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

October 29, 2021

Dear Governor Northam,

## Members

Town of Ashland

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Henrico County

New Kent County

Powhatan County

City of Richmond

VA House of Delegates

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The purpose of this letter is to provide a status update concerning the Central Virginia Transportation Authority (CVTA) and its significant progress since its inception in the summer of 2020. At the time of writing this letter, the Authority has received just over \$53 million in revenues that will be invested in regional transportation projects that benefit our nine jurisdictions.

The CVTA is committed to collaborative decision-making related to allocation of the 35% regional funds under its purview. As part of that cooperative effort, the Fall Line has been identified as a priority project for the region and eligible for regional revenue funding. The impact of this one project on the entire region, including providing accessibility, health, and economic impacts for our member jurisdictions, makes it an overwhelming favorite for this first allocation round of regional funding.

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, latest cost estimates for the project, and remainder is shown in the table below.

Fall Line Funding Progress (October 2021)	
CVTA Regional Funds Available	\$113.8M
Fall Line Project Costs	\$178.6M
Remaining Need	\$64.8M

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 is asking for your support in your final budget package to assure full funding of the Fall Line.

We look forward to providing more detail on exact project details and the funds requested following our next meeting December 3, 2021. In the interim period, if you or your staff need any further information our staff will be happy to assist.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this update on the CVTA and the progress made on the Fall Line. If you have any further questions, please contact Chet Parsons, acting CVTA Executive Director, at <a href="mailto:cparsons@planrva.org">cparsons@planrva.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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