional Transit Vision Plan recommends forming a regional authority to collect additional revenue in support of regional transit planning and services.

This Governance Study will answer the following questions.

1. What is the appropriate governance structure to move the identified regional transit priorities forward?
2. What are the pros and cons of adopting the identified alternative governance structure? For example, how would the identified governance structure:
 - a. Support regional coordination and planning around transit operations, and
 - b. Increase transit investments for the region.
3. How can rural localities participate in the governance structure? For example, several of the rural counties have expressed an interest in expanding transit services in their area. However, they also expressed a desire to know what services will be provided for their investment.

Discussion

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Approval of this agenda item aligns directly with Council's vision for Charlottesville as a Connected Community, where the City is part of a comprehensive transportation system that enables citizens of

all ages and incomes to easily navigate our community. It also aligns with Objective 3.3 of the Strategic Plan Goal: provide a variety of transportation and mobility options.

Community Engagement

Budgetary Impact

There is no impact to the General Fund as the \$30,000 was appropriated to CAT in the adoption of the FY23 budget. CAT will allocate \$30,000 of available 100% local funding to support the TJPDC's planning efforts.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of funds.

Recommended Motion: "I move the RESOLUTION appropriating the amount of \$30,000 to the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission to study the possible formation of a regional transit authority"

Alternatives

City Council may choose not to appropriate match funds. Without an appropriation, the TJPDC will not be able complete the regional governance study.

Attachments

1. Resolution Appropriating Funds to TJPDC_\$30,000