

**Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel
August 7, 2014
Meeting Minutes**

The third meeting of the Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel (PDAP) was held at the Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research in Charlottesville, Virginia on August 7, 2014. Meeting information included:

- Meeting Agenda
- Presentation addressing agenda items

All material distributed at the meeting is available at route29solutions.org.

In attendance: Pete Borches, Chip Boyles, Morgan Butler, Eddie Giles, Mark Graham, Satyendra Huja, Chuck Lebo, John Nunley, Brad Sheffield, Jim Tolbert, Henry Weinschenk. Facilitator: Philip Shucet.

Not in attendance: Karen Weiner

VDOT Technical Team members were also in attendance.

The panel reviewed three comments submitted on the project website and two comments directed to Philip Shucet. The July 24 PDAP meeting was viewed online by 24 individuals. The comments are included in the meeting presentation.

VDOT's July 31 Request for Qualifications Information Meeting was attended by about 60 people. Forty-eight were industry representatives. Thirteen contractors were represented. The list of attendees is posted at: http://www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/rfq/RT_29/Rt_29_Solutions_Info_Meeting_sign_in.pdf

The RFQ and RFP schedules were reviewed and were included in the meeting presentation.

The following project updates were reviewed:

1. 250/29 Ramp at Best Buy (update by Dave Covington)
 - Design approval issued today (Aug. 7)
 - Meeting with residents about sound walls tonight (Aug. 7)
 - Cost estimate is \$17.15 million; advertise for construction in December 2014
 - Construction starts in spring 2015 and currently scheduled to finish July 2016
2. Hillsdale (update by Jim Tolbert)
 - Project is moving again now that right of way was funded by CTB
 - Section to Holiday Drive will be bundled with Hydraulic PE
3. Adaptive Signal (update by John Lynch)
 - Includes 21 signals in the county
 - Cabinets and communication will be improved first

4. Berkmar update (update by Philip Shucet)

- Location hearing set for September 16, 2014, with CTB Location Approval scheduled for October, 15, 2014 CTB meeting.

Philip reviewed a tentative schedule of design reviews and informed the panel that the Design-Build Package development schedule contains 189 steps that are carefully being monitored by the technical team.

The panel should see conceptual drawings at the next PDAP meeting on Aug. 28.

Design Public hearings for Rio intersection and Rt. 29 widening are currently scheduled for November 2014, and for Berkmar in July 2015.

Chip Boyles briefed the panel about MPO-Albemarle County Outreach and Communications plans. He said the goal is to bring local players into the VDOT communications plan. A draft plan will be provided to the panel at the next meeting Aug. 28. Some panel members expressed desire that the plan not only focus on impacts during construction but also on post-construction.

During the project updates Panel members made several requests, including:

- Complete the Best Buy ramp before other construction starts. (Philip indicated that he would pursue this matter further with VDOT and report back no later than the August 28 PDAP meeting.)
- City wants access to the Hillsdale Extended right of way money sooner than the current 2017 time frame and may need VDOT assistance with Post Office right of way acquisition.
- Consideration should be given to constructing a 4-lane bridge across the Rivanna as part of the Berkmar Project, as well as consideration of extending Ashwood Boulevard to Berkmar. (Philip indicated that he will further explore both matters with VDOT and report back to the Panel.)
- Allow Albemarle County Architectural Review Board to have input on landscaping, signing, and bridge aesthetics. (Philip indicated that concepts would be available for ARB review and that ARB comments would be welcome and appropriately considered.)

The following suggested items will be considered for the August 28 PDAP agenda:

- Continuing project updates
- Communications and Outreach update
- Integrated review schedule of all Design-Build projects
- Report on Best Buy completion date recommendation
- Report on Berkmar project recommendations

The meeting was open to the public, streamed live, and is available on video at route29solutions.org.

Post Meeting Note: The audio and video podcasts of the August 7 meeting are incomplete due to interruptions in the Internet streaming during the webcast.