



January 30, 2023

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 help meet the requirements of growing senior and disabled populations.

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.

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 enthusiastically supports TJPDC's application and the addition of much needed mobility management services.

Sincerely,

Diantha McKeel, Regional Transit Partnership Chair