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**The Virginia Transit Association hosted its 2005 Awards Luncheon on May 10<sup>th</sup> to recognize outstanding service by individuals and exceptional transit programs, and to advance and expand public transportation in the Commonwealth.**

**Richmond, Virginia** - Held at the Crowne Plaza Ft. Magruder Hotel in Williamsburg, the *2005 VTA Awards Luncheon* honored the outstanding public transportation leadership and innovative and effective programs by transit systems.

The following awards were given:

### ***Outstanding Public Transportation Marketing Award (Small System) – Charlottesville Transit System***

Charlottesville Transit System designed and installed an interactive information kiosk in Charlottesville's newly renovated Greyhound station. The kiosk offers one-stop commuter shopping and encourages visitors to complete their trips via public transportation. The kiosk features a touch screen computer, two television screens, and a stand for print materials. The computer is directly linked to [www.commuterinformation.com](http://www.commuterinformation.com) and information is available in both English and Spanish. Additionally, regional GIS data can be incorporated into the kiosk to provide for real-time information.

The award was presented by Chris Zimmerman, President of VTA and Vice-Chairman of the Arlington County Board.

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