

# *Charlottesville*



## **FY27 BUDGET BRIEF**

### **Transportation**

**December 1, 2025**

# FY27 BUDGET DRIVERS

- Transportation
- Affordable Housing
- City Schools





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- Public Safety
- City Schools – *To Be Determined*



# TRANSIT: ENHANCING SERVICE

- Transit Service: Improve CAT's operations over the next 4 years – **108 Operators** is the target
  - Add 10 or 11 Operations each year for the next four years (and support staff)
  - Reintroduce Sunday service in year 3 once CAT has over 90 Operators
- Transportation Infrastructure
  - Transition 100% of the CAT transit fleet to Zero-emission vehicles – by 2050 (original target 2040)
  - New Maintenance Facility to support zero-emission vehicles (Battery Electric and Hydrogen Fuel Cell Buses)
  - Install ADA compliant bus pads and shelters at high ridership stops – Phase 1





**What service improvements can be made if CAT were to have 76 operators?**



# TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

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3	Southwest & Belmont	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	
4	Cherry Ave & Harris Rd	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	60	60	60	60		
5	Commonwealth Dr	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		
6	Ridge St & Prospect Ave	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	60	60	60	60		
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9	The Health Dept & YMCA		30	30	30	30	60	60	30	30	30	30	30	60	60	60	60		
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5A/5B	Barracks - Walmart	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	60	60	60	60	60	
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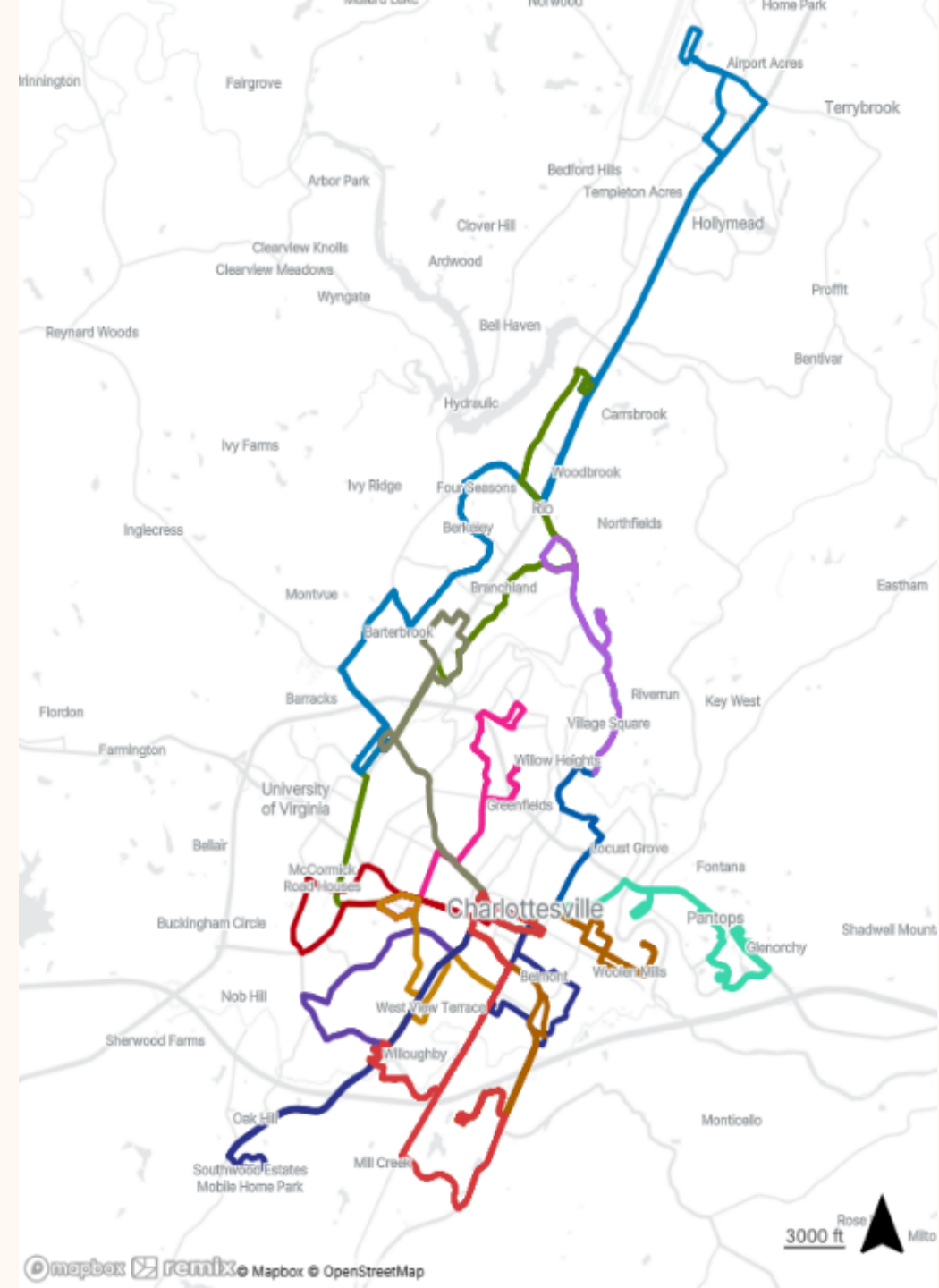
# Summary of Changes

## Proposed Changes with 76 Operators:

- Add Route 1 Saturday service (6AM to 6PM)
- Implement Routes 2A/2B (programmed for FY26)
- Modify Route 5 and 7 alignments (every other Route 5 weekday trip extended to Hollymead and Route 7 to Walmart)
- Modify Route 10 alignment to be bi-directional
- Improve Route 7 weekday frequencies to 15 minutes from 9 am to 6 pm (**NEW**)

## Unable to implement until over 82 Operator Scenario

- Route 5 service extension to UVA Medical Center **NOT** included (southern end of route remains at Barracks). Route 5's northern end modified to Walmart, with every other weekday trip extended to Hollymead and Airport
- Route 8 weekday evening service expansion not included
- Routes 1, 8 and 11 Saturday evening service expansion not included (No service after 6PM)
- Route 5 weekday evening service frequencies lengthened from 30 to 60 minutes
- Trolley evening service frequencies lengthened from 15 to 30



# TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE:

## Bus Stops & Shelters

- Completed in 2025:
  - Belmont Park
  - Midway Manor
  - Market Street  
(Shelter replacement)
  - Rio Point Apartments  
(County – partnered with developer)
  - Arrowood Apartments  
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- Currently in design:
  - JPA at Maury Ave
  - JPA at Shamrock Rd
  - Riverside Ave
  - Preston at Region 10
  - Walmart  
(Partnering with Walmart on design)
  - New Route 2A/2B stops  
(Approximately 10 new temporary and then permanent stops)





# TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE:

## Sidewalks

- Completed in 2025:
  - 604 Belmont Ave sidewalk
  - Curb ramps and sidewalk realignment at Shamrock Rd and Trailridge Rd
  - Curb ramps and sidewalk realignment at Tall Oaks Elementary entrance
  - Traffic calming, curb ramps, and sidewalk realignment at Hazel St and St Clair Ave
  - St Clair Ave sidewalk
- Currently in design:
  - Prospect Ave
  - 9<sup>th</sup> St @ Forest Hills Ave
  - Blenheim Ave between Avon St and Meridian St
  - Montrose Ave between Avon St and Rialto St
  - Trailblazer Elementary playground
  - Cedar Hill Rd





# TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE:

## Urgent Infrastructure Improvements

- In response to a pedestrian fatality in October 2024, the City identified the need for immediate response, not just at the location of the fatality, but citywide, to improve safety for pedestrians
- City staff, working with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, identified 34 “urgent” projects, building on existing recommendations for quickbuild projects
- City Council set aside \$500,000 for these urgent projects, with the target completion date of 12/31/2025
- Public Works rapidly deployed most of these projects throughout Summer 2025
- Currently evaluating impacts of projects through Big Data tools and collecting community feedback
- Feedback has contributed to changes to urgent quickbuild designs and will continue to, particularly in areas where neighborhoods have requested additional follow-up
- City staff and BPAC will continue to look for opportunities to invest in quickbuild solutions, using Neighborhood Transportation Improvement CIP funds



# TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE: Safe Routes to School

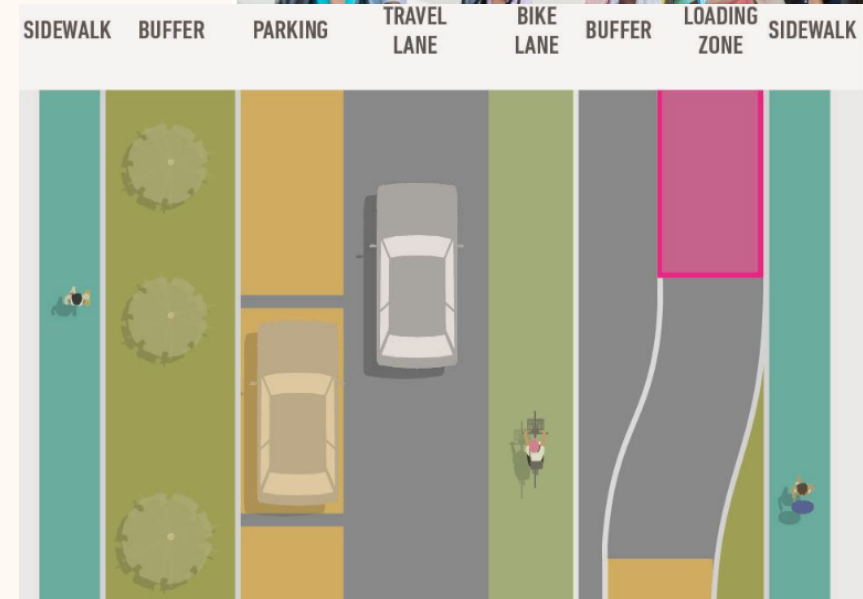
- Curb ramp and small sidewalk improvements
- Leading pedestrian intervals at traffic signals
- Photo-traffic enforcement
- Upgrades of school zone flasher signs
- Refinements of school zone definitions
- Coordination with CCS on school zone traffic and safety concerns
- Quickbuild interventions at Summit Elementary



## One Problem, Two Responses: What Philly and Charlottesville Reveal About School Transportation

Every fall brings the same story: too few school bus drivers, too many kids left waiting. Some districts throw money at the problem. Others see an opening to make walking and biking safer.

Sep 18, 2025



# TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE: ADA Transition Plan Priorities

- Vertical Height Displacements (trip hazards)
- Curb ramps and sidewalk improvements focused first near downtown
- Planning and design efforts for more complex improvements to be delivered in future years





# TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE: Project Challenges

- Meadowcreek Trail
- Pollocks Branch Bridge
- East High Streetscape



# TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE: Success Stories

- Rugby Avenue Shared Use Path
- Washington Park Connector
- E-bike Voucher Pilot Program
- Midway Manor bus shelter
- Alternative fuel transition progress for CAT
- Improved collaborations and new opportunities with Albemarle County, VDOT



# TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE: Upcoming Construction

- Monticello/ 2nd- Construction 1/2026-11/2026
- Preston Harris- Construction 1/2026-11/2026
- 10th and Grady- construction 1/2026-11/2026
- East High Streetscape – 3/2026-3/2029
- Emmet Streetscape- 9/2026-4/2029
- Dairy Rd. Bridge Replacement- 12/2026- 3/2028
- Stribling Ave. Sidewalk- construction 9/2026- 12/2027





# TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE: Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging

- Office of Sustainability recently completed a Community EV Charging study
- City can support EV Charging & Adoption through several measures:
  - Deploy public charging at City-owned properties (planned at Water St Garage)
    - future ownership model - TBD
  - Incentivize private charging providers (financial and permitting incentives)
  - Encourage solutions to facilitate at-home charging (for residents w/o off-street parking or in multifamily housing)
  - Electrify the municipal fleet



# NEXT UP

- 120925 – CIP Budget Public Hearing @ Planning Commission
- **121525 - Budget Brief #3: Affordable Housing**
- 121825 - Joint Meeting w/School Board



# **CITY MANAGER'S BUDGET PRESENTATION**

**March 2, 2026**



# BUDGET ADOPTION

April 9<sup>th</sup>





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