

**From:** [Williams, Lila](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Rapid Transit  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 2:00:03 PM

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Dear Mr. Eastman,

I think that it is time to move forward with the bus rapid transit plan. It has been a great need for the Richmond area for many years, and has been studied long enough. I am very much in favor of starting as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Lila E. Williams  
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**From:** [Carmen Germino](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** We need the PULSE  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 2:00:54 PM

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Greetings,

My name is Carmen Germino and I am a City of Richmond resident who lives in Bellevue and works in the Fan. I am a member of RVA Rapid Transit and I am writing in support of the GRTC Pulse project. I think it is a good plan that has been carefully thought out and designed. I appreciate how the City and GRTC have listened to and addressed some concerns about the project from the local community. My hope is that it will be the first step in a much-needed regional system of rapid transit. I am not in favor of delaying the project...Richmond has waited long enough for this.

Thank you,  
Carmen Germino

**From:** [Judy Bassett](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Rapid Transit System  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 2:01:47 PM

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Dear Mr. Eastman ,

I live in Salisbury area of Midlothian , VA. 23113 .I am a Senior Citizen for at least ten years now. I moved to This area ans expected a bus line to be available to me and many other Senior Citizens locally .If a bus traveled up Robious Rd and or Huguenot Rd . It would be a great asset to both future employees who service this area , and seniors who no longer wish to drive outside of their areas . No passenger train exists out here in Midlothian , and as Seniors will increase in number as to all demographic studies , We will Most assuredly need mass transportation comparable to many cities in our country . Please do your best to expedite the Mass transit to the "suburban " areas of Richmond .

I thank you in advance , as I know you will do your best for the Senior Citizens of the area .....

Sincerely ,  
J.A. BAssett

**From:** [CATHY SAUNDERS](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** I am in support of the Broad/Main Bus Rapid Transit  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 2:11:55 PM

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Dear Mr Eastman,

I am in support of the Broad/Main Bus Rapid Transit. I am a Fan resident and have been working as a realtor for twenty years serving the City and surrounding counties, including Henrico. Mass transit is greatly needed if we are to continue to be attractive to current and future residents. I am also a gerontologist and clearly see the current need for mass transit for our aging population as well as those intending to care for our more frail seniors in their homes.

I appreciate your support of this critical project.

Cathy

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**From:** [Havis Wright](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** RVA Pulse  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 2:14:51 PM

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Mr. Eastman,

I'm a recent transplant to Richmond and am finding an awful lot to love about the city. One challenge i've noted as is an absence of intuitive and easy to use tire based transit. I've come to know quite a bit about Pulse and beyond making my Church Hill to Willow Lawn commute much easier, it seems a worthwhile strategic asset for the city that maximizes capacity at lower cost and shorter timeline than fixed rail. I support the plan and look forward to favorable disposition from the committe.

Best,

Havis L. Wright

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RVA

**From:** [Brantley Tyndall](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Support for BRT at UDC | Bike Walk RVA  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 2:27:06 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Mr. Eastman,

On behalf of Bike Walk RVA, a program of Sports Backers, I wanted to send you a note regarding our support for the BRT project, the (hopeful) final review for which is going before the UDC on Thursday. I've been to every BRT open house/community forum and am pleased with how they've incorporated public feedback and responded to many needs, including the needs of pedestrians to cross Broad St.

We will not be able to attend on Thursday, but if project makes it to the Planning Commission, we will be there.

Thanks, and have a great afternoon.

**Brantley Tyndall**

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**From:** [Lauren Earley](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Support for BRT plans  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 2:41:03 PM

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Dear Secretary Eastman,

I've unable to make it out to this Thursday's UDC meeting, so I'm writing to express my fervent support as a city resident of the BRT plans going forward as soon as possible.

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BRT is such an important first step to greater community mobility through a regional transit system - and better regional transit is crucial for our region's long term economic sustainability, shift towards greater environmental sustainability, improvement of quality of life in the region, and in giving our region's residents without cars access to jobs.

Thanks for reading,  
Lauren Earley

**From:** [Keenan Orfalea](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Please support metro-wide rapid transit system  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 3:36:16 PM

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Hello Mr. Eastman,

I am a recent transplant to Richmond and I love almost everything except the serious lack of public transportation. I strongly support any investment toward expanded public transportation and would encourage you to make this a priority for Richmond. Please don't give in to criticism and complacency from opponents, this is too important to the future of the city. Thanks.

-Keenan Orfalea



**From:** [Ann Taylor Campbell](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** rapid transit  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 3:36:17 PM

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let's move forward with this; we need it ASAP

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Ann Taylor Campbell

**From:** [Pat Turner](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Rapid Transit  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 4:00:45 PM

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This email is in support of a Rapid Transit system, Metro-Wide. Thank you

**From:** [woodsja@mymail.vcu.edu](mailto:woodsja@mymail.vcu.edu) on behalf of [Joseph Woods](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Support for proposed RVA Rapid Transit system  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 4:52:24 PM

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Mr. Jeff Eastman—

My name is Joe Woods, and I'm a master's student at Virginia Commonwealth University. I have been living in Richmond for more than five years; over three years ago, I developed an online map of parking regulations around VCU (unaffiliated with the university). That page gets hundreds of unique visitors per month. I care greatly about transportation in Richmond and firmly believe that the RVA Rapid Transit system would alleviate the vast majority of parking and pedestrian issues which the current public transportation system does not address. This does not include the boon to commerce that the plan will encourage.

Surprisingly enough, most of the opposition that I have seen to this plan concerns parking. This idea that business would be hurt by the removal of parking along Broad Street is simply false. The increase in pedestrian traffic would very blatantly outweigh the decrease of individuals who are already unable to find parking in these regions. To use this wedge issue to delay a system which Richmond desperately needs would be deeply saddening to not only me, but all of those people just like me who care about working to make this city accessible to all, regardless of race or economic background.

Please. I urge you: it's time to take action and move forward with this plan.

Thank you for your time—

—Joe Woods  
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**From:** [Jim Bennett](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** transportation  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 8:12:30 PM

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Dear Mr. Eastman,

I am writing to express my complete and enthusiastic support for Bus Rapid Transit for Richmond and the Richmond Metro region. We need this---sooner rather than later. We'd had more than enough studies, delays, disinformation, pettiness, and doing nothing. I moved here in 1988 and was dismayed then at the poor public transportation and complete lack of cooperation from the surrounding counties. I work part of the week in Alexandria and the difference in public transportation options between Richmond and there is stark. I visited Charlotte, NC earlier this year for the first time. I was amazed at the options: light rail, trolley, bus rapid transit. I saw development and construction all along the expanding rail lines, and a downtown that was easily accessible without a car. Richmond deserves good public transportation just like Charlotte. Just like Alexandria and D.C. Please do all you can to make sure that happens.

Thank you for you attention to this matter.

Respectfully,  
Jim Bennett  
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**From:** [Jonathan Cruise](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Final plan for Broad/Main Bus Rapid Transit  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 8:55:50 PM

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Dear Mr. Eastman:

I'm aware that you are the Secretary of the City's Urban Design Committee and wanted to express my support for the Broad/Main Bus Rapid Transit project. This project has been studied for quite some time and I'd like to see it move forward.

The City needs better transit options, not more studies.

Best regards,  
Jonathan Cruise

**From:** [Jason James \(jjames\)](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** BRT  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 03, 2015 11:12:17 PM

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Dear Mr. Eastman,

I am writing to express my support for the Bus Rapid Transit proposal coming before the commission. I do not think that delaying this project would lead to improvements. Richmond is in great need of high-quality, attractive, efficient public transit, and the BRT project is a very big first step in that direction.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,  
Jason James  
Richmond

**From:** [Jane Dowrick](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Pulse letter of support  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 5:33:58 AM

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Dear Mr. Eastman,

I am writing in support of the Pulse bus rapid transit line and urge the Urban Design Committee to move forward with plans to build the Pulse, and not to delay the project with more studies. I believe the Pulse line will benefit both citizens and economic development, and is a critical starting point for the vision of a bus rapid transit system to serve our entire Richmond metro region.

My thanks to you and the other members of the Urban Design Committee for your work, and for your consideration of the need to move this important project forward.

Sincerely,

Jane Dowrick  
10936 Live Oak Court, Midlothian VA

Jane Dowrick and Michael Whitlow

**From:** [Susan Miller](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** rapid transit  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 9:06:55 AM

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Dear Mr. Eastman, I am a member of the Partnership for Smarter Growth. I also live and work in downtown Richmond. I am a family doctor and I don't need to ride the bus, but my patients do. I strongly support the Richmond rapid transit program. Enough studies, let's get on with it. My patients are impacted every day with their ability to get to appointments with me or get to their two jobs. I have seen the signs in Broad street restaurants and concerns of small businesses. We need to listen to them and get data and ensure they are not adversely impacted but we need to move on for the people who depend on public transit! I am sending this to your attention as I am unable to get to the public meetings Nov 4-6.

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**From:** [Evan MacKenzie](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Broad/Main Bus Rapid Transit  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 9:11:09 AM

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Mr. Eastman,  
I'm writing to express my support for the Broad/Main Bus Rapid Transit plan as the first step to a larger metro-wide rapid transit system.

Thanks,  
Evan MacKenzie  
2322 Parkwood Ave  
Richmond, VA

**From:** [Bonnie](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Richmond Regional Transit  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 9:34:17 AM

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I am strongly in favor of this issue moving ahead NOW!  
No more delays until another year. We have traffic in Short Pump that at times is near gridlock and development continues to go on and on. This is only one part of town but I can only tell you the enormity is felt all through Richmond.

Bonnie Flood  
12335 Shore View Dr  
Henrico 23233

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sullivan, Robert](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Bus Rapid Transit Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 10:04:56 AM

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I support the BRT project wholeheartedly and urge the Urban Design Committee to approve the plan and move forward with implementation of the service.

We've lived in Richmond for 20 years – mostly in the Fan – and consider a strong citywide transit infrastructure to be critical to the city's livability, growth, and development.

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**From:** [Jim Thompson](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Rapid Transit  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 10:15:37 AM

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Good morning, Mr. Eastman.

I am writing you today in support of rapid transit in the greater Richmond metropolitan area.

As a citizen of this area, I believe we can do much more to provide better access to more life-enhancing opportunities like employment options and civic activities for all of our community members.

The Broad/Main Bus Rapid Transit project is a good start, and I endorse the start of that route as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration and your public service.

Sincerely,  
Jim Thompson

**From:** [Frederick Fisher](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Broad/Main Bus Rapid Transit  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 10:34:09 AM

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Dear Mr. Eastman,

Please approve the final plan for the BRT on Main and Broad Streets. I would have preferred for the lines to have reach to Fulton and St Mary's hospital, but I understand that under the terms of the grant the routes may not be altered at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick S. Fisher

**From:** [Donald Coleman](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** BRT  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 10:38:10 AM

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Mr. Eastman,  
My last email was incomplete. I'm writing to support moving forward on BRT project here in Richmond.  
Thank you for your time on this matter.

Don Coleman, Lead Pastor  
East End Fellowship RVA/CoTN  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Leslie Moore](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Cc:** [Newbille, Cynthia I. - Council Member](#); [Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member](#); [Patterson, Samuel - City Council Liaison](#)  
**Subject:** Bus Rapid Transit - the time is now  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 10:53:45 AM

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Mr. Eastman,

I went to graduate school at Oberlin College near Cleveland, Ohio. I remember the sad state of Euclid Avenue in that city. I thought nothing could redeem that area of the city, and I cannot begin to describe my amazement when I saw the transformation of the Euclid Avenue corridor that had been spurred by Bus Rapid Transit.

As senior citizens who love living in the City of Richmond, my husband and I are firm advocates of pushing forward on BRT NOW. When my husband and I wanted to move to Church Hill, we were fortunate enough to find a lot and a local architect to design a home for us which fits in with the neighborhood and will allow us to age in place. We have become increasingly aware, however, that both job and job training opportunities for our fellow residents in Church Hill are severely limited because many are not available by public transportation. This situation, as well as snarled car commuter traffic at rush hour, could be ameliorated considerably by BRT.

I confess, however, that I have a more personal and admittedly selfish reason for wanting BRT now. I have been diagnosed with wet macular degeneration in my dominant eye. Although my eye is responding to treatment sufficiently that I can still drive safely, I do not know how much longer this will be the case - and I confess I enjoy shopping. Thanks to the internet, there is no danger of my being unable to shop, but I much prefer to contribute to the flourishing of our local economy by shopping in stores and having lunch with friends.

Moving forward with BRT now is clearly the prudent decision for our city and the metropolitan area.

Sincerely,  
Leslie B. Moore  
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**From:** [Jackson MUMEY](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Rapid Transit System  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 11:00:35 AM

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Mr Eastman

My wife and I are local business owners and live in Church Hill at Oakwood Ave and Q Street. We see on a daily basis the desperate need for a regional rapid transit system to help residents get to jobs, health care, schools and more. The lack of a functioning RTS in a city the size of Richmond is unacceptable to us as citizens and voters.

Twelve years of study is more than enough; it's time for action and demonstrably better transit!

Jackson and Sara Mumey  
1102 Oakwood Ave



**From:** [Ross Catrow](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Excited about BRT!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 1:05:10 PM

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Jeff,

I wanted to drop you a quick email in support of the GRTC pulse! We've been covering it for a while on RVANews (<http://rvanews.com/tag/brt-faq>) and can't wait to see it become a reality. However, I'm extremely skeptical of efforts to delay/derail the project. A BRT on Broad Street has been in the works for years and years and has been suggested by a boatload of studies. It's time to move forward with the first step of metro-wide rapid transit!

-Ross

**From:** [Earley, Justin Whitmel](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Support for BRT plans  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 3:31:38 PM

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Dear Secretary Eastman,

I will be unable to make it out to this Thursday's UDC meeting, so I'm writing to express my fervent support as a city resident of the BRT plans going forward as soon as possible.

Although implementation of the BRT may need to be tweaked, I firmly believe that acting soon and improving this system iteratively is the way Richmond needs to go as a region.

BRT is such an important first step to greater community mobility through a regional transit system - and better regional transit is crucial for our region's long term economic sustainability, shift towards greater environmental sustainability, improvement of quality of life in the region, and in giving our region's residents without cars access to jobs.

Thanks for reading,

**Justin Whitmel Earley**

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**From:** [Daniel Ababayehu](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** UDC Meeting on the Bus Rapid Transit Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 4:21:34 PM

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Dear Secretary Eastman,

I'm unable to make it out to tomorrow's UDC meeting, so I'm writing to express my support as a city resident of the Bus Rapid Transit plans going forward as soon as possible.

Although implementation of the BRT project may need adjusting and constant feedback along the way, I firmly believe that acting soon and improving this system iteratively is the way Metro Richmond needs to go as a region.

Developing a stronger regional transit system is such an important first step to greater community mobility - and better regional transit is crucial for our region's long term economic sustainability, shift towards greater environmental sustainability, improvement of quality of life in the region, and in giving our region's residents without cars access to jobs.

While some seem to be in opposition or doubtful of its merits, I hope that you do well to persuade them of the good this project can do and that tomorrow's meeting proves to be productive and useful. Thanks for your time.

Respectfully,  
Dan Ababayehu

**From:** [William Phillips](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** In Support of Bus Rapid Transit  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 5:30:38 PM

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Thanks for reading,  
Will Phillips

**From:** [The Sullivans User](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** BRT  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 6:11:52 PM

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Dear Mr. Eastman,

My husband and I have attended at least two of the public hearings about this project over the past few years, and I am adding my voice to his to endorse going forward as soon as practicable with what may very well prove to be a game-changer for the city and surrounding counties.

I appreciate that the FDA had some constructive criticism; I am not in favor of studying the matter to death in hopes that it will just go away! We can lose a few parking spaces in exchange for getting people places in a more timely fashion, reconfiguring the other bus routes to align with the rapid transit corridor, and seeing more dense development along that corridor.

Thank you for your attention.

Mary-Helen Sullivan  
2023 Grove Ave, 23220

**From:** [Mary Earley](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Support for BRT  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 7:46:07 PM

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Dear Secretary Eastman,

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Thanks for reading,  
Mary Earley

**From:** [jan\\_hatcher](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 04, 2015 8:32:21 PM

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Jeff -

I formerly served on the RRPDC's Citizens Transportation Advisory Council, and through this experience, I learned a lot about transportation needs in our region and the Bus Rapid Transit project. I feel strongly that this is a very important project for our region that will not only help with current needs, but also position us to better manage our transportation needs as they grow. Thank you for your work on this!

***Jan Hatcher-Conquest***  
**janhatcher@verizon.net**  
**804-928-3374**

**From:** [Mollie Lennarz](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Improved rapid transit  
**Date:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 7:48:04 AM

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Dear Mr Eastman,

I encourage the UDC to speedily improve the options for getting around Richmond via public transit.

As a resident of Goochland who goes into Richmond for work, shopping, visiting urban friends, dining out, attending art and music venues, I am acutely aware of gaps in the current web of public transportation. In contrast, my family has lived in and outside cities whose public transportation enabled us to get around regularly without driving our own car. It's WONDERFUL to get around on public transportation, and as soon as it is reliable, rapid, and extensive, the population who will use it will become all-inclusive.

You build it & everyone will use it, some all the time and some less often. Imagine if teenagers could get around without getting into a car...safer roads and increased part-time employment and increased options for engaging in all the resources of the city. Imagine if young adults could get to jobs and grocery stores and shopping centers without having to purchase a car + insurance + fuel + maintenance + licenses or pay car taxes...lowering of the obstacles for people trying to become productive adults.

My own family feels both ridiculous and frustrated by having to own multiple cars to enable each of us to do what we need to get done in a single day in Richmond. Sadly, we are contributing to the very traffic that slows down all of us.

Thank you for considering the voice of a non-resident of Richmond who urges the UDC to go forward in extending and improving public transportation.

Mollie Lennarz  
Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Becky Adams](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Rapid Transit system  
**Date:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 8:05:03 AM

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Please,

We need it now--to enable all our citizens (young, old, all colors, rich, poor) to mix and mingle in all our life activities, and to conserve our environmental resources.

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Rebecca W. Adams  
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Richmond, VA 23235

**From:** [proofrockcopywriter@gmail.com](mailto:proofrockcopywriter@gmail.com) on behalf of [Peter Henry](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** I support BRT!  
**Date:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 8:28:59 AM

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Hello, Mr. Eastman:

I've been unable to come to the BRT meetings due to work and board meetings, but I am writing to make sure you hear the support for BRT from people like me. I lived along Broad Street for a long time (I now live in the Rosedale neighborhood), and I work with many of the city's most at-risk through OAR of Richmond. I see the BRT as transformative both to their lives and mine.

Thanks,

Peter Henry  
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**From:** [Felipe Nascimento](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Richmond BRT  
**Date:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 8:40:29 AM

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Dear Mr. Jeff Eastman,

I am a resident of the City of Richmond, I live in the Fan. I would like to express my support for the BRT and feel strongly that it is vital to our community's health and growth that we implement such public transportation projects. Without such vital initial steps to implementing a sustainable and scalable public transportation infrastructure our community will become congested with automobiles and pollution.

Thank you for your time and I hope the Urban Design Committee accepts GRTC's BRT plan.

Sincerely,

Felipe Nascimento

**From:** [Sarah Masters](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Pulse  
**Date:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 8:51:07 AM

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Hi Jeff,

I am unable to make any of the meetings this week, but I am a strong supporter of improving public transportation in Richmond. Change and growth can be painful, but with a better public transit system, Richmond will be in a better place 15-30 years from now.

Hoping for improvement,  
Sarah Masters

**From:** [Mark Gliebe](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Broad/Main Bus Rapid Transit  
**Date:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 2:48:57 PM

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Jeff,

I support this project if it means Richmond will stop talking about it and start doing it. Lets be city that no longer lives in the shadows of other medium size cities or even Washington D.C. You don't see Portland living in the shadow Seattle, or San Diego to L.A., Nashville to Atlanta, Baltimore to D.C., Austin to Dallas, Milwaukee to Chicago. So lets start making Richmond the city it is capable of being. If this is the beginning to create a street car city system to a regional system and then a connector system to D.C. then I am all for it. If this is more talk and paying useless consulting companies to "analyze" its "feasibility" then count me out. Lets make some noise and make Richmond a destination and place that is unique to any other city.

Mark Gliebe

**From:** [Elliott Harrigan](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** BRT  
**Date:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 3:50:32 PM

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Mr Eastman

I am in support of the BRT plan.

I have reservations about some aspects of the proposed design.

However, I think it is critical that we take the first step to implement a mass transit system to serve the city and surrounding jurisdictions.

Kind regards

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**From:** [Roberts, Mackenzie](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** RVA Rapid Transit  
**Date:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 4:24:25 PM

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Hi Mr. Eastman,

I wanted to take a moment to express my support for expanding public transportation in Richmond. I recently moved to Richmond from Seattle and before that, I lived in Washington, DC. Both Seattle and DC have public transportation that is far superior to the options in Richmond. As a "transplant" I have spoken with a number of other residents who are from larger cities such as New York, L.A. and Boston. Collectively, we agree that in order for Richmond to continue to expand and progress, there needs to be an improvement in public transportation. To draw residents from outside Virginia, it is important to provide access to basic services that they can receive in other cities.

Furthermore, from an environmental standpoint, there is no excuse for failing to keep up with the trends in public transportation. Forcing more residents to use their cars to go even the smallest distances is extremely unethical. As a young person, I understand that millennials tend to avoid cities that ignore these critical changes and advancements. If Richmond wants to grow in size, advance in technology and become a competing city in the US, there needs to be focus on these types of issues.

Thank you,  
Mackenzie

**From:** [Christopher Banks](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** BRT progress  
**Date:** Thursday, November 05, 2015 6:28:09 PM

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Dear Mr. Jeff Eastman,

I am writing to you today as a concerned citizen, public transportation advocate, and member of the Partnership for Smarter Growth.

I was unable to attend the meetings this week, but did attend the previous sessions some months ago. At these meetings I voiced my concern of the duplication of studies through the currently proposed "study of studies" which will further delay a project that is already 12 years delayed. At the breakout sessions of that meeting I was assured this new study was not going to further delay the project and that it was a necessary step and not a rehashing of already completed work from the half dozen studies.

I understand that may no longer be the case, and that this new study will further delay the project. If this is truly the case, then communicating to the public how this study differs, why it is necessary, and that it will be definitive seems appropriate. When can we expect this accounting as we are already years behind the originally proposed completion dates of other studies?

Regards,

Chris Banks



**From:** [Trish Bernal](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the Broad/Main Bus Rapid Transit  
**Date:** Friday, November 06, 2015 11:16:25 AM

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Mr. Eastman,

I am writing in support of the Broad/Main Bus Rapid Transit project. I am a Richmond City resident and bus rider.

Thank you for considering my support of this project.

Trish Bernal  
Resident/voter/bus rider

**From:** [Amy Schad](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** BRT beginning  
**Date:** Sunday, November 08, 2015 8:46:51 PM

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Dear Mr. Eastman,

I am unable to attend the public meetings related to the BRT, but extremely hopeful that the BRT system can be launched and running soon in the Richmond metro area. It is greatly needed for our citizens, especially for improving access to public transit for those working in the area. Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to hearing about the outcomes of these public forum meetings.

Sincerely,

Amy Schad, MSW Supervisee in Social Work  
Resident of Church Hill, Richmond, VA

**From:** [Charles Warren](#)  
**To:** [Eastman, Jeff R. - PDR](#)  
**Subject:** Please Support Metro-wide Transit & GRTC Pulse!  
**Date:** Monday, November 16, 2015 8:46:56 AM

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Mr. Eastman,

I am writing to you to ask the Planning Commission to support GRTC's Bus Rapid Transit Project, Pulse. I want to express my strong support for the Bus Rapid Transit project, which will help revitalize our city and provide the critical first step to a region-wide transportation system. This BRT project will speed up trips for anyone going to, from or connecting through downtown, making public transit more time competitive with other transportation modes.

With frequent service 16 hours a day, it will provide efficient, reliable access to jobs, businesses, recreation and the East End riverfront on the James. Furthermore, it will attract new investment, companies and the next generation of employees, and help break the cycle of poverty in which so many are stuck.

The length of transit trips is currently particularly long on the City's East End. For those of us who want to use transit to get from the East End to the West End, there is often a delay at the transfer center that doubles the trip time. Routes on the East End also come far less often than routes on the city's West End. This project would alleviate both of these problems by providing more frequent and faster service along the East Main Street Corridor. While opponents have said that current bus service is adequate because of the frequent service of the #6 bus, this service does not extend into the East End.

Shockoe Bottom and Church Hill have seen a lot of growth in recent years. In order to sustain this growth, these areas will need additional transportation options. The Bus Rapid Transit project provides a viable alternative to driving that will allow the neighborhood to grow without adding congestion to the neighborhood streets. A rapid transit system may also be what is needed to spur development of the empty storefronts along Main Street.

I recognize that the Bus Rapid Transit project does not solve all of Richmond's transportation challenges, but I think it is a valuable first step. This project will allow for faster, more reliable, and more frequent service along one corridor of Richmond's transit system. This project can be a model for future projects to bring improved service to other parts of the city. This project is being implemented in cooperation with one of the City's neighbors (Henrico County). This kind of cooperation is what is

needed to improve transit region-wide. By implementing this project the City has an opportunity to lead in the development of transit in the region.

After 12 years of study, meetings, consultation, refinement and compromise, it's time for Richmond to move forward with high-quality, efficient, reliable, frequent rapid transit. Please vote in favor of this project without delay so that we can move forward toward a better transit system.

Sincerely,

Charles Warren