Route 29 Solutions

November 20, 2014
Rt. 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel Meeting
Agenda item 1: Introductions

• Project Delivery Advisory Panel

• Technical Team
Agenda item 2: Interaction and Feedback

Live Streaming

- Viewers: 52 viewers
- Streams: 125 streams
- Average minutes per stream: 33 minutes
Agenda item 2: Interaction and Feedback (continued)

- 10 comments submitted through route29solutions.org Nov 3 - Nov 17
- 85 total Share Your View postings on route29solutions.org
  45 new postings since Nov 3

General Summary of Comments submitted through website
- 3 oppose Rio grade separated intersection
- 4 support building parallel roads first
- 2 support a Charlottesville bypass
- 1 supports the Route 29 Solutions package
- 1 asked why there was not a formal environmental review (*NOTE: Required environmental reviews were conducted and approved by the Federal Highway Administration on September 29, 2014.*)
Agenda item 2: Interaction and Feedback (continued)

• If transparency is important, why use design-build? (*NOTE: Design-build is a widely used procurement process and includes all informal and formal opportunities for public review.*)

• Why doesn’t HB 2 apply? (*NOTE: The law requires the CTB to begin selecting projects for funding pursuant to HB 2 July 1, 2016.*)

• 1 supports a flyover from Route 29 into Albemarle Square Shopping Center

• 1 worries about traffic detouring through Albemarle Square

• 1 supports addressing Hydraulic/29 intersection before Rio/29

• 1 wants adaptive signals to finish first

• 1 suggests improvements also be made to the Proffit Road / Rt. 20 intersection and the underpass at Polo Grounds Road
Agenda item 3: Panel Feedback and Suggestions

• Open Panel Discussion
Agenda item 4: 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 ✔
- SOQ evaluations complete: Sep 18 ✔
- Berkmar Location Public Hearing: Sep 18 ✔
- CEs comment period expiration: Sep 24 ✔
- Shortlist of top three firms: Sep 25 ✔ (Sep 19)
Agenda item 4: RFQ and RFP Update (continued)

Request for Proposals - 2014

- RFP issued to top three firms: Oct 2 ✔
- Mandatory Pre-proposal Meeting: Oct 9 ✔
- Utility Meeting: Oct 9 ✔
- Design Public Hearings: Oct 14 ✔
- Berkmar Location Approval: Oct 15 ✔
- Proprietary meetings: Oct 23 (rev Oct 21-22) ✔
- RFP addendum: Nov 6 ✔
- Proprietary meetings: Nov 19 and 20 ✔
Agenda item 4: RFQ and RFP Update (continued)

Request for Proposals - 2015

- Technical proposals due: Jan 6
- Price proposals submitted: Jan 20
- Open price proposals: Jan 21
- Notice of intent to award: Jan 23
- FHWA review and approval: Jan 26 - Jan 30
- To CTB for approval: Feb 18
- Notice to proceed: Mar 4
Agenda item 5: Report on PDAP Recommendations and Requests

Panel Recommendations

• Explain benefits for businesses on either side of Rio

• Maintain left turn movements at Woodbrook post-construction

• Consider no right-on-red at Woodbrook and Fashion Square (Twenty ninth)

• Maintain safe bike and pedestrian crossings with all Route 29 Solutions projects
Agenda item 5: Report on PDAP Recommendations and Requests (continued)

- Connect sidewalk at Towncenter Drive to sidewalk on west side of Route 29 Widening

- Provide left-turn access to Rio West at Merchant’s Tire and Hardee’s during construction
Agenda item 6: Disposal of Bypass Right of Way

• VDOT received approval to release property acquired for Route 29 Bypass.

• Nine properties, purchased as advanced acquisitions, will be offered for sale to the former owners.

• If those owners decline the offer, the property will be offered to the public through a sealed bid process.
Agenda item 6: Disposal of Bypass Right of Way

• In all, about 125 properties purchased for the Bypass will be reviewed to determine whether any of the right-of-way is needed for future transportation improvements.

• Once reviews of those properties not purchased as advanced acquisitions are complete, the properties will be offered back to the original owners.

• As required by state law, if the original owner is not interested in repurchasing the property it will be offered for sale through a sealed bid process.
Agenda item 7: Utility and Stormwater Management Update

Utility relocation for Rio GSI

- VDOT is in close coordination with all utility owners along the project for relocation plans
- VDOT is performing preliminary utility relocation design; will bring to 50% complete before contract award

- VDOT will acquire utility relocation easements
- Preliminary utility field inspection scheduled for Dec. 4
- VDOT will begin utility easement acquisition in January 2015
Agenda item 8: City Update - Hillsdale and Adaptive Signals

• Jim Tolbert update

• Hillsdale incorporated into the Route 29 Solutions Integrated Schedule and posted on route29solutions.org

  2015 - Right of Way acquisition
  2016 - Q1 Advertise bids and start construction
  2017 - Complete construction on or before Oct 30
Agenda item 9: Business Assistance Program Update

• Mark Graham update
Agenda item 10: Community Assistance and Engagement plan

• Chip Boyles update
Agenda item 11: Historical AADT on Route 29

Route 29: Hydraulic to Rio

1980: 41,000
1997: 46,000
2013: 56,000

Route 29: Rio Road north to Hollymead Drive

1980: 25,000
1997: 38,000
2013: 46,000
Agenda item 12: North pedestrian crossing at Rio/29 intersection

- Removed to enhance pedestrian safety and protect integrity of EB Rio to NB Rt. 29 movement
- Crosswalks remain on Rio East and Rio West
- Rt. 29 Crosswalk consolidated south or Rio
Agenda item 13: New Business and Wrap Up
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