



**Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel  
July 16, 2015  
Summary Meeting Minutes**

(NOTE: The meeting video is posted at [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org).)

Meeting 25 of the Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel (PDAP) was held at the Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research in Charlottesville, Virginia on July 16, 2015. Meeting information included:

- Meeting Agenda
- Presentation addressing agenda items

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

1. In attendance: Pete Borches, Chip Boyles, Morgan Butler, Mark Graham, Satyendra Huja, Brad Sheffield, Chris Engel, Karen Weiner. Facilitator: Philip Shucet.

Absent: Henry Weinschenk.

VDOT Technical Team members were also in attendance.

2. Transportation Secretary Aubrey Layne addressed the panel and announced that Gov. McAuliffe will supplement the county Board of Supervisor's \$100,000 business assistance program with \$200,000 in state money. Details are still being worked out. He reinforced that the state will do what's necessary to make the project successful and least impactful during the construction period. He said much of the panel's suggestions have been incorporated into the project and that the Route 29 Solutions model is being replicated across the Commonwealth. The secretary addressed general questions from the panel and audience members.

3. Public Feedback:

One comment was submitted via email through [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org) about a pothole on the Best Buy ramp; and no new posts were submitted on the Provide Input section of [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). The pothole has been repaired.

4. Report on PDAP Feedback: Feedback and responses are included in the PDAP presentation posted on the project website, [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org), which includes an update about progress on overhead signs at Rio GSI.

5. Open Discussion. No discussion.

6. Design-Build Submission Schedule: The schedule is included in the meeting presentation posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). Dave Covington noted the final engineering plans for the Rio GSI are expected tomorrow (July 17).

*Agenda items 8 and 9 were moved ahead of item 7.*

8. Placenaming: Focus Group Preliminary Results and Next Steps. John Martin of SIR made a presentation which is posted under Advisory Panel Documents on the project website, [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). He said about 100 business representatives participated. John Martin made 5 recommendations: keep the placenaming momentum going; include the name Rio in any final naming consideration; focus future naming conversations on Rio Crossings, Rio Crossroads, and Rio Square; explore naming the intersection corners and using both geographic (NE, SE, SW and NW) and locational references; and involve more local businesses and residents in the process.

- Philip Shucet said the team will take another 45 days to work on place naming and a set of recommendations will be ready to share with the County in September.

9. Architectural Treatments: Architectural renderings commissioned by the Southern Environmental Law Center are posted under Advisory Panel Documents on the project website, [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). VDOT's responses to 17 specific recommendations are included in the presentation posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). Each response considers appropriate safety and maintenance cost issues. VDOT team noted that a more robust landscaping plan than what was included in the 60 percent plans is expected from the contractor.

- After some discussion about how to handle landscaping when the temporary crossovers come out, Philip Shucet said further landscaping discussions can be added to a future agenda. Although final engineering plans are expected tomorrow, addendums are expected including landscaping.

*Resumption of agenda*

7. Route 29 Solutions Project Updates:

Dave Covington reviewed project updates. Updates are included in the presentation posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org).

Bullets below reflect additional information and discussion other than that included in the presentation.

- Route 29/250 Interchange: A minor accident that involved three cars was reported on the Best Buy ramp. Philip Shucet asked Joel DeNunzio to continue to monitor the yield condition there.
- Adaptive Signals: Signal at Berkmar and Woodbrook will be ready in the November/December time frame.
- Rio GSI: Duct banks are requiring nighttime lane closures.
- 29 Widening: Right of way negotiations will begin soon and work starts around September.
- Berkmar: Pete Borches asked about water access. Dave Covington said VDOT can leave stone but cannot build parking or a boat launch. Mark Graham said the county is exploring access options.

Joel DeNunzio said paving on the existing, lower Berkmar starts Sunday and will continue for three days.

- Hillsdale: Chris Engel said a public meeting about the Greenbrier intersection is scheduled next week.

#### 10. New Business and Wrap Up

- Pete Borches asked for an update on the TODS program. Philip Shucet said it would be included on the Aug. 6 agenda.
- Chip Boyles followed up on a PDAP visit to the Traffic Operations Center to observe adaptive signals.

The next panel meeting is August 6, 2015.

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