

## **AGENDA**

# Jefferson Area Regional Transit Partnership (RTP)

Thursday, August 26, 2021 @ 4:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Item	Time	Description
1	4:00-4:05	Notice of Electronic Meeting and Attendance
2	4:05-4:10	Matters from the Public: limit of 3 minutes per speaker  Members of the Public are welcome to provide comment on any public-interest, transit-related topic, including the items listed on this agenda – limit three minutes per speaker
3	4:10-4:15	Welcome of Change of Leadership - Supervisor McKeel (Chair)
4	4:15-4:20	Staff changes – Sandy Shackelford (TJPDC)
5	4:20-4:25	Approval of draft meeting minutes*  • July 2021 RTP Minutes DRAFT
6	4:25-4:35	Member Spotlight – Lucinda Shannon (TJPDC) and Councilor Snook (Vice Chair)  An opportunity to get-to-know voting and non-voting members of the RTP – specifically, what inspired their interest in transit, what they love working on now, and what are they most excited about regarding transit's future
7	4:35-5:05	<ul> <li>Transit Provider Updates</li> <li>Jaunt (Karen Davis)</li> <li>Albemarle County Schools (Jim Foley)</li> <li>UTS (Rebecca White) New schedule</li> <li>CAT and City of Charlottesville Schools (Garland Williams)</li> </ul>
8	5:05-5:25	Intern Project Report - Samuel Pittman (TJPDC Intern)  • Driver Appreciation Report  • Peer Cities
9	5:25-5:35	DRPT Grants Update – Lucinda Shannon (TJPDC)  • Albemarle County Transit Expansion Study  • Transit Vision Plan
10	5:35-5:40	Rideshare Updates- Sara Pennington (TJPDC RideShare)  • Try Transit Week
11	5:40-5:55	Staff Updates – (TJPDC)  Workplan Update (Lucinda Shannon)  North 29 Corridor Study (Lucinda Shannon)  Smart Scale MPO update (Sandy Shackelford)  VDOT Project Pipeline (Sandy Shackelford)  Joint MPO meeting with Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro (Sandy Shackelford)
12	5:55-6:00	Other Business (Updates and Reminders) – Supervisor McKeel (Chair)
13	6:00	Adjourn

<sup>\*</sup> A vote is expected for this item Next Meeting September 23<sup>rd</sup>



## NOTICE of ELECTRONIC MEETING:

This meeting of the Regional Transit Partnership is being held pursuant to Code of Virginia § 2.2-3708.2, which allows a public body to hold electronic meetings when the locality in which it is located has declared a local state of emergency, and the catastrophic nature of the emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location, and the purpose of the meeting is to provide for the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

This meeting is being held via electronic video and audio means through Zoom online meetings and is accessible to the public with closed captioning and there will be an opportunity for public comment during that portion of the agenda.

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The meeting minutes will reflect the nature of the emergency, the meeting was held by electronic communication means, and the type of electronic communication means by which the meeting was held.

A recording of the meeting will be posted at <u>www.tjpdc.org</u> within 10 days of the meeting.

### Background:

- In accordance with CDC and UVA policy, masks requirements, passenger limits, and loading by back door continues for public transit.
- Bus drivers cannot enforce mask mandate and passenger limits, particularly during the loading that typically occurs during class change on McCormick Road.
- The distance between Chemistry Building and Garrett Hall is walkable in less than 5 minutes.
- The distance from UTS end points like Hereford, Faulkner/Copeley, and Madison Preston requires a transit trip.
- Transit trip generation on weekdays before 6PM is adjacent to classroom space.
- Transit trip generation on weekdays after 6PM/weekends shifts to student programming space.
- Due to special licensing and training, recovery from bus driver shortage created by loss of student and part time drivers during COVID will take at least five-ten months.

#### Service Recommendation:

- Use UTS to support end point connections to Whitehead Road and JPA at Brandon during the day. Hold UTS off of McCormick Road before 6PM.
- Return UTS to McCormick Road after 6PM and on weekends.

## Route Alignment and Service Weekdays before 6PM (see map):

- Routes doubled at end points and connected to Whitehead Road (not McCormick Road).
- Start time unchanged compared to pre-COVID (M-F, 7:30AM).
- Time between buses increased from 10 to 15 or 20 minutes. Staggered departure times at end points maximize number of trips.
- CAT becomes the transit provider on McCormick Road during the day via the Free Trolley.
- Copeley I and II are served from Massie Road and JPJ.

#### Route Alignment and Service Weekdays after 6PM and Weekends (see map):

- Same routes as weekdays before 6PM. Transit hub shifts from Whitehead to McCormick Road.
- Start time unchanged. End time shifts to Midnight (previously 12:30AM or 2:30AM).
- Time between routes increased from 15 minutes to 20 or 30 minutes. Staggered departure times for buses at end points maximize number of trips.
- Extended late night provided each night by Safe Ride starting at 12AM, not the pre-COVID time of 12:30AM or 2:30AM.
- CAT is the transit provider on westbound JPA via the Free Trolley. UTS Orange route serves the opposite direction.

## Communications:

- Electronic communications via UTS Twitter Account, P&T Web site, Transloc alerts.
- Direct communication with student groups including:
  - Housing/Residence Life
  - Student Affairs and Dean of Students
  - Athletics and Intramurals
  - Contact with Cavalier Daily
- Direct communication with U-Heights management team on alternative transit approach.



