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 Heard: Map Comments for First Public Meeting

- 71 total comments placed on the various maps of the corridor study area
  - What you like about the corridor
  - What you don’t like about the corridor
  - General comments and recommendations

- All Comments provided on an interactive map for public review and VDOT consideration on the Route 29 Assessment Webpage
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
Empowering communities to create shared solutions