

AGENDA

Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m. – Water Street Center, 407 E. Water Street, Charlottesville, VA

Time	Item
5:00-5:10	1. General Administration (Natalie Oschrin, Chair) a. Call to Order b. Introductions and Announcements c. Acceptance of the agenda* d. Approve draft CARTA Board meeting minutes* • August 24, 2026
5:10-5:15	2. Matters from the Public: limit of 3 minutes per speaker <i>Members of the Public are welcome to provide comments on any public-interest, transit-related topic, including the items listed on this agenda, with a limit of three minutes per speaker.</i>
5:15-5:25	3. Next Steps: Key Policy Questions (Taylor Lowery, TJPDC) • Staff Memo
5:25-5:55	4. Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Overview (Monica Backmon, NVTA) • Presentation
5:55-6:25	5. Afton Express Annual Update (Devon Thompson, CSPDC) • Presentation
6:25-6:45	6. Transit Provider Updates • Charlottesville Area Transit (Garland Williams, CAT) • Jaunt (Mike Murphy, Jaunt) • UVA Transit (Scott Silsdorf, UVA)
6:45 p.m.	7. Adjourn* (Natalie Oschrin, Chair)

* A vote is expected for this item

Next CARTA Board meeting — November 12, 2026

Guests can join in person or by using the link below.

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Meeting ID: 836 9804 6357

Passcode: Carta@2026

Phone: 305 224 1968 US

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CARTA Board Members

VOTING MEMBERS
Natalie Oschrein, Charlottesville, Chair
Michael Pruitt, Albemarle, Vice Chair
Jen Fleisher, Charlottesville
Sally Duncan, Albemarle
NON-VOTING MEMBERS
Grant Sparks, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

CARTA Board Meeting Dates 2026		
January 22	June 5 at 2 pm (Special DRPT Meeting)	September 24
March 25 at 9 am (New meeting time)	July 23	November 12
May 28	August 24 (Special online meeting)	

The CARTA Board meets on the 4th Thursday of every odd month from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Charlottesville Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA) Meeting

Draft Minutes, August 24, 2026

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UZGiatPIr_w

VOTING MEMBERS & ALTERNATES		STAFF	
Jen Fleisher, Charlottesville	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Natalie Oschrein, Charlottesville	x	Lucinda Shannon, PATH and TJPDC	x
Sally Duncan, Albemarle	x	Taylor Lowery, TJPDC	x
Mike Pruitt, Albemarle	x	Ben Chambers, Charlottesville	x
		Ann Wall, Albemarle	x
		Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Grant Sparks, DRPT	x	Katy Miller, DRPT	x
		James Freas, City of Charlottesville	x
		Garland Williams, CAT	x
		Scott Silsdorf, UTS	
		Mike Murphy, Jaunt	x
		Zoë Macomber, CAT	x
		Tonya Swartzendruber, Albemarle	x
		Jennifer DeBruhl, RK&K	x
		Jessica Dimmick, Albemarle	x
		Stacy Beverly, UTS	
		Sean Tubbs	
		Jason Espie, Jaunt	

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Natalie Oschrein called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Lucinda Shannon read the notice of electronic meeting. Ms. Oschrein noted that Loop de Ville is happening on Sunday, September 28.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA (MINUTE 3:00)

Motion/Action: Sally Duncan made a motion to approve the agenda. Jen Fleisher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. MEETING MINUTES (MINUTE 3:26)

Motion/Action: Mike Pruitt made a motion to approve the July 23, 2026, meeting minutes. Jen Fleisher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.



4. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 3:49)

None.

5. DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN DISCUSSION (MINUTE 4:21)

Jennifer DeBruhl, RK&K, gave a project overview. She shared their illustrative implementation strategy. She shared their implementation strategy and offered three items for discussion at the meeting.

She continued with different tiers of funding options and key definitions. She shared base and blended scenarios for the Board to consider. There was a great deal of discussion about the scenarios.

She presented the next steps for the implementation strategy and there was an extensive question and answer session.

Ms. DeBruhl noted that the specifics about transit services being asked in the meeting cannot be handled at this time with the current deadline. The legislative “ask” will not dive that deeply. Those questions will need to be asked, but that is for a later time. This study is to provide a prioritized list of services that local governments could use to ask the General Assembly for additional transit funding.

The next meeting will be in person on September 24, 2026 at the Water Street Center in Charlottesville, VA.

6. ADJOURN

Ms. Oschrein adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Memorandum

To: Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA) Board
From: CARTA Working Group Staff
Date: September 24, 2026
Subject: Key Policy Questions and Process

Purpose

At the Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Transit Authority (CARTA) special meeting on August 24, 2026, the Board raised several important considerations regarding CARTA's future role, governance structure, authority, and potential legislative pathway. Staff heard the questions raised by the Board and recognize that there are significant policy decisions that must be made prior to initiating a legislative request.

Questions Guiding Staff Activities

Based on the August 24th discussion, staff understand the Board's questions to center on two areas:

1. What is the role of CARTA for regional transit governance?
2. What is the legislative funding proposal and pathway?

Staff will use these questions to structure the work and provide information to support future Board discussions that would include the following:

- Defining potential roles and responsibilities for CARTA (governance, planning, funding, operations, etc.)
- Outlining the steps, decisions, and resources required under each scenario
- Outlining the benefits and drawbacks of each scenario
- Developing potential legislative and funding approaches
- Bringing information and options to the Board incrementally as the work progresses

Next Steps

Staff anticipate completing this process by May/June 2027, allowing time for CARTA Board and local government consideration in advance of pursuing any legislative action. Staff welcome any questions on this proposed process.



Moving Northern Virginia Forward



Investing in Northern Virginia's Transportation Future

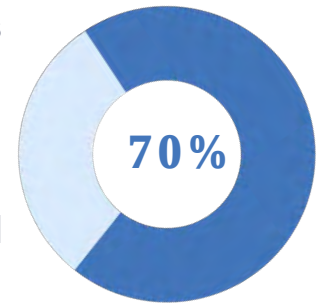


In 2013, the Virginia General Assembly passed **House Bill 2313**, providing NVTa with a dedicated funding stream to invest in transportation projects that reduce congestion.

HB 2313 divided revenue into **two funding categories:**

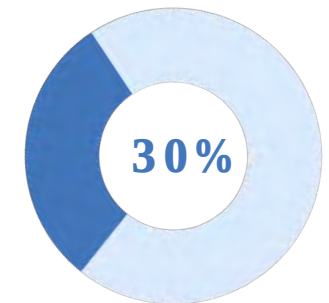
Regional Revenue Fund (70%)

NVTa's Regional Revenue Fund supports regional transportation projects focused on congestion reduction. NVTa selects these projects through eligibility review, qualitative and quantitative analysis and public comment.



Local Distribution Fund (30%)

30% of NVTa's total funding is directly returned to Northern Virginia's cities, counties and towns. Each jurisdiction has the flexibility to use these funds for its own transportation priorities.





NVTA's Planning & Funding Programs



Long-Range Plan

- Updated every five years
- Fiscally and geographically unconstrained
- Identifies current/future transportation needs & priorities
- Analyzes regional impacts
- Develops a plan and project list
- *Next update underway.
Anticipated adoption: Dec. 2027*



Funding Program

- Allocates funding to multimodal, congestion-reducing projects
- Updated every two years
- Eight (8) funding programs adopted
- *Most Recent SYP Adopted:
July 2026*



Nearly **\$6 Billion** Programmed
400+ Multimodal Projects



Bike/Ped

\$390 Million



Roadway

\$2.66 Billion



Bus

\$967 Million



Rail

\$569 Million



**Intersection/
Interchange**

\$743 Million



Technology

\$62 Million



Parking

\$6 Million



Other

\$51 Million



**NORTHERN VIRGINIA
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

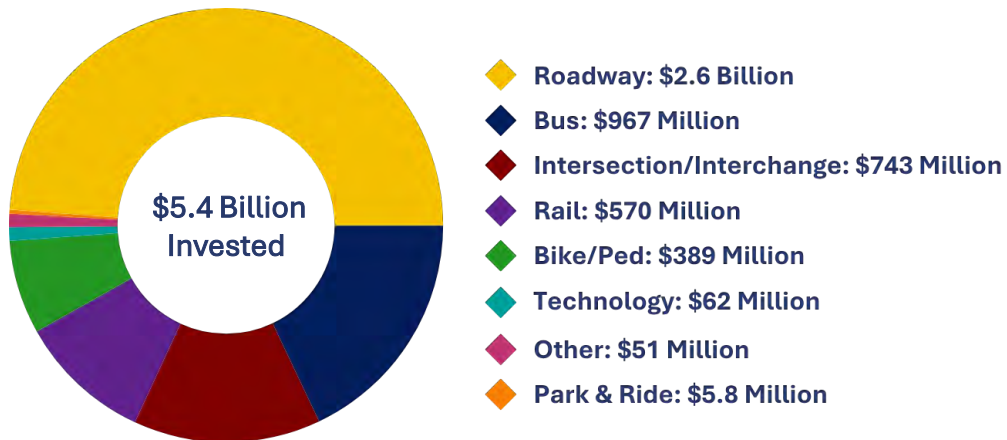
\$5.8 Billion Programmed in Multimodal Transportation Solutions



By 2034

NVTa's investments will result in:

Time savings, economic growth and the creation of new jobs.



Travel time saved

500 Million hours

Saved across the region



Economic Impact

\$7.5 Billion

Boost to the economy



Jobs created

43,000

New opportunities



Monetary savings

\$8 Billion

In direct savings





Recent Project Milestones



Investing in Regional Multimodal Solutions

- **Virginia Railway Express (VRE) improvements:** Franconia-Springfield Bypass (DRPT & VPRA Project)
- **New Metrorail Stations:** Innovation Center and Potomac Yard
- **Five Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Routes**
- **Roadway Improvements:** Routes 1, 7, 28, Fairfax County Parkway & Others
- **Bike/Ped Improvements:** W&OD Trail, Capital Bikeshare, CC2DCA Multimodal Connection



The Way Forward: Planning for the Future

Planning for Future Growth

Northern Virginia's

2045

Growth Projection

+320,000

New Jobs



+440,000

More People



NVTA and our partners are **connecting people** by delivering **multimodal projects** that make travel **safer** and more **efficient**.



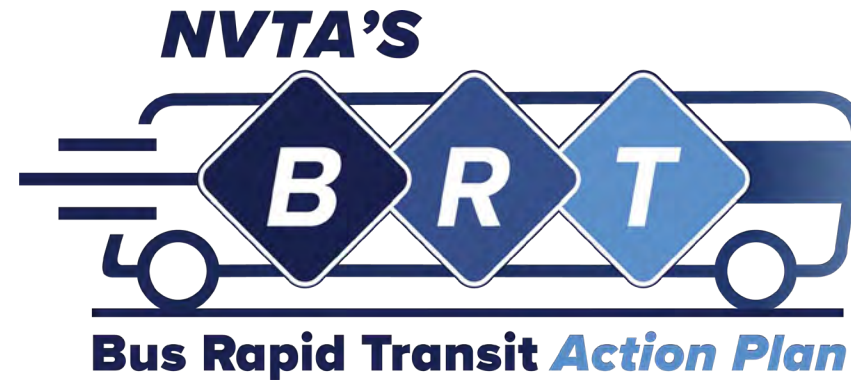
Planning for and investing in road, rail, bus, bicycle/pedestrian and intersection/interchange projects



Partnering with jurisdictions and agencies to deliver regionally significant projects



Prioritizing projects that alleviate strain on existing infrastructure

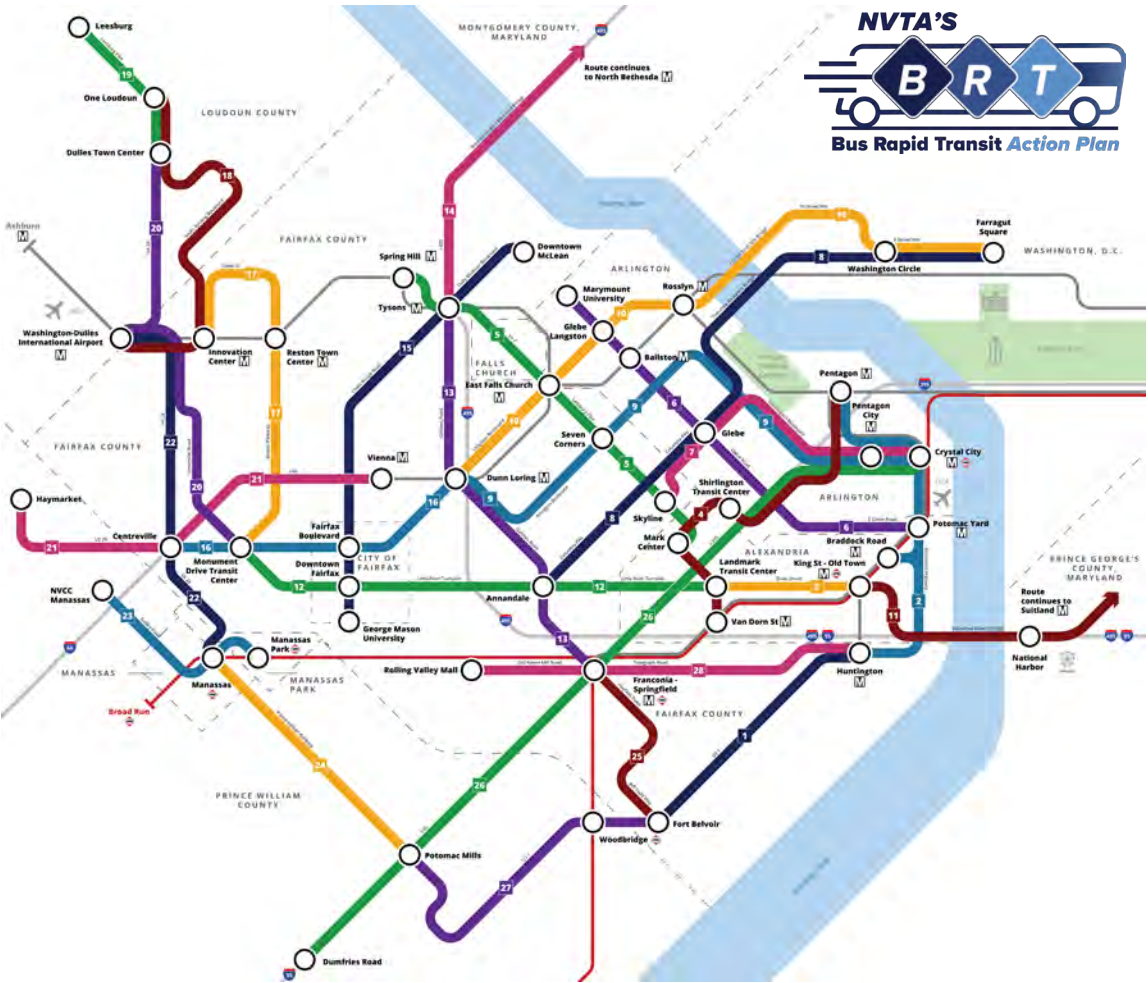


28 Routes. One System. BRT ACTION PLAN.

NVTA's **BRT Action Plan** is a strong blueprint for jurisdictions and agencies to develop BRT lines incrementally in addition to supplying the information necessary to demonstrate how they can successfully function as an integrated system once fully implemented.



Our BRT Action Plan outlines up to 28 routes to expand connectivity across the DMV



If implemented by 2045:

47M

Annual riders (143,000 daily)

27K

Daily car trips shifted to transit

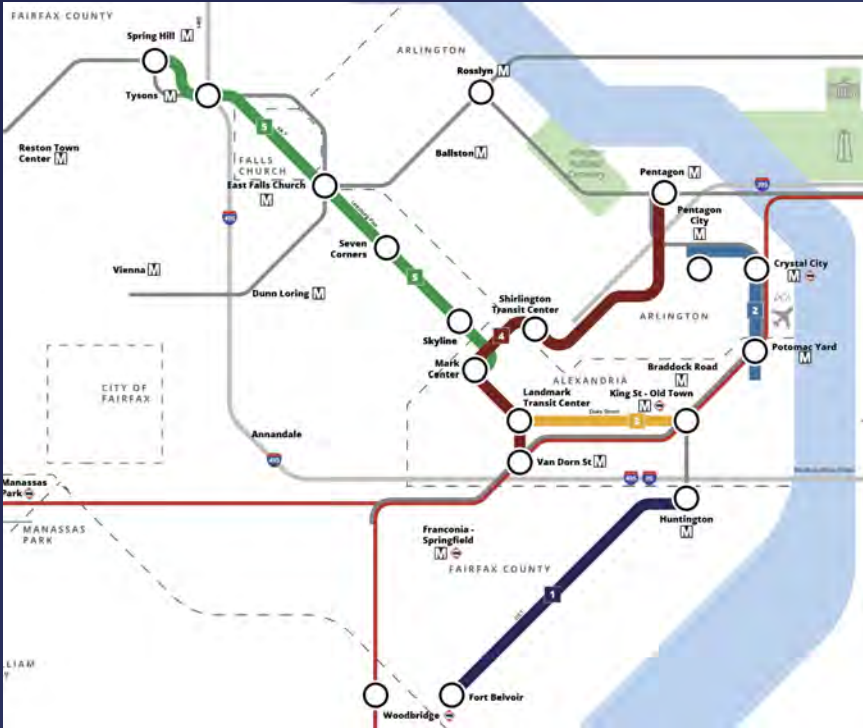
23 tons

CO₂ avoided daily

NVTA's Current BRT Investments

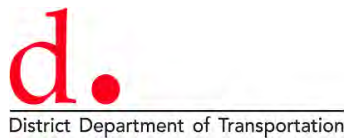
\$1.1 Billion Invested

Five Routes



The One, incl. Widening	\$754M
Route 7 BRT	\$102M
West End Transitway	\$20M
Duke Street Transitway	\$102M
A1X / Metroway	\$36M

Collaboration is Key





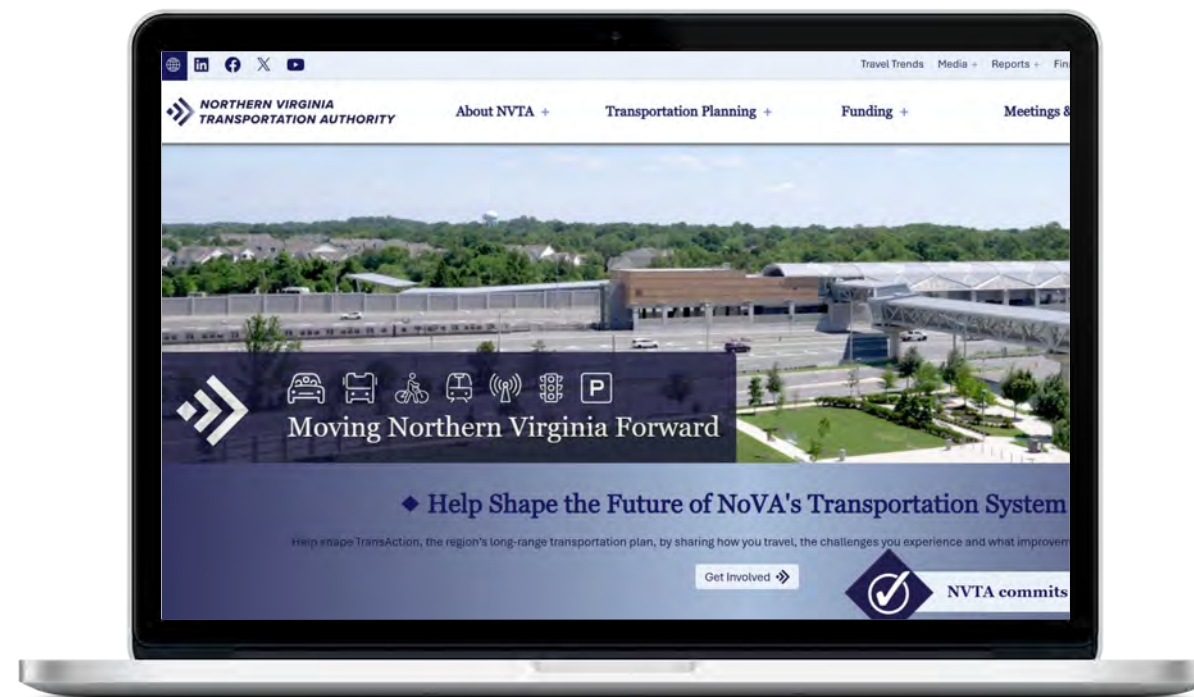
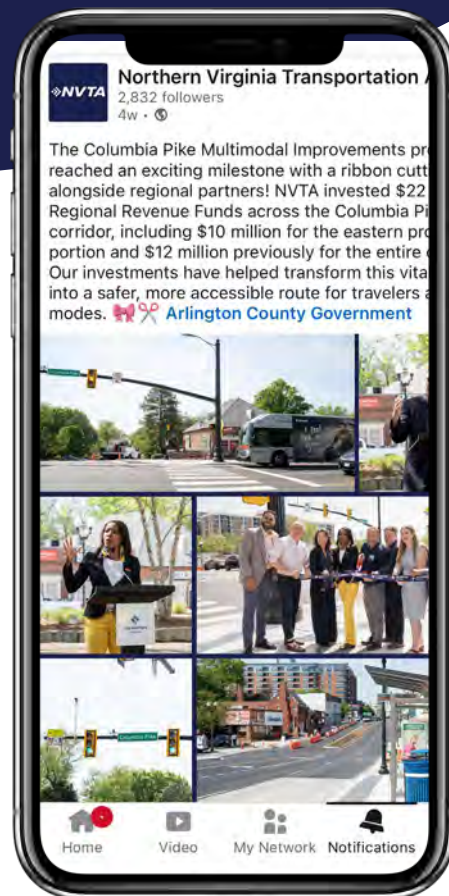
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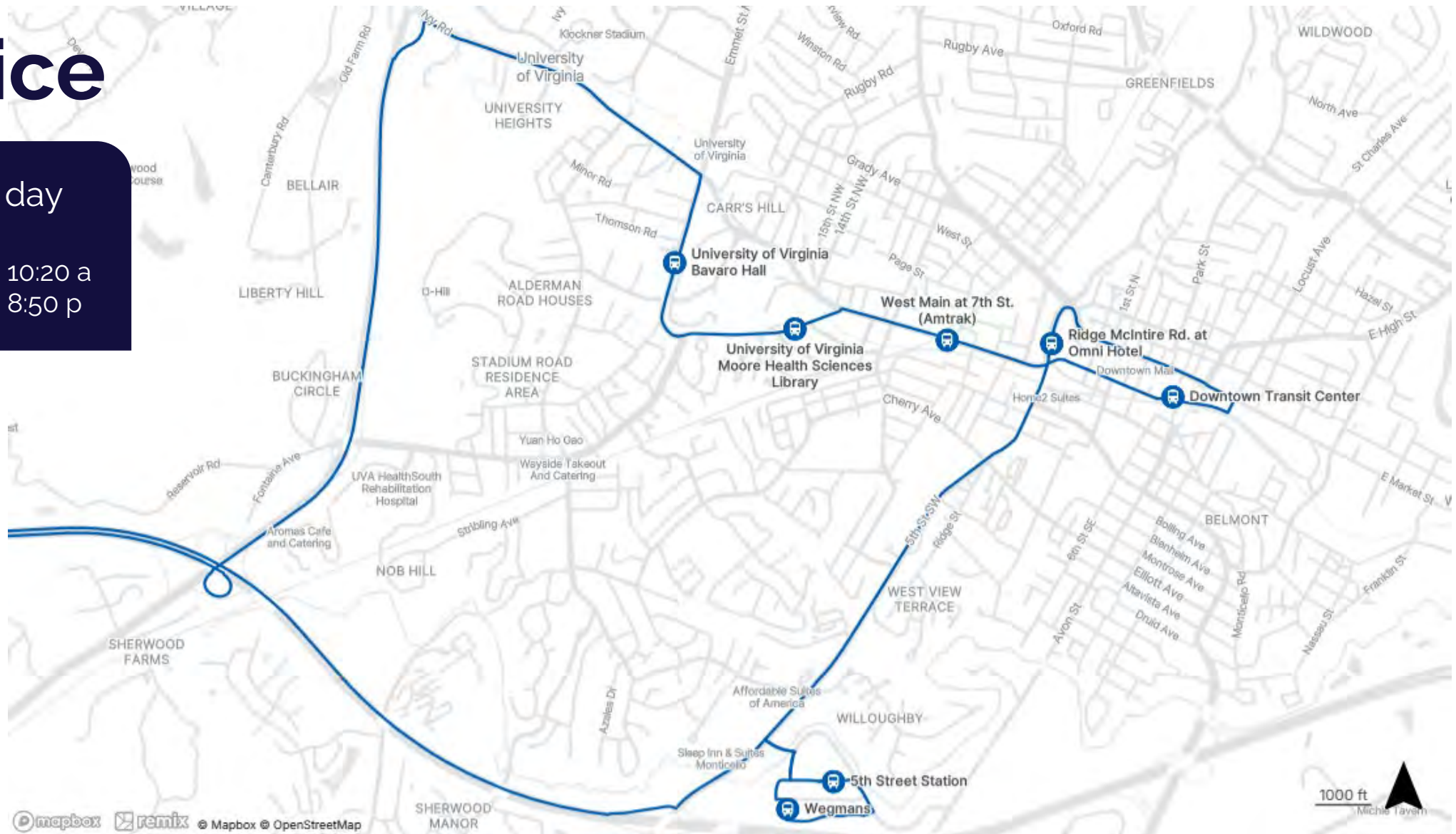
**Charlottesville Albemarle
Regional Transit Authority**

September 24, 2026

Service

10 trips / day

AM: 4:40 a – 10:20 a
PM 3:00 p – 8:50 p



Schedule Revision Project



Schedule Revision Project

- Better alignment with employer start times
- More even intervals
- High demand coverage
- Express routes
- Additional morning trip



FY26 Marketing Grant Milestones



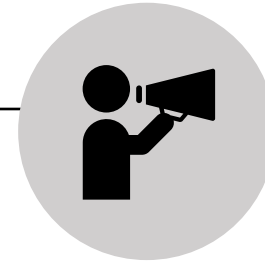
Photography

Q1-Q2



Television

Q3-Q4



Digital

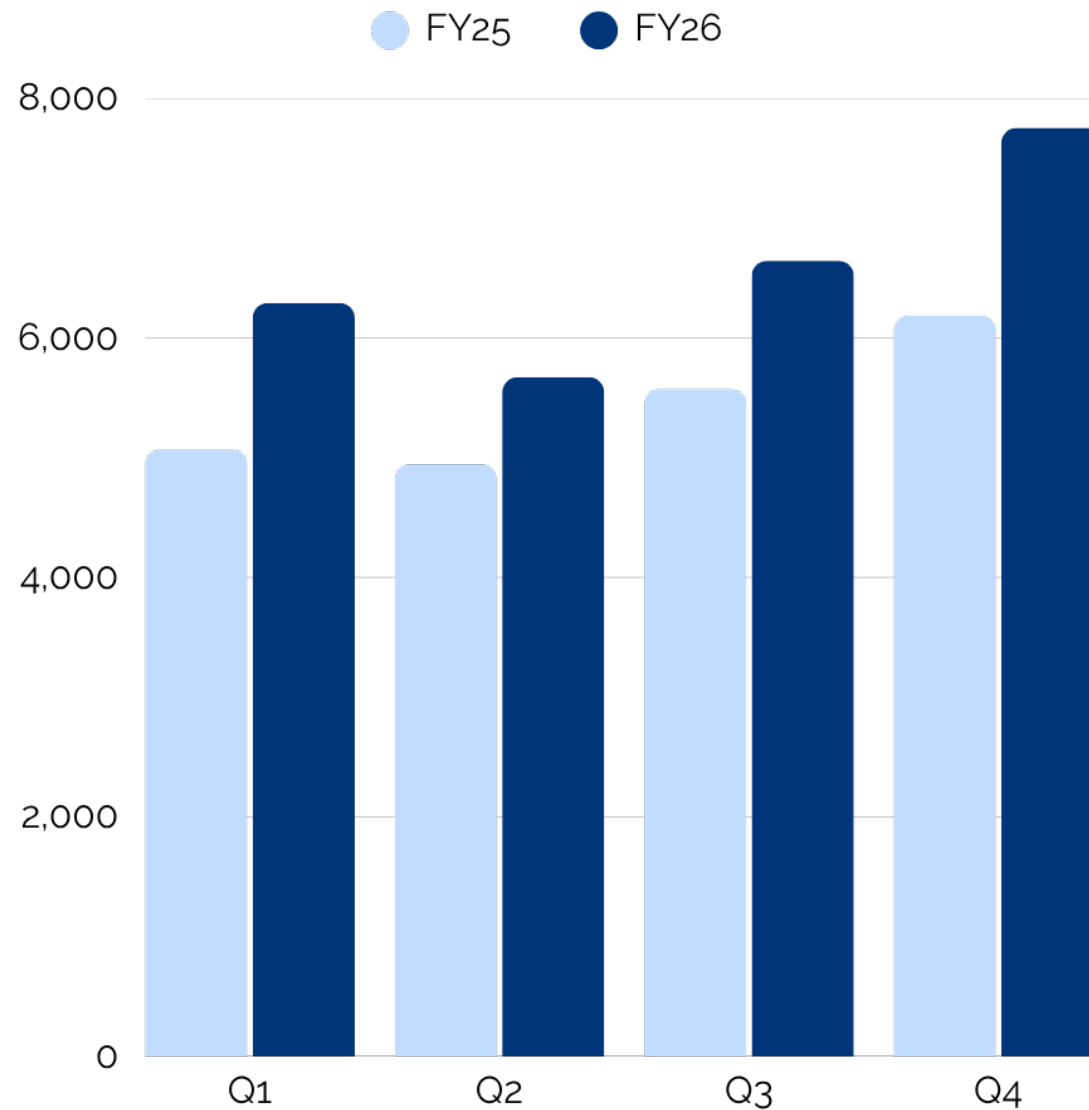
Q2-Q4



Ridership Growth

21% increase from
FY25-FY26

February and June
showed largest gains





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