



**Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel  
December 18, 2014  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting 12 of the Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel (PDAP) was held at the Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research in Charlottesville, Virginia on December 18, 2014. Meeting information included:

- Meeting Agenda
- Presentation addressing agenda items

All material distributed at the meeting is available at [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org)

In attendance: 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: Pete Borches, Karen Weiner.

VDOT Technical Team support members were also in attendance.

Five comments were submitted via email through [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). The comment summaries are included in the meeting presentation. Responses to the issues were discussed during the meeting and are recorded on the meeting video posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org).

Report on PDAP Feedback, Recommendations and Requests:

- VDOT will coordinate with Carter Myers Automotive and Rio Hill Shopping Center regarding placement of appropriate signs directing delivery trucks to Rio Hill Shopping Center
- Rio GSI drive-through video is scheduled to be ready by the end of January
- At request of Jim Plotkin, a preliminary concept was developed for a southbound Route 29 flyover to Albemarle Square and was shared with the panel and included in the meeting presentation posted on

[route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). The cost is \$10 million and is not part of the design-build project.

Panel feedback and suggestions:

- Pete Borches asked via e-mail about the status of funds in the long range plan that were attached to the Western Bypass. County officials noted the funding is future allocations and it could be moved to another project or be used to move up a project from the visioning plan.
- Pete also inquired about landscaping and setbacks associated with the Rio GSI sidewalks. Mark Graham said new county regulations do not apply to existing roadway and that the project follows the intent of county regulations. Dave Covington said low vegetation is allowed.
- Karen Weiner also e-mailed questions.

Responses were sent to both Pete and Karen, and the questions and responses will be reviewed at the Jan 8, 2105 PDAP meeting.

RFQ and RFP Update: Dave Covington reviewed the timeline for sequestering the selection team and scoring the proposals in January. Philip Shucet noted that he is not involved in the procurement or selection process.

The Rio GSI Maintenance of Traffic graphic was revised and posted to [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). The revisions include new turning movements at Merchants Tire and Myers Drive and arrows representing permitted turn movements on Route 29 and Rio Road in the project area.

The panel reviewed its July 10 charge from Transportation Secretary Aubrey Layne: To advise VDOT during the development and delivery of the Rt. 29 Solution Package Projects on matters regarding design, environmental permitting, construction, maintenance of traffic, and public safety.

The panel reviewed PDAP recommendations that have been incorporated in the project:

For the July Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

- Indicated that Rio Road connects Berkmar, Hillsdale and the John Warner Parkway to Rt. 29
- Change taking “measured risks” to “calculated risks” in qualifying experience
- Clarified the number of local Rt. 29 lanes as two through and two turn lanes in each direction

- Included construction in urban corridors as part of qualifying experience

For project delivery:

- Accelerated completion of Route 29/250 (Best Buy) ramp construction prior to the start of major work on the Rio Grade Separated Intersection
- Included Hillsdale South Extension in Hydraulic study and consider extending to 250 Bypass
- Adjusted traffic count schedule to include a non-football weekend count.
- Accelerated design public hearings on the design-build package. Moved to mid-October from mid-November
- Included Architectural Review Board guidelines in the Rio project
- Included SELC aesthetic treatment recommendations in the Rio project
- Included additional turning storage at Woodbrook and Fashion Square entrance
- Added multi-use path on Route 29 Widening
- Added interactive public comment section on the project website
- Reconsidered and included architectural treatments on the Rt. 250/29 ramp
- Added a crossover on Rio Road West to permit left turns out of Merchant's Tire and Hardee's during the 103-day restricted period
- Committed to repair existing Berkmar pavement between 29 and Rio before May 23, 2016

Morgan Butler noted that the panel's charge is to improve the projects, not debate them.

Chip Boyles applauded the panel's transparency and information dissemination.

Philip reported on his follow-up meeting with Smart29 Dec. 18, 11 a.m.– 1 p.m. at ACAC. He said if he receives the presentation Smart29 reviewed at the Dec 18 meeting, he will share it with Secretary Layne.

New business:

- The Rio GSI rendering has been updated to show different landscaping, enhanced lighting and other features.
- The RIO GSI video has also been updated.
- Both have been posted to the [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org) website. A web archive will be established to post all previous versions.

The next panel meeting is Jan 8, 2015.

The meeting was open to the public, streamed live, and will be available on video at [route29solutions.org](https://route29solutions.org)