

December 28, 2022

Dear CA-MPO Policy Board,

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) plans to apply for an FTA 5310 Program grant for mobility management. If funding is received, the TJPDC will work with transportation and human service providers to enhance transportation services for older adults and people with disabilities. The TJPDC intends to develop a one-click-one-call information and referral service to assist older adults and people with disabilities in finding transportation services. The service area would cover Region 10 and be advertised through the human services network. The TJPDC's mobility management program will work with transit providers in the region by referring callers to transit services and assisting with coordination or other types of support as needed, within the confines of the FTA Section 5310 Program.

Funds are being requested (\$150,000) from the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Rail and public Transportation to support staff to run the call center and provide referrals through the FTA Section 5310 Program. It is the intent of this federal program to maximize coordination amongst transportation providers to the greatest extent possible to enhance resource-sharing opportunities.

Staff recommends that the Policy Board entertain a motion to send the attached letter of support to the staff of the Regional Transit Partnership to accompany TJPDC's application for this FTA 5310 Program mobility management grant.

Sincerely,

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Christine Jacobs, Executive Director

Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission



Jennifer DeBruhl, Director Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation 600 East Main Street, Suite 2102 Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Director, DeBruhl,

Please accept this letter of support for the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission's (TJPDC) application to the FTA 5310 Program to implement a mobility management program. The addition of an informational and referral program will enhance our current transit services and meet the requirements of growing senior and disabled populations who need transportation services.

As a regional planning agency, the TJPDC is uniquely qualified to develop and host a regional mobility management program. Working with jurisdictions and service providers, the TJPDC has fostered multiple partnerships and coordination efforts, including the Regional Transit Partnership and the Charlottesville Community Alliance who will both be active partners in the proposed mobility management program.

The Regional Transit Partnership (RTP) serves as an official advisory board to the TJPDC, created by the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, UVA, and JAUNT, in Partnership with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to provide recommendations to decision-makers on transit-related matters. Because of the goodwill built among the members of the RTP, and recent successful transit planning projects, to include the Regional Transit Vision Plan, the TJPDC is uniquely qualified to continue efforts to enhance transit and coordination among services.

In addition to staffing and guiding the RTP, TJPDC helped develop the Charlottesville Community Alliance, a group of aging service providers and volunteers working towards an age friendly community. TJPDC staff plays an active role in CAA's transportation working group, assisting on AARP grant projects to help jurisdictions plan for transit and walkable developments and acting as CAA's secretary.

The Charlottesville Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization enthusiastically supports TJPDC's application and the addition of much needed mobility management services.

Sincerely,

Ned Gallaway, Chair Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization

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