

# GRTC Transit System

## Board Action Item

**Meeting Date:** March 22, 2021

**Item Title:** Regional Public Transportation Plan

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### RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS The Commonwealth of Virginia has established the Central Virginia Transportation Authority to oversee the allocation and spending of funds dedicated to the Central Virginia Transportation Fund;

WHEREAS, by § 33.2-3701 (D), 15% of the Central Virginia Transportation Fund revenues, after deduction of administrative and operating expenses, are to be distributed to GRTC Transit System for providing transit and mobility services in Planning District 15, which includes the Town of Ashland, Charles City County, Chesterfield County, Goochland County, Hanover County, Henrico County, Powhatan County, and the City of Richmond;

WHEREAS, by § 33.2-3701 (G), GRTC must develop a plan for regional public transportation within Planning District 15 in collaboration with the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (better known as PlanRVA) to guide use of the funds provided by the Central Virginia Transportation Fund;

WHEREAS GRTC has initiated development of a Regional Public Transit Plan and through that process studied the recent transit planning efforts including the Greater RVA Transit Vision Plans Phase I and Phase II and GRTC Transit Development Plan, analyzed the recent performance of routes in the system, reviewed existing demographics in the region, forecasted growth in revenues and costs, and estimated how the Central Virginia Transportation Funds and other funds can support improvements and expansions in transit services in Planning District 15;

WHEREAS, transit operations can serve many goals, but within a finite budget certain of these goals come into conflict with one another and in particular the goals of maximizing **Ridership** with frequent service in dense and busy places and providing broad geographic **Coverage** to low density places with relatively few people and jobs come into conflict; and

WHEREAS GRTC, in collaboration with PlanRVA through the TPO Public Transportation Working Group, has developed two concepts, a Ridership Concept that allocates 100% of regional resources to Ridership Goals and a Coverage Concept that allocates 70% of regional resources to Ridership Goals and 30% to Coverage Goals, and used these concepts to help the general public, stakeholders and elected officials visualize how different goals would result in different transit system designs and has discussed these different concepts with the general public, key stakeholders and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, GRTC, through the Regional Public Transit Plan, has surveyed existing riders, the general public, and key stakeholders about their preferences in how to use the Central Virginia

Transportation Fund revenues with respect to the goals of maximizing ridership or providing broad geographic coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GRTC TRANSIT SYSTEM:

That GRTC Transit System will prioritize the investment of the Central Virginia Transportation Fund revenues toward routes and services that are likely to support **Ridership Goals** by achieving high ridership relative to cost, through serving a high density of people and jobs along regionally significant corridors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That GRTC Transit System may prioritize approximately 15% of the Central Virginia Transportation Fund revenues allocated for new service toward **Coverage Goals** to serve places where ridership is likely to be low but service along regionally significant corridors would reach concentrated areas of low-income residents or to job centers with a high proportion of lower wages jobs.

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Eldridge F. Coles, Secretary  
GRTC Board of Directors

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