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March 25, 2024

Martha Shickle, Executive Director
Richmond Regional Planning District Commission
424 Hull St. Suite 300
Richmond, VA 23224

Subject: Letter of Intent for Signing a Memorandum of Agreement with PlanRVA for Fall Line
U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program Coalition Application

Dear Ms. Shickle:

The Central Virginia Transportation Authority commits to partnering with PlanRVA to administer the grant and coordinate with VDOT and Locality responsible parties to monitor construction of the Fall Line Trail along the segments identified in this application.

This application, if successful, will fill critical gaps in the ambitious and transformative Fall Line Trail project, as well as the first planned spur which will join the Appomattox River Trail (ART) and connect downtown Petersburg to Richmond. This 43-mile project brings together seven jurisdictions and will be a critical north-south spine of an expanding bike/ped network across the region. The complete Fall Line Trail, from Ashland to Petersburg, Virginia, will be transformative for the Richmond MSA and will especially bring benefits to low-income disadvantaged communities through safe, equitable choice in transportation, improved air quality, improved physical fitness, and overall improvement in quality of life for hundreds of thousands of residents.

As one of the three coalition members, CVTA will continue to be a major partner in funding and oversight for the Fall Line. In addition to our commitment of over \$105 million towards the overall cost, we work directly with each impacted community on ensuring access to meaningful destinations, developing consistent wayfinding, and building community support around the implementation of the project.

As a coalition member, CVTA commits to supporting the successful completion of the Fall Line Trail and ART Connection in alignment with the technical description detailed in this grant application. As such, we intend to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with PlanRVA by July 1, 2024.

Sincerely,



Chet Parsons
Executive Director

pc: Mayor Levar M. Stoney, CVTA Chair
J. Rex Davis, Commonwealth Transportation Board