



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Route 29 Corridor Blueprint?

The Route 29 Corridor Blueprint will include the identification of achievable short, intermediate and long-range improvements that will increase safety, enhance mobility through choice of transportation mode and boost economic activity within the Route 29 Corridor between Interstate 66 in Prince William County, Va. and the North Carolina state line.

The Blueprint will also include policy recommendations to ensure the continued viability of Route 29 as a major transportation corridor in the commonwealth. This planning effort will take a broad look at key features along the corridor to identify common ground and build the consensus of vision needed from various governments along and citizens who utilize the corridor.

Why?

The Route 29 Corridor is a major north-south link for through and local traffic in the Commonwealth's transportation network. In 1991, Congress designated Route 29 as a High Priority Corridor on the National Highway System through the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act. In recent years increasing traffic volumes coupled with significant development in key areas has created conflicts resulting in congestion and safety concerns.

What is the Blueprint NOT?

The Blueprint is NOT a project. The Blueprint is not a transportation funding plan. The Blueprint is not an environmental document.

Who?

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in association with the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) and various state and local elected officials, initiated the planning process. To help steer the planning efforts, representatives of each planning district commission (PDC) and metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) along the corridor, as well as VDOT and Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) serve on the Technical Advisory Committee. They, in turn, work with Parsons Transportation Group, a leader in transportation planning, to facilitate development of the Blueprint.

How?

Beginning immediately, meetings will be held with PDCs and MPOs along the corridor to explain the process for developing a vision for the Route 29 Corridor Blueprint. In addition, regional planning forums and public meetings will be held to gain citizen input. In conjunction with these more formal meetings, public “listening tours” will be held throughout the corridor. The first of these public events will be held in February 2009 and follow-up events are planned for later this year.

When?

The goal is to develop a draft Blueprint that will guide land development and transportation improvements and will be presented to the CTB by November 2009. Following CTB action, an effort will be undertaken to have all localities along the corridor pass a resolution indicating their support for the Blueprint.

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