

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Resolutions to 1) Dissolve the Regional Transit Partnership and 2) approve a Memorandum of Understanding for administration of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority by the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission
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Issue

Dissolution of the Regional Transit Partnership and Memorandum of Understanding for the administration of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority by the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

Background / Rule

The Regional Transit Partnership (RTP) was founded in 2017 to serve as an interim body and precursor for establishing a regional transit authority. In 2024, City Council and the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors voted to establish the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA). Through 2025, the RTP successfully provided a strong forum for communication and coordination between transit providers and played a critical role in building consensus around regional transit priorities. CARTA is continuing that work and will serve as the City's vehicle for engaging in regional planning and shared funding strategies for transit.

Analysis

The RTP has been administered through the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, under a Memorandum of Understanding, since 2017. This Memorandum can be amended to dissolve the RTP with the signature of each of the region's transit partners, including the City of Charlottesville, as both a locality and operator of Charlottesville Area Transit. With CARTA taking on the responsibilities and administrative needs previously held by RTP, TJPDC will continue to support this regional planning effort, but a new Memorandum of Understanding is necessary to provide an updated guiding document for their work for the new authority, similar to the previous RTP Memorandum of Understanding.

Financial Impact

There is no change in the financial support that is associated with continuing TJPDC's role as administrators of the regional transit authority.

Recommendation

NDS staff recommends the adoption of two resolutions, one signing an amendment to the RTP's Memorandum of Understanding that would dissolve the RTP and a second that approves signing a new Memorandum of Understanding for the administration of CARTA by TJPDC.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

Attachments

1. Letter Requesting RTP Dissolution - Charlottesville
2. RTP MOU - Amendment
3. CARTA MOU - City County TJPDC
4. Regional Transit Partnership MOU - Fully Executed 6.10.2021
5. Resolution to Dissolve the Regional Transit Partnership
6. Resolution to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding on CARTA