

Governor Ralph Northam  
P.O. Box 1475  
Richmond, VA 23218

December 3, 2021

Dear Governor Northam,

**Members**

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The Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) was formed in the summer of 2020 and in less than 24 months is prepared to make its first major regional commitment of transportation funds.

The CVTA is committed to collaborative decision-making related to allocation of the 35% regional funds under its purview. Following the guidance set forth in the Virginia State Code, the Fall Line segments have been scored according to an objective and quantifiable analysis and these projects have been prioritized for the region and eligible for regional revenue funding. The impact of this project on the entire region, including providing accessibility, health, and economic impacts for our member jurisdictions, helps it receive overwhelming support for this first allocation of regional funding. The CVTA is committed to provide \$104.5 million in regional funds to the Fall Line.

CVTA staff and Technical Advisory Committee members have worked closely with VDOT staff to assess current commitments to this project and have determined that there are already \$72.6 million in committed funds for the Fall Line through an assortment of local, regional, and state mechanisms.

Understanding the significant existing political and monetary support across the region for the Fall Line, the CVTA is committed to leveraging the first two years of regional revenue in support of the Fall Line and has chosen to prioritize it for funding during this period. We understand the importance of this project in the Richmond Region and for the Commonwealth and look forward to partnership with your office, the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation to assure adequate funding is available from the state to bring this project to completion. The expected CVTA revenue contributions, inflation-adjusted cost estimates for the project, and remainder is shown in the table below. **To complete the full 43-mile Fall Line trail system, we need your help to identify \$132.1 million to make this commitment a reality.**

Fall Line Funding Progress (December 2021)	
Fall Line Total Project Costs	\$300 M
CVTA Regional Funds Commitment	-\$104.5 M
Other Committed Funding	-\$72.6 M
Estimate Contingency	+\$9.2 M
<b>Remaining Need</b>	<b>\$132.1 M</b>

The impact of this project will be felt for generations and we greatly appreciate the support you and your office have given to this effort. The CVTA plans to seek funding in the state budget and is asking for your support in your final budget package to assure full funding of the Fall Line.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this update on the CVTA and the gap funding request to get the Fall Line completed. If you have any further questions, please contact Chet Parsons, acting CVTA Executive Director, at [cparsons@planrva.org](mailto:cparsons@planrva.org).

Sincerely,

Frank Thornton  
Henrico Board of Supervisors  
Chair, Central Virginia Transportation Authority