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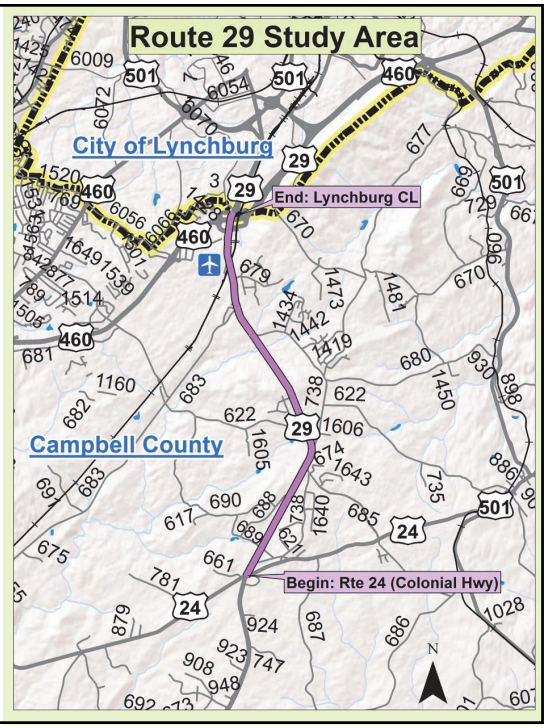
Route 29 Corridor Assessment Update
Public Meeting 3

October 27, 2016

What are We Assessing?

- A joint state and local strategy to guide development and transportation decisions
- Route 29 between Route 460 and Callahan Road
- Local advice: "Consider everyone's viewpoint"
- Use the new FHWA PlanWorks tool to assist with the planning process



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Goals for the Route 29 Corridor Assessment Effort

- ❑ Preserve and enhance public safety
- ❑ Support local economic development and vitality
- ❑ Maximize transportation system efficiency
- ❑ Wise use of public funds

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Planning Process: Where We've Been

Engage the community

<u>First public meeting:</u>

- described overall effort
- discussed current conditions and ideas for this part of the Route 29 Corridor

Follow-up interviews and Findings Summary

Comments inform technical tasks

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Planning Process: Where We've Been

Engage the community

Second public meeting:

- Overview of past studies
- Description and examples of transportation improvements for this part of the corridor
- Discussion on current conditions and how different improvements might work

Planning Process: Where We're Going

Engage the community

Third public meeting (tonight):

- Describe different types of transportation solutions on the corridor
- Provide example of how solutions might be packaged together ("blended solution")
- Discuss blended solution package:
  - * Any solutions that people can't support?
  - * How can package be improved or enhanced?
  - * What solutions could you actively support and help implement?

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Planning Process: Where We're Going

Next Steps

- VDOT, CVMPO, Campbell County, AECOM) will develop a final blended solution package
- The package will be presented to the Campbell County Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors and County Administrators
- Create priorities for implementation
- Submit funding request applications

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Funding Programs and Opportunities

- Smart Scale (formerly HB2)
  - Driven by an objective data prioritization process
  - Program opportunities include Construction District Grant and Statewide High-Priority Projects Program
  - Projects submitted by regional entities including MPO's, PDC's, public transit agencies, counties, cities, and towns
- Highway Safety Improvement Program
  - Federally funded program structured and funded to make significant progress in reducing fatalities and severe injuries on public roads
  - Data-driven and strategic approach
- Revenue Sharing Program
  - Localities provide a 50% match to VDOT funds to get projects programmed into SYIP
- Other Programs: Transportation Alternatives Program, State of Good Repair Program, Safe Routes to School

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Examples of Planning Process getting Projects Funded

- Route 221 Congestion & Safety Improvements in Bedford County.
  - Project was identified as a priority project on both the RTE 221 Corridor Plan and the 2040 CVMPO Long Range Plan. Submitted, scored, and funded through Smart Scale $8.1 million project
- Route 151 and 664 Turn Lane in Nelson County.
  - Project was identified as a priority recommendation on the Route 151 Corridor Study. Submitted and funded through Smart Scale $925,000 project
- Waterlick and Timberlake reconstruction project.
  - Project was identified on the CVMPO Long Range Plan and scored high. Submitted, scored, and funded through Smart Scale $3.2 million project
- Route 151/6 at Route 635 in Nelson County.
  - Recommendation identified as a priority improvement on the Route 151 Corridor Study. Submitted and funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program $1.5 million project.

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