

RESOLUTION

FUNDING SUPPORT FOR A DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT TO CONDUCT A TRANSIT GOVERNANCE STUDY FOR THE THOMAS JEFFERSON PLANNING DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Regional Transit Partnership (RTP) was established in 2017 in part to “provide a sample model version of a Regional Transit Authority that allows all parties to become more familiar with the concept of a consolidated transit system;” and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (originally signed on October 30, 2017 and amended on June 10, 2021) establishing the RTP indicates that funding for the RTP will be a regular item in the Charlottesville Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (CA-MPO) Unified Planning Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) is currently facilitating a Regional Transit Visioning Plan that will provide a high-level assessment of current conditions and future needs for public transit options throughout the region, recommending strategies to include financial considerations and implementation phasing of recommended transit options; and

WHEREAS, the TJPDC is preparing an application for a Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Technical Assistance Grant to assess the existing governance structure and to determine the most effective governance structure needed to implement recommendations from the Regional Transit Visioning Plan; and

WHEREAS, TJPDC staff would serve as project managers and facilitators for a selected transit consultant selected through DRPT’s contracted vendor list; and

WHEREAS, the RTP shall act as an advisory committee for this effort; and

WHEREAS, the TJPDC will apply for a DRPT grant to be matched with a required 50% local match of up to \$90,000, for a total grant amount of up to \$180,000 for a Regional Transit Governance Study; and

WHEREAS, the County of Albemarle, the City of Charlottesville, the TJPDC, and the CA-MPO will contribute funding towards the local match over the two-year period of FY23 and FY24;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CA-MPO commits a combined total of up to \$25,000 of funding from its FY23 and FY24 Unified Planning Work Program to be used towards the local match requirement upon successful award of the DRPT Technical Assistance grant; and

If there are any questions or comments, please contact Lucinda Shannon at lshannon@tjpd.org or 413-219-1748.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CA-MPO supports the application of a DRPT Technical Assistance grant application for a Regional Transit Governance Study to determine the most effective governance structure to implement recommendations from the Regional Transit Visioning Plan.

APPROVED, this 26th day of January, 2022 by the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization being legally assembled.

MPO Policy Board Chair

January 26, 2022