



Legislative Priorities

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Agenda

2027 Strategy Updates

Draft Documents for 2027

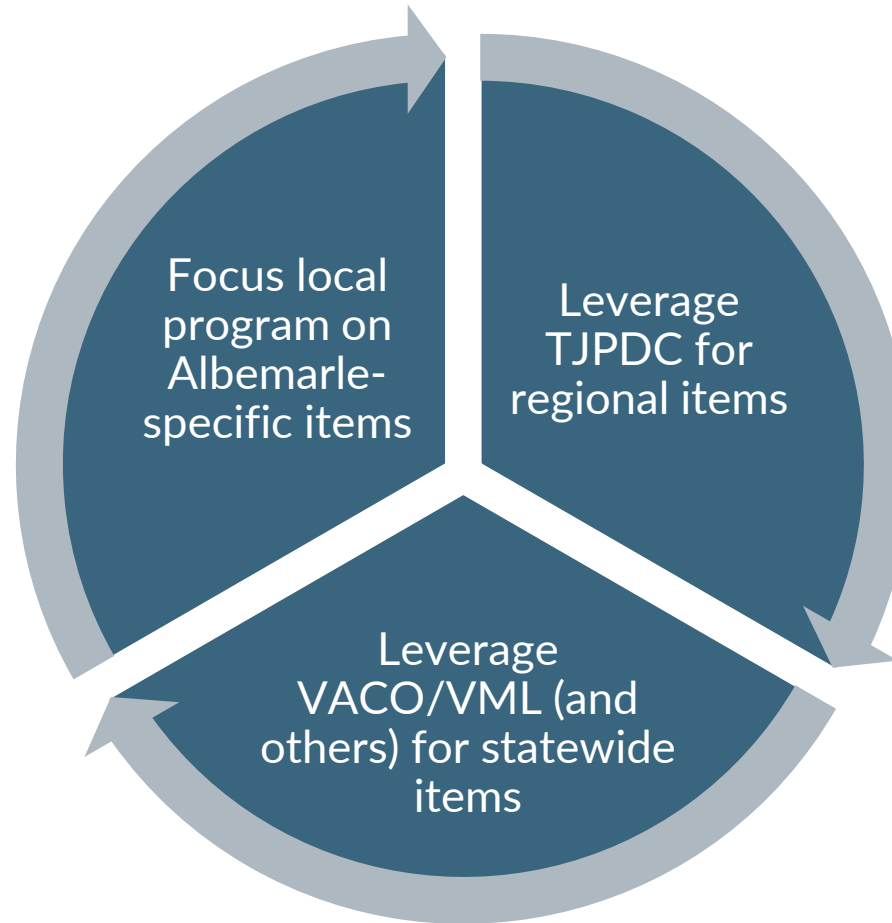
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2027 Strategy Updates



Big Picture





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- “Short” session comes with bill introduction limits/15 per member
- Deadline to request drafting of bills to be pre-filed is November 30
- Governor presents budget amendments December 17; legislators then propose amendments
- GA convenes January 13; crossover is February 9/10; adjournment scheduled for February 27



Draft Documents



Principles vs. Positions

- Principles provide broad articulation of local priority areas
- Positions more specific, requiring more-frequent refreshing and leave gaps on emerging issues not previously considered



Draft 2027 Legislative Program (Attachment A)

- Legislative Priority
- Legislative Principles



Draft 2027 Legislative Priority

- Expand authority to use photo speed monitoring devices



Draft 2027 Legislative Principles

In addition to support for TJPDC program:

1. Economic Development
2. Growth Management, Environmental Protection, and Land Use
3. Health and Human Services
4. Housing
5. Local Government Finance
6. Public Safety
7. Solid Waste
8. Transportation



Proposed 2027 Legislative Positions (Attachment B)

- Longer statements (if desired) on 26 issues, grouped by:
 1. Broadband and the Internet
 2. Economic Development
 3. Growth Management, Environmental Protection, Land Use, and Transportation
 4. Health and Human Services
 5. Housing
 6. Local Government Administration and Finance
 7. Public Safety
- Longer than suggested Priorities and Principles, but shorter than last year's 28 positions



Tax Proposals: All “Heavy Lifts”

- Change in bond issuance authority would require a state Constitutional amendment
- Proposed “decoupling” of machinery & tools and personal property tax rates would be a totally new issue for the General Assembly
- Out-of-state vehicle tagging -- Final proposed wording:
“Consider or study local enabling authority, consistent with federal legal constraints, to impose a non-discriminatory personal property tax on all motor vehicles principally garaged in the Commonwealth, regardless of owner domicile.”



State Transportation Funding

- Several major projects of statewide significance underway
- Maintenance obligations continue to require more funding
- CTB will be focusing on how to prioritize transportation funding in its work this year.



CARTA

- Established in 2025 following the Regional Transit Partnership effort
- Governing board composition
 - 2 Charlottesville City Council (Oschrin, Fleisher)
 - 2 Albemarle Supervisors (Pruitt, Duncan)
 - Non-voting: Dept. Rail & Public Transportation representative
- Work plan for 2026 is an implementation strategy following the Regional Transit Vision Plan
 - Prioritized scenarios
 - Cost estimates
 - Stakeholder input



Next Steps



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- Meeting 3 – October 21 Proposed Adoption
- Meeting with Legislators
 - Late October/early November target
 - Engagement ahead of meeting
 - Follow-ups after meeting



Meeting with Legislators

- Presentation of Legislative Priorities
- Time for the Board to share information on continued transportation concerns and CARTA progress
- Time for the Legislators to share some of their priorities heading into session



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.