

# THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG AGENDA



City of Lynchburg  
City Council and Greater Lynchburg Transit Company Joint Meeting  
April 14, 2026 | 2:00 pm  
IT Conference Room: 3550 Young Place

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**I. Welcome and Introductions**

*Larry Taylor, Mayor  
Ms. Cameron Howe, GLTC Board Chair  
Wynter C. Benda, City Manager  
Mr. Josh Moore, General Manager, GLTC*

**II. GLTC FY27 Overview and Budget**

*Mr. Josh Moore, General Manager, GLTC*

**III. Good of the Order/Closing Remarks**

*Larry Taylor, Mayor  
Ms. Cameron Howe, GLTC Board Chair*

# Greater Lynchburg Transit Company Board of Directors

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Joint Session

Lynchburg City Council

FY27 | FINANCIAL STRATEGY |  
SERVICE PLANNING



- Today's Challenge → Outcomes
- FY27 Budget Review
- Funding Strategy
- Service Options



# Fiscal Challenges Facing GLTC



## Rising Operational Costs

- ❖ Insurance costs (health & liability) rising year-over-year
- ❖ Vehicle replacement costs ~25% higher due to tariffs
- ❖ Vehicle parts harder to obtain with longer lead times



## Grant-Dependent Funding

- ❖ Must maximize DRPT/FTA grants to minimize local match
- ❖ Without TRIP & demonstration grants, additional City funding would have been needed in FY24–26
- ❖ 5307 usually pays up to 50% of eligible operating costs and up to 80% of eligible capital costs
- ❖ GLTC must cover the other 50% of operations or 20% of capital with local or other allowed match funds.



## Cash Flow Vulnerability

- ❖ No operating reserves, all planning is reactive, year-to-year
- ❖ Industry best practice is (1 quarter) in reserve (2.5 M) — GLTC holds none
- ❖ Stabilized by \$500K City loan + ~\$424K prior-year surplus



## Reactive Short-Term Planning

- ❖ Budget timing requires multiple revisions as partners agency assumptions change creating delays
- ❖ Surplus returned to City; shortfalls covered by City — year-end risk
- ❖ Federal disruptions have increased, which puts -48% of GLTC's funds at risk



# Major Risk Areas



## Wages

**Largest Single Expense**

Year-over-year growth in labor costs. Competitive wages are essential to retaining drivers and avoiding service gaps.



## Health Insurance

**Rapidly Rising Fringe Costs**

Year-over-year growth in fringe benefit obligations, driven by rising healthcare costs nationally.



## Fuel & Parts

**Volatile Commodity + Supply Risk**

Volatile fuel market. Parts scarcer with longer lead times — just-in-time inventory no longer viable.



## The Rest

**Cumulative Budget Pressure**

General inflation on materials, utilities, and IT. Tariff-related vehicle cost increases (~25%). Cumulative budget pressure.

# Peer Agency Comparisons

GLTC FY26 Local Share

# 18.6%

of total budget contributed by City of Lynchburg

## Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT)

**+\$2.2M Proposed FY27**

Charlottesville, VA

Year	Total Budget	Local Contribution	Local %
FY2026	\$15,879,891	\$7,892,451	49.7%
FY2025	\$15,101,398	\$6,271,248	41.5%

*FY27 increase funds additional operators, support staff, and fare-free service.*

## Valley Metro

**-\$292K Proposed FY27**

Roanoke, VA

Year	Total Budget	Local Contribution	Local %
FY2026	~\$14,700,000	\$2,370,586	~16%

*Used AARP (pandemic) funds until Dec 2025; now on DRPT pilot grant. Local funds include Salem, Vinton, NEVMPO, Virginia Tech & Carilion.*

# TRIP Grants

## Funding Projections

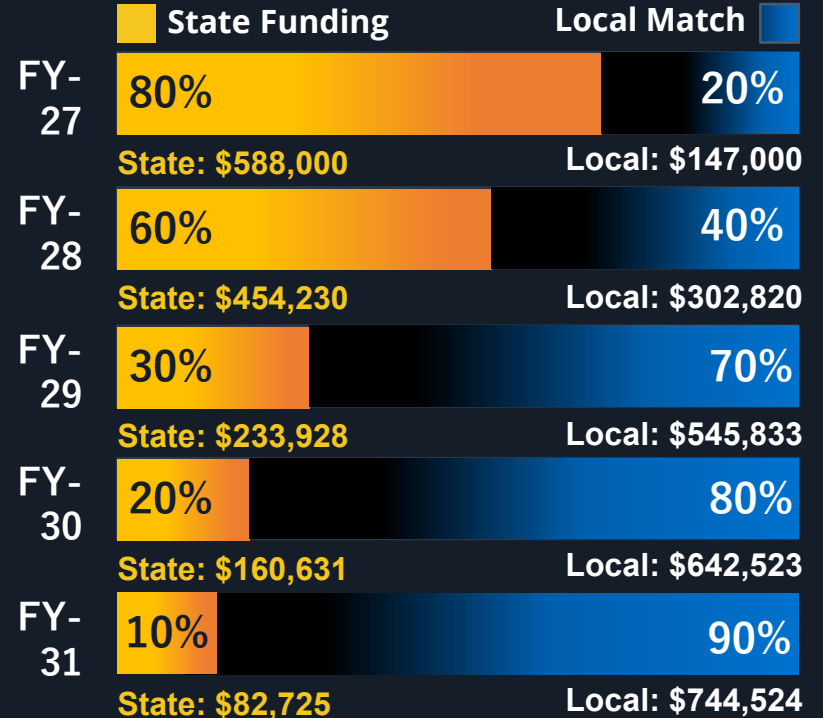
\* PENDING GLTC ACCEPTANCE

Total State Funding  
**\$1,519,514**

Total Local Match  
**\$2,382,701**

5-Year Total  
**\$3,902,215**

Multi-year commitment requires an increasing Local match each year before acceptance.



# Current & Recent Grants

DRPT portion of active  
grant commitments

TOTAL SAVED

**\$2,497,680**

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Route 4 TRIP

5 years

**\$1,600,400**

Microtransit

2 years

**\$785,280**

Security Grant

2 years

**\$80,000**

Intern Grant

2 years

**\$32,000**

# Multimodal Projects Supporting Lynchburg City & GLTC

CVPDC & CVTPO

PROJECT	FUNDING SOURCE	VALUE	STATUS
Lynchburg Multimodal Plan	CVTPO FTA/DRPT 5303 & VDOT PL Funds FTA, FHWA, VDOT, DRPT, CVTPO via UPWP	\$150K Consultant \$15K CVTPO Staff	Draft April Completed 6/26  To be presented at 2026 APA Virginia Conference
GLTC Bus Stop Inventory & Facility Recommendation Plan	CVTPO FTA/DRPT 5303 Funds FTA, DRPT, CVTPO via UPWP	\$70K Consultant \$23K Fugro GIS \$10K CVTPO Staff	Scope Phase FY26 & FY27 UPWP  Complete Winter 27 FY27 UPWP 6/27
CVTPO Long Range Transportation Plan	FHWA, FTA, VDOT, DRPT, CVTPO, CVPDC via UPWP	\$270K Consultant \$35K CVTPO Staff	Completed Spring 27  Primary MPO area long-term funding plan
USDOT Thriving Communities Project	CVTPO FTA/DRPT 5303 & VDOT PL Funds FTA, FHWA, VDOT, DRPT, CVTPO via UPWP	Abt/NNA/EPR — value TBD \$25K CVTPO/3yrs \$50K Consultant	June 2026  Extension Potential

# GLTC and City Of Lynchburg Goals

## Strategic Alignment

GLTC plays a key role in meeting the City of Lynchburg's strategic objectives.

# 1

## Cost of Living

Minimizes cost of living, making the City more attractive. Supports scoring for multi-use projects like the 501/221 interchange.

# 2

## Fair Housing & Equity

Key role in Impediments to Fair Housing Choice plan (2020). Increased Graves Mill service via Flex. Expanding to higher opportunity areas.

# 3

## Comprehensive Plan

Integral to City transportation network. Reports annual metrics. Expanding access to employment centers and unconventional hours.

# 4

## 12th Street Corridor

Proposed 12th Street Transit-Oriented Development project, managed by CVPDC. Advances FTA-funded stop replacements and City land use goals.



# Beyond ROI's

GLTC provides an essential service that supports the community in a way similar to utilities and public safety services, such as water, police, and fire.

## 68%

GLTC Customers are using the services to go to work

## 49%

GLTC customers are going to medical appointments

### City Comprehensive Plan:

*"Transit is an integral part of the transportation network and, much like roads, the City must strike a balance through the coordination of GLTC route planning and the City's land use planning."*

## Community Value



**Reduces parking demand**



**Enables employment access for non-drivers**



**Supports City housing & land use goals**



**Fare-free service during weather emergencies**



# Community Partnerships & Support

**Community giving: Car show & pool tournament fundraisers · Clothing & food drives — Park View Mission, 40 Ways Coalition, Peacemakers, Daily Bread & more**



## Emergency & Civic Support

- Standby vehicles provided to VDOT, City & partners during severe weather
- Shuttle service at no charge during Court St/Church St elevator outages
- Shuttle support for Downtown Lynchburg Association & community events
- Fare-free service during early voting, Election Day, temperature extremes, free rides for city employees



## Training Facility Partner

- LFD, LPD, BWXTFD & State Fire Marshal training in GLTC lots & rooms
- Confined spaces training; LPD Tactical Response team space in O&M building
- Shuttles for City staff & trainers for Public Works bridge inspections
- Space for City training, Council meetings & Citizen Academy shuttles
- Registrar's Office use of O&M facility and Community Room at Transit Station

# Proposed Budget Scenario A

FULLY FUNDED

*Service operates as currently does with efficiency changes (Anticipate Sunday Service pending hiring drivers)*

- 1** Rt 1A & 1B return to hourly routes — not entering Transit Station every 30 minutes
- 2** Rt 1B will not service the Plaza
- 3** Rt 9 no longer serves downtown; services the Plaza and travels Oakley Ave to Carroll Ave
- 4** Rt 11 stops one hour earlier
- 5** Rt 5 and Rt 11 start one hour later
- 6** Flex service runs 1½ hours later to absorb Rt 11 ridership

# Proposed Budget Scenario B

\* Current City of Lynchburg Proposed Budget \*

**COST  
SAVINGS**

**\$1,790,000**

Projected reduction  
under this scenario

*Efficiency changes  
still applied*

<b>Rt 1A</b>	<b>Return to hourly — not entering Transit Station every 30 min</b>
<b>Rt 1B</b>	<b>Eliminated entirely</b>
<b>Rt 9 + Rt 5</b>	<b>Combined; Rt 5 starts 1 hour later; Rt 9 serves Plaza via Oakley Ave — no downtown</b>
<b>Rt 11</b>	<b>No weekday or Sunday service</b>
<b>Sunday Service</b>	<b>Eliminated entirely</b>

# THANK YOU

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**PLEASE JOIN GLTC, THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, FOR THE  
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TIME: 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

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