

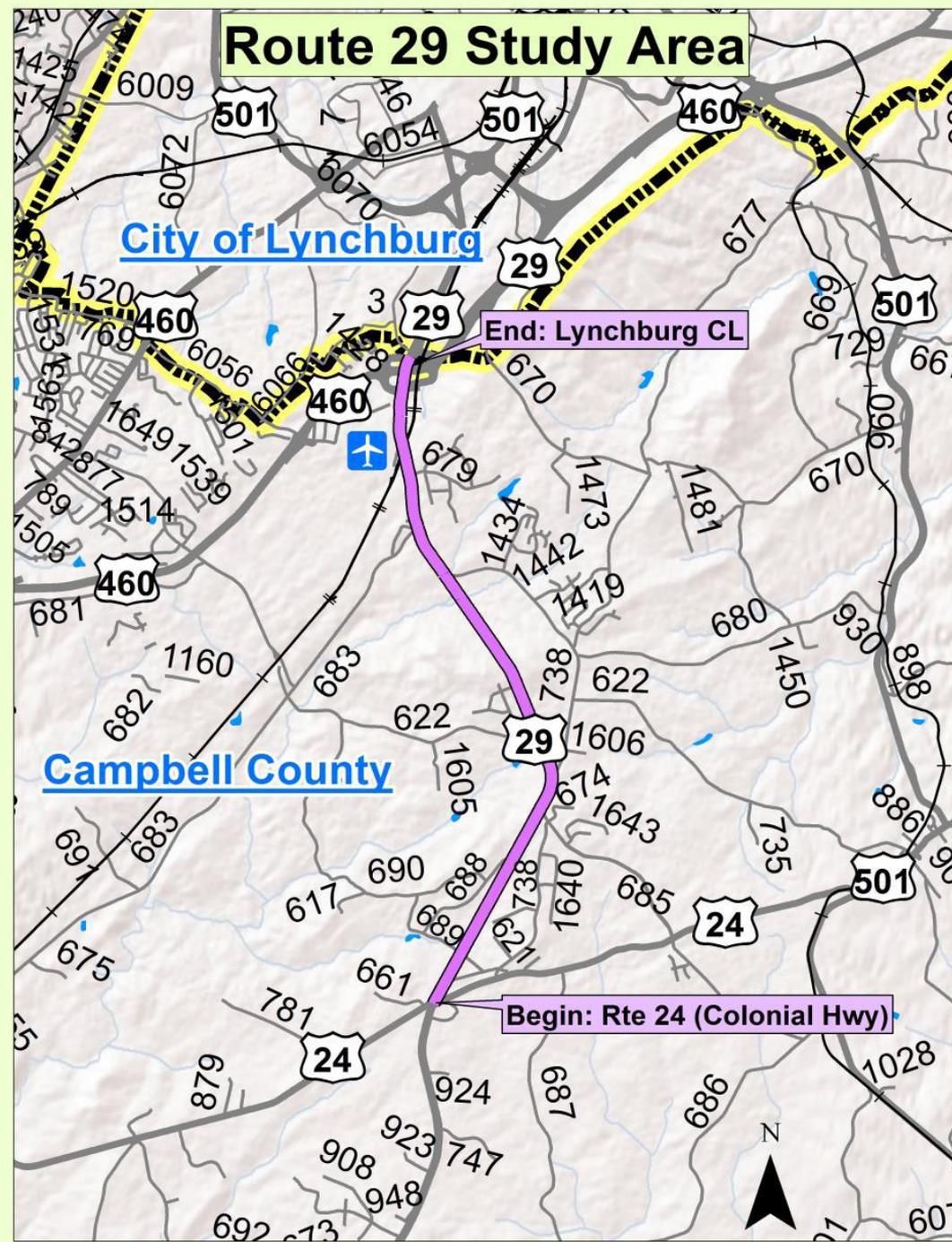


Route 29 Corridor Assessment Update Public Meeting 2

June 23, 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



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

Planning Partners

- VDOT Lynchburg Office
- Campbell County
- Central Virginia MPO/Region 2000
- FHWA Virginia District
- Community Businesses, Organizations and Residents
- VTRC, AECOM, UVA

Planning Process: Where We've Been

Engage the community

- First public meeting
- Follow-up interviews
- Summarize findings
- Findings inform technical tasks



What We've Heard: Findings Summary

- ❑ *Longer-term, comprehensive planning can better anticipate and inform land use, economic and transportation decisions.*
- ❑ *Road configurations affect traffic flow and safety.*
 - Vehicles making turns are sometimes stopped in travel lanes
 - At locations there is reduced visibility of oncoming traffic
- ❑ *Safety issues are compounded by high traffic flow.*
 - A steady stream of traffic makes it difficult to make turns
 - Truck traffic involves wider turns, slower acceleration and deceleration periods, and blind spots
- ❑ *Concerns that funding for the VDOT Lynchburg district is low.*

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**

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.

Next Steps

Tonight

- Share information on technical review
- Describe types of corridor improvements that fit within the current planning context
- Hear your ideas and suggestions

And then...

- Comments due by July 31, 2016
- Develop solution packages by the end of September
- 3rd public workshop in early- to mid-Fall to review the preferred alternatives
- Follow-up on recommendations

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