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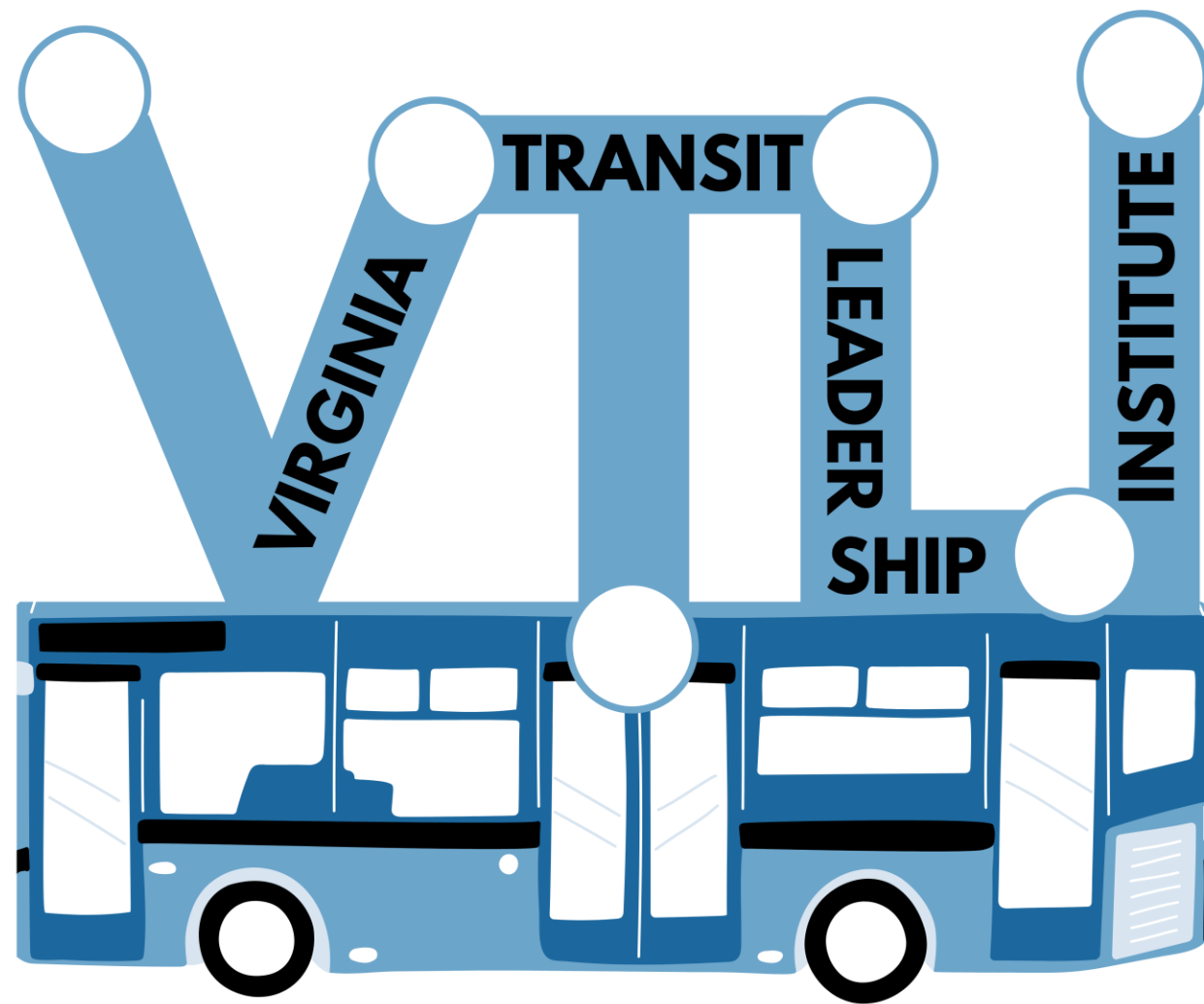
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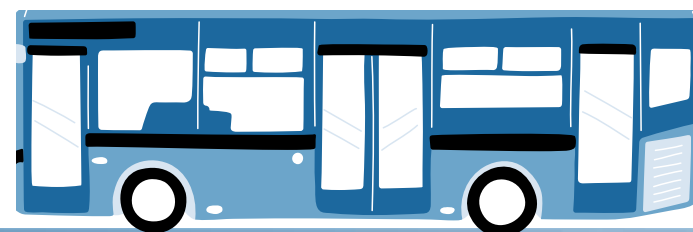
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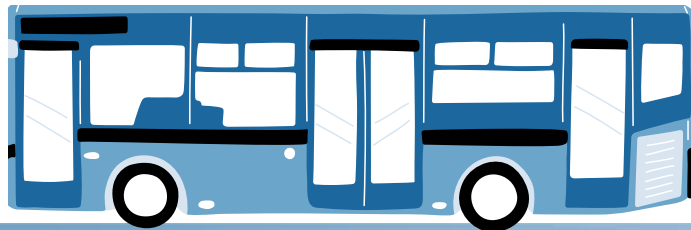
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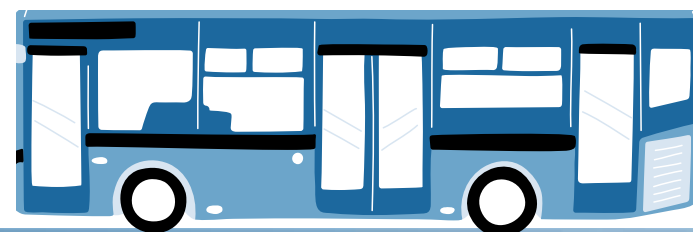




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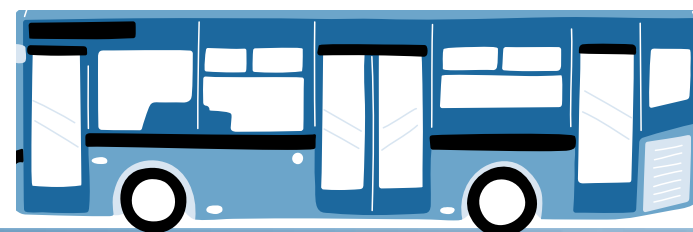
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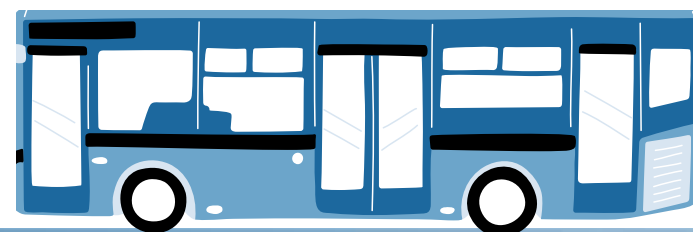


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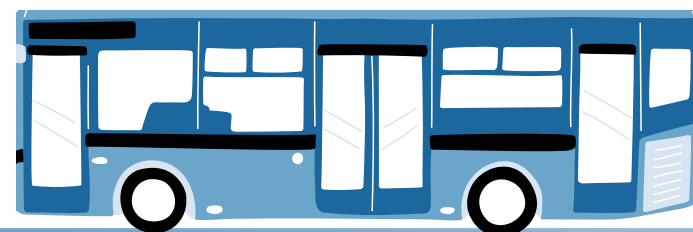




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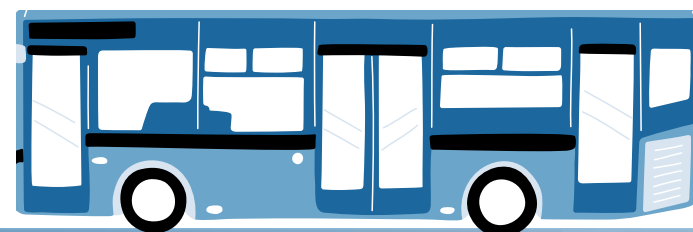




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OmniRide

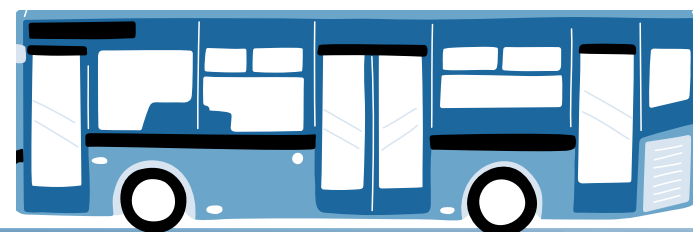
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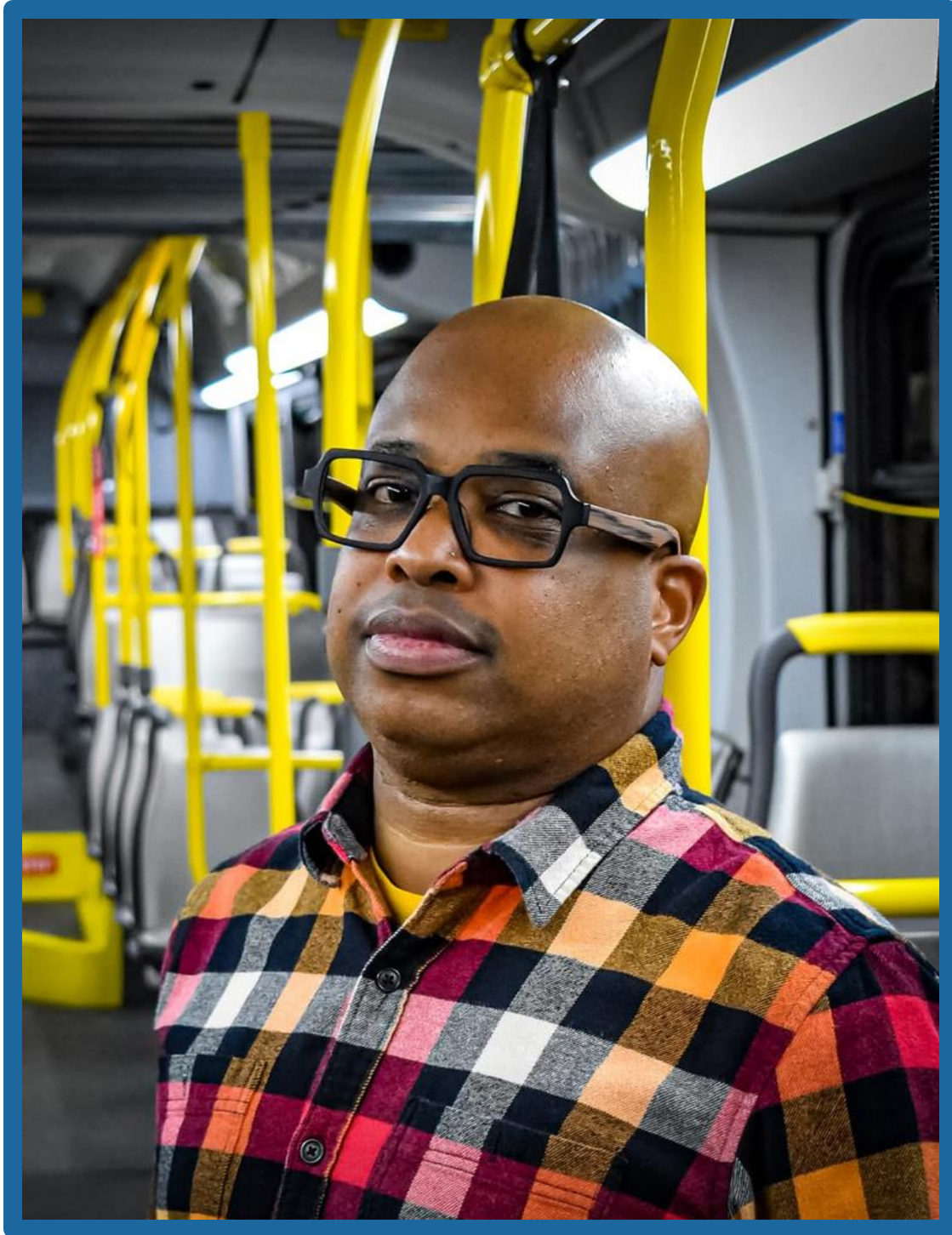




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*Senior Services of
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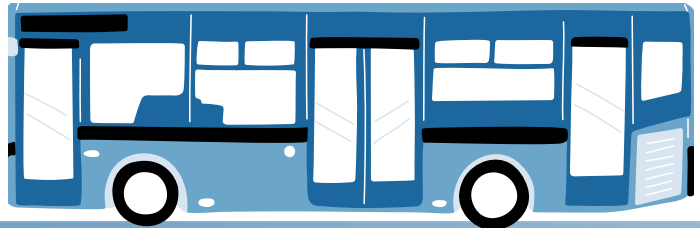




Trevor Logan

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Jennifer Monaco

*Department of Rail and
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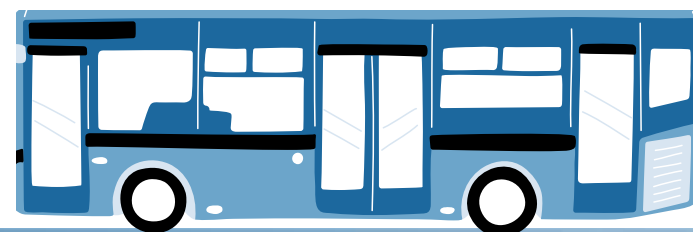




Reem Rayef

*Washington Metropolitan Area
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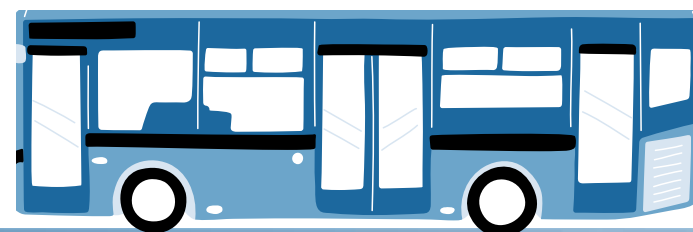




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GRTC

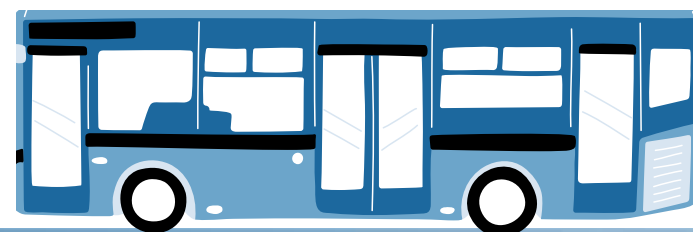
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Karen Scott
Charlottesville
Area Transit

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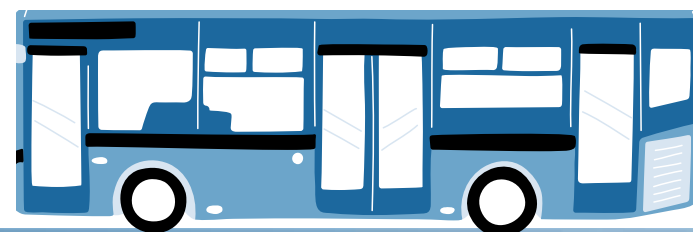


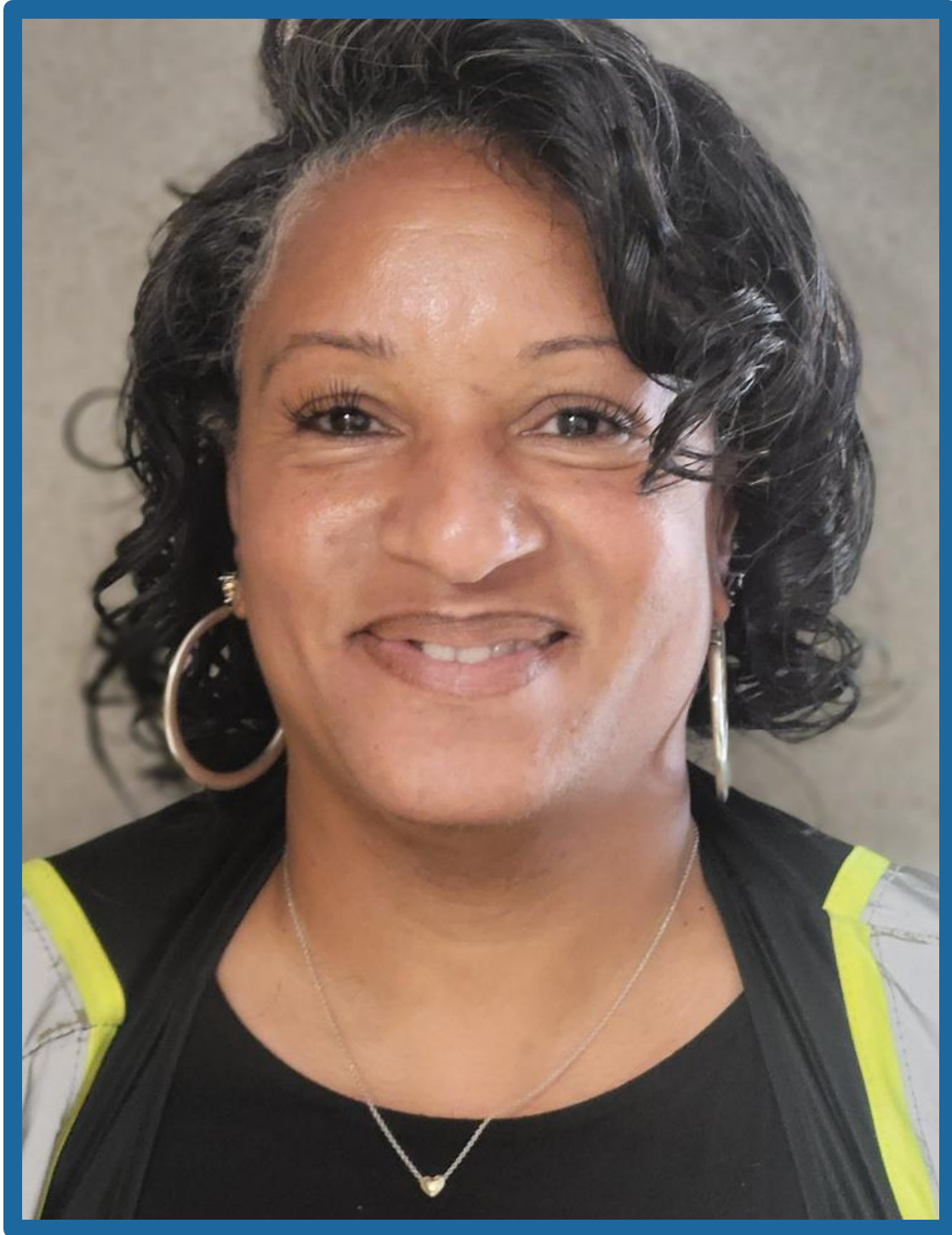


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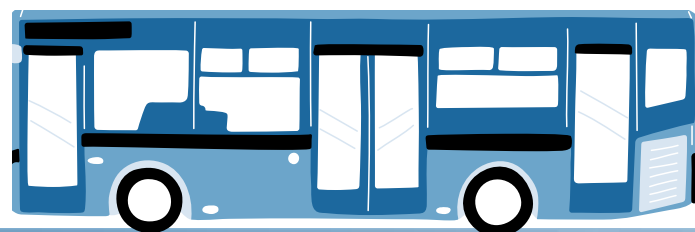
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Wanda St. Leger
*Williamsburg Area
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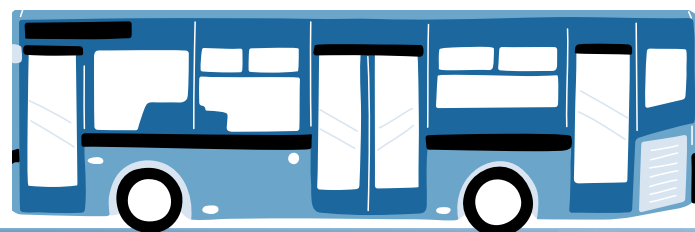




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Blacksburg Transit

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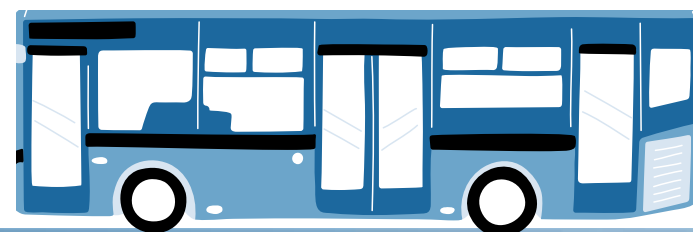


Congratulations to the Class of 2027 VTLI Fellows!

Danielle Dawn Combs, Giles Health and Family Center
Sam Nall, University of Virginia - University Transit Service
Michael Scott Edwards, Petersburg Area Transit
Iyanla XO, Williamsburg Area Transit Authority
Jena Hunt, Charlottesville Area Transit
Katy Nicholson, Virginia Railway Express
Christopher Tyler, Blacksburg Transit

Will Heller, PlanRVA
Benjamin Matters, OmniRide
Poonam Patel, Kimley-Horn
Jessica Maffey, DRPT
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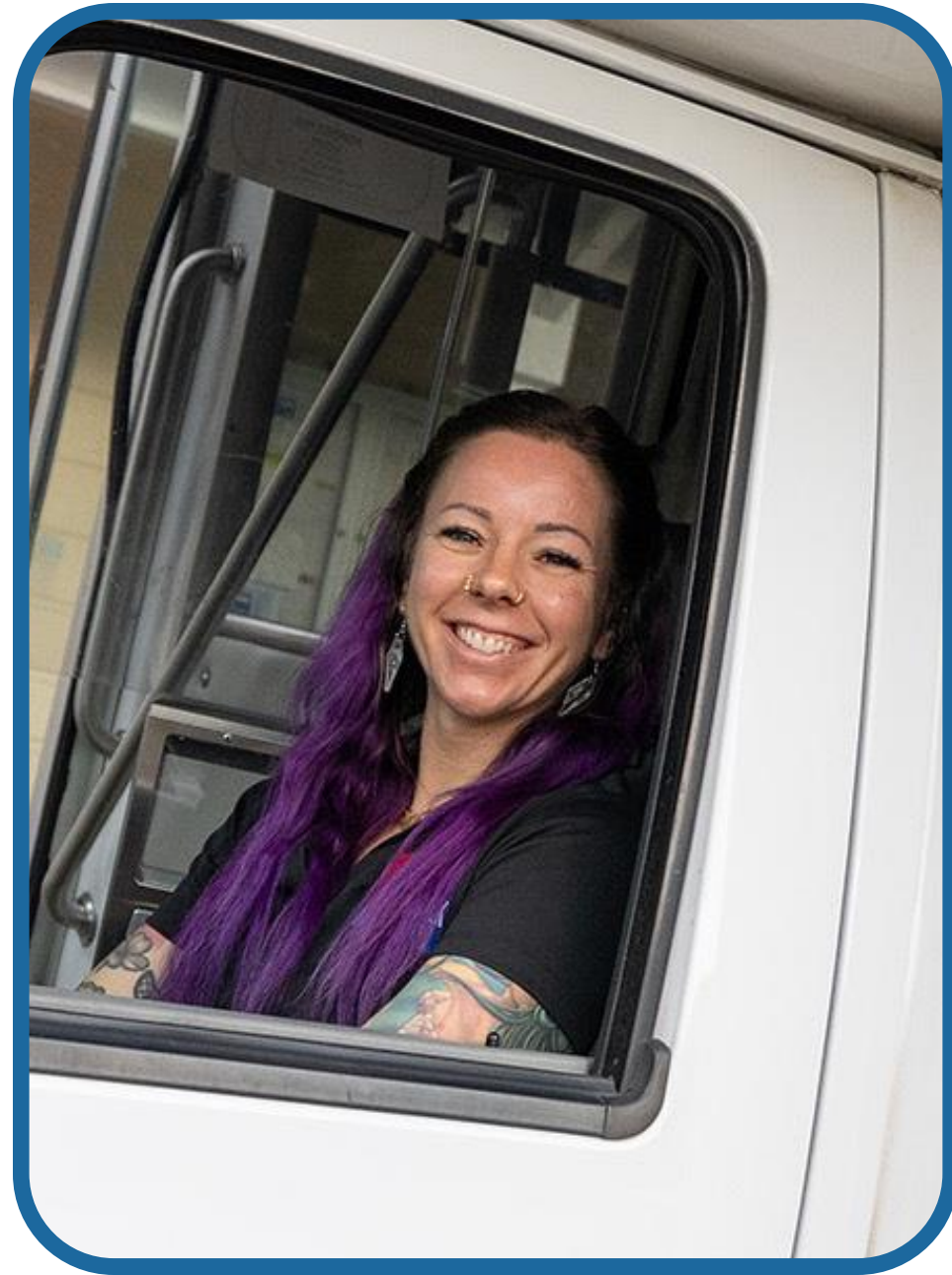
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Maria Ptakowski

Transit Manager

Suffolk Transit

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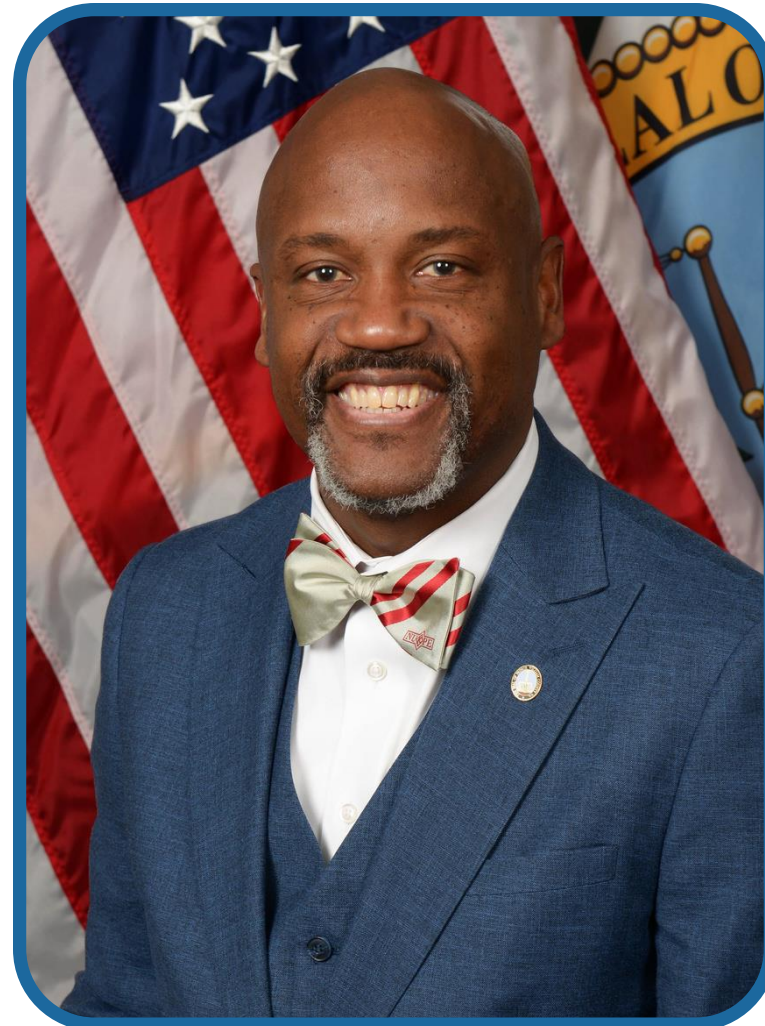


Outstanding Contribution Awards

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Outstanding Contribution by a Public Official Award

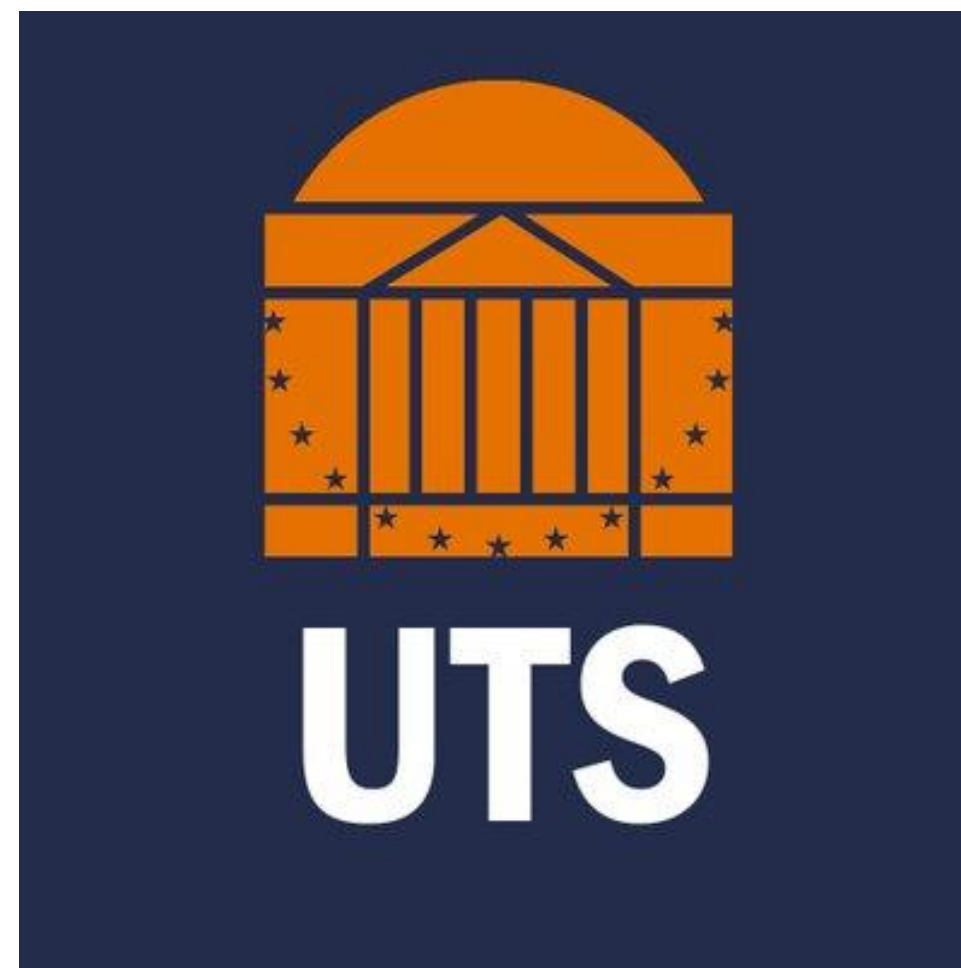


Victor S. Angry
*Potomac Rappahannock
Transportation Commission*

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Outstanding Contribution by a Partner Award



UVA University Transit Service

Presented by BRITE Bus (CSPDC)

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Outstanding Contribution by a Partner Award

KEEOLIS

Keolis Transit Services

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The Helen Poore Transit Professional Distinguished Service Award

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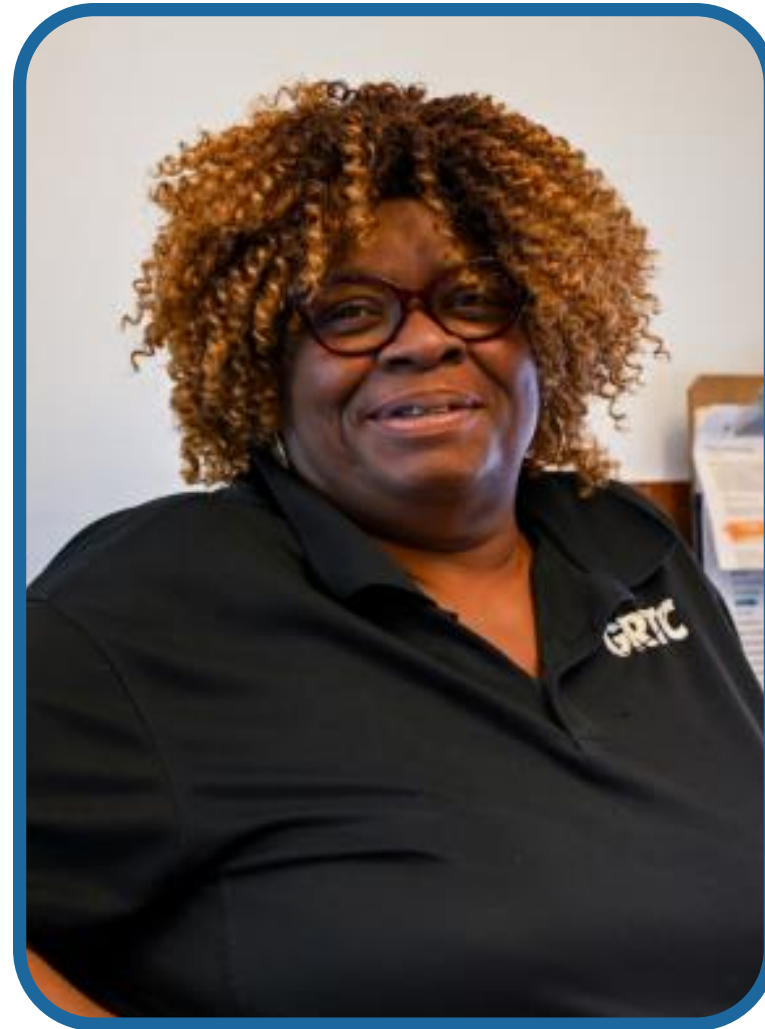
Cheryl Spain

*Harrisonburg Department of
Public Transportation*

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Ann Jones
GRTC

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William Harrell
Hampton Roads Transit

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Transit Employee Unsung Hero Award

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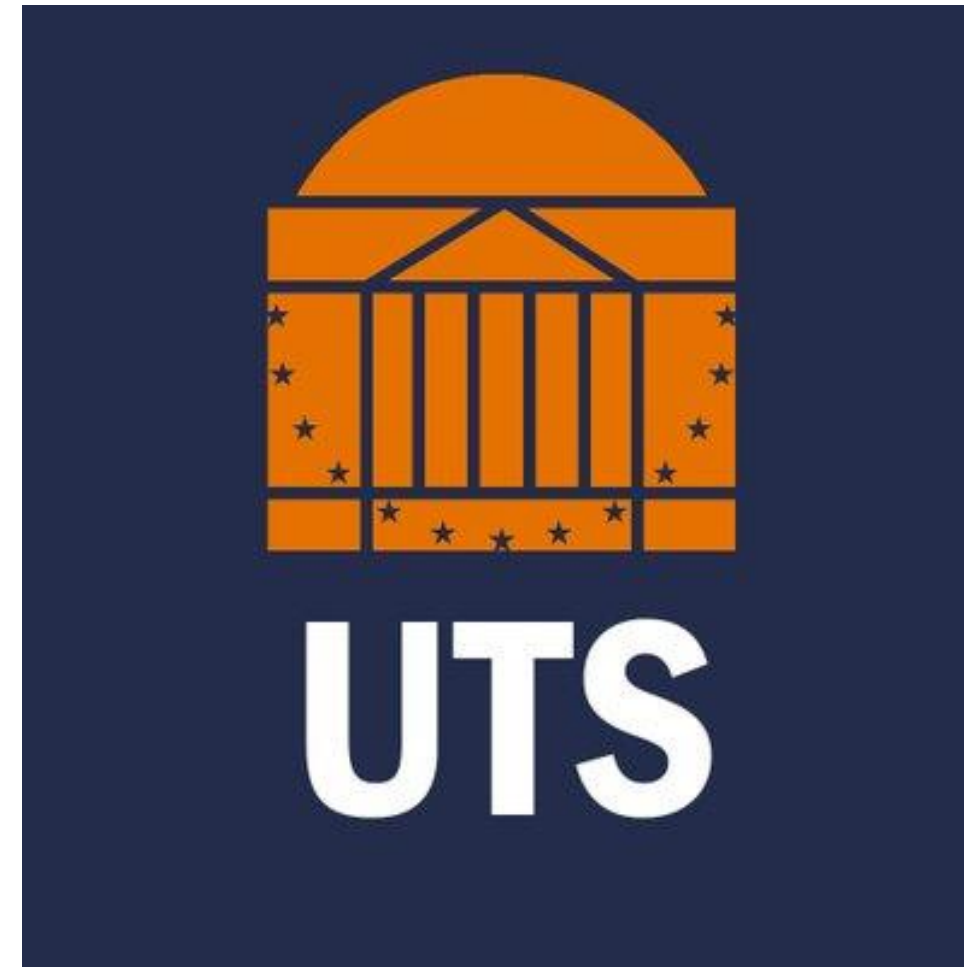


Outstanding Community Program Awards

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Outstanding Community Program Award – Workforce



UVA University Transit Service

Pipelines & Pathways

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Outstanding Community Program Award – Outreach



Charlottesville Area Transit

Sustainable Bus Wrap Art Contest

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Outstanding Community Program Award – Education



Greater Lynchburg Transit Company

Transit Academy Program

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Outstanding Community Program Award – Education



Loudoun County Transit *Travel Training Program*

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Outstanding Community Program

Award – Safety

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*Public Safety Ambassador &
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Outstanding Public Transit Marketing Awards

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Outstanding Public Transit Marketing Award – Very Large Agency



WMATA

Tap. Ride. Go. Campaign

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Outstanding Public Transit Marketing Award – Large Agency



Hampton Roads Transit *OnDemand Rideshare*

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Outstanding Public Transit Marketing

Award – Collaboration



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TAP into Transit Day



RideFinders

Count It. Change It.

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Outstanding Public Transit Marketing Awards

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Outstanding Public Transit Marketing Award – Small Agency



Suffolk Transit

A Good Time to Ride

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Hill Spencer Ridership Awards

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Small Group

(Under 100,000 trips)

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Small Group (Under 100,000 trips)

Runner-Up

VIRGINIA BREEZE
B U S L I N E S

Virginia Breeze (+8.6%)

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Small Group (Under 100,000 trips)

1st Place



Suffolk Transit (+15.2%)

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Medium Group (100,000+ trips)

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Medium Group (100,000+ trips)

Runner-Up



Loudoun County Transit (+18.7%)

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Medium Group (100,000+ trips)

1st Place



Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (+20.2%)

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Large Group (1 million+ trips)

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Large Group (1 million+ trips)

Runner-Up

WATA

Williamsburg Area Transit Authority



Williamsburg Area Transit Authority (+10.9%)

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Large Group (1 million+ trips)

1st Place



Virginia Railway Express (+25%)

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Very Large Group (2 million+ trips)

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Very Large Group (2 million+ trips) Runner-Up



OMNIRIDE

OmniRide (+17.6%)



Very Large Group (2 million+ trips)

1st Place



Blacksburg Transit (+26.2)

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