



Legislative Priorities: Work Session #1

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Agenda

2026 Priorities & Legislative Session

Looking Ahead to 2027

Strategy for 2027



2026 Priorities & Legislative Session



2026 Legislative Priorities

Virginia Code Amendments

- Enable Localities to Enforce the Virginia Residential Landlord–Tenant Act
 - Fully approved and enacted.
- Expand authority to use photo speed monitoring devices
 - Partially approved – limited scope
 - Expansion in authority does not advance Albemarle’s priority to be able to add devices to any secondary roads where localities have identified speeding as a problem.
- Grant the County taxing authority for school division capital projects
 - Approved through the State Budget
 - Implementation now underway for November 2026 Referendum



2026 Legislative Priorities

Budget Amendments

- State funding for Biscuit Run Park – Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park Connector Greenway ADA Trail Project
 - Approved in State Budget
 - Provides \$1,480,000 in funding for an accessible trail that connects the Biscuit Run Park's western entrance to the Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park.



Looking Ahead to 2027



The 2027 General Assembly

- Significant topics expected to be addressed during the 2027 session include:
 - Data center regulation
 - Energy permitting
 - Housing/affordable housing legislation
 - Local land use authority (in general)
 - Continued local revenue authority debates
- Takeaways from 2026 session that inform approach to 2027 session:
 - Advocate strongly for local revenue and authority
 - Political trifectas don't eliminate fiscal or policy conflicts



The 2027 General Assembly

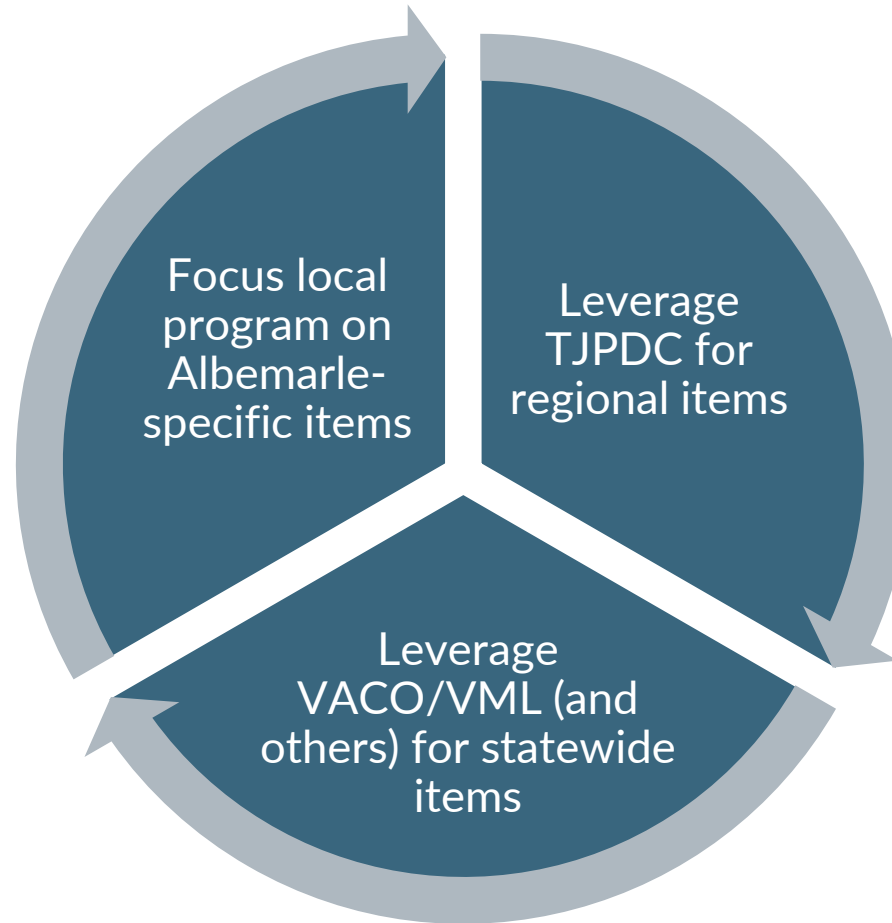
- The 2027 General Assembly session likely will be shaped by:
 - All 140 legislative seats are up for election
 - Election posturing and legislation, particularly in the areas of affordability and cost-of-living
 - Adjustments to the FY27/FY28 state budget
 - Local government authority, particularly in the land use area, will continue to be challenged



Strategy for 2027



Big Picture





Statewide

- Under development currently by Partners:
 - VACO/VML
 - VAPDC
 - Public safety organizations
 - Other statewide organizations



2027 Local Legislative Priorities

Requests for new legislation, budget amendments

- Continue seeking expanded authority to use photo speed monitoring devices?
- CARTA
- State transportation funding



2027 Legislative Positions

- These statements are a broad articulation of support/opposition, and position staff to respond to requests by/inquiries from local delegation during the session.
- Last year, the Board and staff worked through a substantial revision to streamline.
- This year, staff recommends that the Board consider further refinement.



Next Steps

- Work Session # 2 – September 2
- Finalization/Adoption – October 21
- Meeting with Legislators – TBD
- Engagement – Winter 2026/27



Questions & Discussion





Funding Authority for CARTA

- The creation of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Transit Authority (CARTA) was enabled in 2009.
 - Authority to hold a referendum on a dedicated sales tax funding mechanism for CARTA/transit failed.
- The Regional Transit Partnership recently began work to establish CARTA (structure, by-laws, etc.)
- Consider pursuing authority to hold a referendum for dedicated funding for CARTA/regional transit.