



Route 29 Solutions

August 28, 2014

Rt. 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel Meeting



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Agenda item 1: Introductions

- **Project Delivery Advisory Panel**
- **Technical Team**



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Agenda item 2: Interaction and Feedback

Live Streaming

- Viewers: 47
- Streams: 194
- Average time: 17 minutes



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Agenda item 2: Interaction and Feedback (continued)

- 37 comments submitted through route29solutions.org since Aug 7
- Comments tend to include more than one issue regarding project design, project selection, project sequencing, and construction schedules

Summary of Comments

- 1 suggests the grade separation should be done at Hydraulic, not Rio
- 1 opposes building Rio at the same time as the parallel roads
- 1 suggests priority should be Rio, then ramp at Best Buy
- 1 suggests building ramp at Best Buy ramp first, then Rio intersection, parallel roads and adaptive signals



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Agenda item 2: Interaction and Feedback (continued)

Summary of Comments (continued)

- 1 supports a paved multi-use path as part of Route 29 widening
- 1 asks for a dedicated right-turn lane from North Hollymead Drive to Route 29 north, instead of current design for left or right turns
- 1 appreciates VDOT adopting local ideas and moving swiftly
- 1 requests public release of project models and timelines
- 1 expresses concern about traffic weaving across through lanes at Rio to get to left turn lanes
- 1 asks how Rio through lanes affect nearby intersections such as Woodbrook and Rio Hill



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Agenda item 2: Interaction and Feedback (continued)

Summary of Comments (continued)

- 1 supports a future bypass, possibly on the Route 15 alignment from Culpeper to I-64
- 1 supports combining the three projects in a single design-build
- 1 opposes design-build and believes design-bid-build levels playing field and offers thorough public comment
- 1 requests smooth flow of traffic be maintained during construction
- 2 support building the parallel roads first
- 3 support grade separations at both Rio and Hydraulic
- 18 support moving all projects forward quickly to minimize disruption
- 21 support building the Rio grade separation first; 9 before or simultaneously with parallel roads
- 23 support the package of projects



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Agenda item 3: RFQ and RFP Update

Request for Qualifications

- RFQ advertised: Jul 24 ✓
- RFQ Information Meeting: Jul 31 ✓
- Deadline to submit questions: Aug 7 ✓
- VDOT response to questions: Aug 14 ✓
- SOQs submitted by contractors: Aug 28 ✓ (by 4:00pm)
- SOQ evaluations complete: Sep 18
- *Berkmar Location Public Hearing:* Sep 18
- Shortlist of top three firms: Sep 25



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Agenda item 3: RFQ and RFP Update (continued)

Request for Proposals - 2014

- RFP issued to top three firms: Oct 2
- Information / Utility Meeting: Oct 9
- *Design Public Hearings:* Oct 14
- Proprietary meetings: Oct 23
- RFP addendum (if necessary): Nov 6
- Proprietary meetings: Nov 20
- Technical proposals: Dec 4



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Agenda item 3: RFQ and RFP Update (continued)

Request for Proposals - 2015

- Technical proposal evaluation: Jan 5
- Price proposals submitted: Jan 7
- Open price proposals: Jan 9
- Notice of intent to award: Jan 16
- FHWA review and approval: Jan 8 - Jan 30
- To CTB for approval: Feb 18
- Notice to proceed: Mar 4



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Agenda item 4: Panel Recommendations

- **Accelerate Ramp at Best Buy completion date**
Completion date accelerated
Firm contract completion no later than May 21, 2016
- **Construct 4-lane bridge on Berkmar**
VDOT will acquire 4-lane right-of-way for entire project
Traffic may not warrant 4-lane in 25-year horizon
Construction and maintenance cost of 2nd bridge \approx \$7 - \$8 million
- **Extend Ashwood Boulevard to Berkmar**
Use transportation planning process
MPO must add any extension to long-range plan
If added to plan, will recommend CTB fund an extension



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Agenda item 4: Panel Recommendations (continued)

- **Include Architectural Review Board Review**
Solicited Panel input on architectural and landscape treatments
Will include appropriate treatments as part of RFP
- **Create more public comment transparency on route29solutions.org**
Implementing as part of website redesign
- **Accelerate Design Public Hearings (or delay Nov 6 RFP Addendum)**
Design Public Hearings have been accelerated
Scheduled for Oct 14, 2014 rather than mid-November



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Agenda item 5: Significant Project Milestone Update

- Assembled conceptual drawings for Design-Build projects
- Scheduled Berkmar location public hearing for September 18
- Accelerated completion date for 250/29 ramp at Best Buy
- Scheduled October start of telecommunications installation for Adaptive Signal Timing

Agenda item 6: Integrated Schedule of Design Reviews

ROUTE 29 SOLUTIONS DESIGN REVIEW SCHEDULE											
	2015 April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	2016 Jan	Feb
Rio Road Intersection	✓		✓	✓							
Berkmar Extended		✓				✓				✓	
Route 29 Widening		✓				✓				✓	



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Agenda item 7: Communications

- route29solutions.org redesign
- Post-Panel radio interviews begin Aug 29
- VDOT Communications strategy update
- MPO, Albemarle County and Charlottesville communications update



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Agenda item 8: Review of Conceptual Drawings

- **Berkmar**

- Construct 2 lanes on 4-lane right-of-way

- Bike lanes both directions

- Sidewalk on west side

- Shared use path on east side

- **Rt. 29 Widening**

- Urban section with curb & gutter

- Sidewalk on east and west sides

- Maintain existing capacity during construction (2 lanes each direction)



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Agenda item 8: Review of Conceptual Drawings (continued)

- **Rio Grade Separated Intersection**

Work in intersection limited to between Finals and 1st Football game

No lane closures during peak commute hours

Maximize use of night work in non-residential areas

No total takes of property or parking spaces, but some right-of-way required



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Agenda item 9: Next Panel Meeting

- September 11
- 2:00 - 4:00pm
- Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research



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Agenda item 10: Wrap Up

- Closing comments
- Items for September 11 agenda



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