

CVTA TAC AGENDA 1/14/21; ITEM 9.

Transit Service Governance Report – Consultant Selection

Central Virginia Transportation Authority Technical Advisory Committee

REQUESTED ACTION: Recommendation to the Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) for approval of the contract for services to develop the Regional Transit Service Governance Report.

BACKGROUND: During the 2020 session of the Virginia General Assembly, HB 1541 was approved as an amendment to the Virginia State Budget. 58.1-2299.20(c)3 of HB 1541 directs the Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) to evaluate the governance structure of transit in the Richmond Region and the establishment of a transportation district.

CVTA will engage the services of a professional consultant to conduct the review (the “Study”). The CVTA Technical Advisory Committee will direct the work of the consultant.

The entire text of 58.1-2299.20(c)3 of HB 1541 is as follows:

“That the Central Virginia Transportation Authority, as created by Chapter 37 (33.2-3700 et seq.) of Title 33.2 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, shall evaluate the governance structure of transit service in the Richmond region, including the evaluation of establishing a transportation district pursuant to Chapter 19 (33.2-1900 et seq.) of Title 33.2 of the Code of Virginia, and report the results of such evaluation to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 1, 2020.”

STUDY PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this study is to determine if there are policies and processes in place to ensure accountability for the proper spending of CVTA regional transit funds and to identify options to guarantee accountability, if needed.

The objectives of this study are to:

1. To evaluate the governance structure of the Greater Richmond Transit Company (GRTC);
2. To evaluate the establishment of a transportation district in the Richmond Region;
3. Provide options related to GRTC governance and/or the establishment of a transportation district; and
4. To report the progress of such evaluation to the Governor and the General Assembly as soon as possible with a firm completion date of June 30, 2021.

At the December 4th Authority meeting, the CVTA approved the scope of work for the Regional Transit Service Governance Report and authorized staff to solicit proposals

for service. The CVTA received two proposals to the CVTA solicitation and both were qualified to complete the work. The CVTA TAC will direct the work of the consultant.

The CVTA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) established a transit governance subcommittee to review the proposals. This team will work with the consultant on submittal dates for the draft report and guide the process. The subcommittee met on Friday, January 8, 2021 and selected the proposal from AECOM and Eno Center for Transportation as its recommended consultant to complete the report

CVTA TAC TRANSIT GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The CVTA TAC transit governance subcommittee recommends AECOM/Eno Center as the Transit Service Governance consultant for approval at the January 29, 2021 CVTA meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff concurs with the CVTA TAC transit governance subcommittee recommendation.

ACTION REQUESTED: CVTA TAC recommends the following resolution for CVTA approval:

RESOLVED, that the Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) approves the contract and services as proposed by AECOM/Eno Center for delivery of a Regional Transit Service Governance Report for delivery to the Governor and General Assembly of Virginia.