



**Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel
January 22, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting 14 of the Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel (PDAP) was held at the Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research in Charlottesville, Virginia on January 22, 2015. Meeting information included:

- Meeting Agenda
- Presentation addressing agenda items

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

In attendance: Chip Boyles, Morgan Butler, Mark Graham, John Nunley, Brad Sheffield, Chris Engel, Karen Weiner, Henry Weinschenk. Facilitator: Philip Shucet.

Not in attendance: Pete Borches, Eddie Giles, Satyendra Huja, Chuck Lebo.

VDOT Technical Team support members were also in attendance.

Chris Engel has replaced Jim Tolbert representing the City of Charlottesville on the panel.

13 comments were submitted via email through 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.

Report on PDAP Feedback, Recommendations and Requests:

- A link has been established on the project website to connect to Business Assistance information on Albemarle County's website.
www.route29solutions.org/panels_meetings/project_documents.asp

Panel feedback and suggestions:

- Brad Sheffield expressed a constituent concern about safely mixing u-turns and continuous right turns on Route 29 northbound. Philip Shucet said bollards will be used to delineate the two lanes of traffic until they merge further north of the intersection. The use of lane delineators is a common practice in similar situations.
- It was a consensus that adding Pete Borches to the PDC's business assistance oversight committee is a good idea.
- Morgan Butler suggested that a neighborhood representative be added to the PDC's oversight committee as well. A discussion followed. Brad said there's a challenge choosing which neighborhood should be represented. Chip Boyles reminded the panel that neighborhoods are represented on the neighborhood subcommittee. Brad offered to review the discussion of the matter at the previous panel meeting and report back.

RFP Update: Philip shared the price proposals submitted for the Design-Build package – Lane-Corman Joint Venture, (in round numbers) \$117 million; Shirley Contracting Co., \$188 million; Skanska-Branch Joint Venture, \$160 million.

Dave Covington reviewed the scoring and best value selection process. VDOT has already scored the technical proposals. The price proposals were under review for responsiveness. Price will be weighted 70 percent and technical approach 30 percent. He said an intent to award will be issued by Monday or sooner. (The notice of intent was issued day following the PDAP meeting.) In response to a question from Henry Weinschenk, Dave said prices for the individual projects will be provided by the winning contractor at a later date.

Philip noted that design-build projects must adhere to all VDOT specifications.

Construction Package Update:

- 29/250 Interchange – Contract was awarded by CTB Jan. 14 to Fielder's Choice Enterprises Inc., of Charlottesville, for \$11.1 million. Contract execution is on schedule.
- Adaptive Signals – Phase 1 is on schedule. Utility borings and loop detector installation continues.
- Hillsdale Drive – VDOT is awaiting right of way plans from the city. VDOT is assisting with Post Office right of way. Henry asked if construction could be phased. Chris Engel said phasing was explored, but was not feasible because of right of way and other issues.

Community Assistance and Engagement Committee update: Chip Boyles said Pete Borches will join the oversight committee. Neighborhood, business assistance and communications subcommittees meet and report to the oversight committee. They are looking at phone apps, signing, quadrant naming, business assistance strategies, traffic calming, message boards for meetings, speed limits in neighborhoods, emergency services, staging during the 103 day construction period.

A new Drive-Through Video Simulation was shared with the panel and is available at route29solutions.org under Advisory Panel Documents. The simulation includes four views showing trips going north on Route 29, south on Route 29, and left turns from Rio Road onto Route 29. The Drive-Through will continue to be used as a tool to assess various signing options.

Signing at Rio GSI: Signing examples were shared, but due to time constraints, the discussion will move to the Feb. 5 meeting. It was noted VDOT cannot erect signs on private property without a permanent easement.

New Business and Wrap Up:

- Philip noted that he met with Open Data Institute to discuss mapping and directions during and after construction. Traffic pattern changes will be shared with four organizations that feed navigation programs so that drivers will be routed around detours and provided accurate directions.
- Karen Weiner inquired about Architectural Review Board guidelines on signing. Mark Graham said he will provide an update at another meeting.

The next panel meeting is Feb. 5, 2015.

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