



**Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel  
June 23, 2016  
Summary Meeting Minutes**

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

Meeting 47 of the Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel (PDAP) was held at the Virginia Transportation Research Council in Charlottesville, Virginia on June 23, 2016. 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, Kristin Szakos, Chris Engel, Henry Weinschenk. Facilitator: Philip Shucet.

Absent: Brad Sheffield, Karen Weiner.

VDOT Technical Team members were also in attendance.

2. Public Feedback:

Twenty-seven e-mails were received and 12 new comments were made on the Provide Input section of [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). Two calls were made to the contractor. A summary of comments is included in the meeting presentation which is posted on the project website [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). In response:

- Traffic signal timing at Woodbrook and at Twentyninth Place has been adjusted and continues to be monitored.
- Traffic barrels at Rio westbound to 29 northbound have been adjusted.
- Lane markings on 29 northbound were delayed due to weather but are now in place.
- There will be no new left turn lanes at Branchlands or at Fashion Square.
- Crosswalk from Forest Lakes to Hollymead will not be added.
- As for gravel parking under the new Berkmar bridge, Lane Corman has a permit that requires removal of material.
- Berkmar/29 temporary signal and crossover will be removed once the project is complete.
- Two message boards, north and south of the project, were added.

- Clarification from Dave Covington: There will be a pedestrian crosswalk at North Hollymead at the signal.
- Complaints about truck traffic on Rio Mills Road, Earlysville Road and Advance Mills Road have been addressed.
- Lane Corman was assessed a lane closure fee as a result of being late on a lane closure reopening on a recent weekday morning.
- Signing at the Route 29/250 ramp has been addressed.
- Philip Shucet said he has no knowledge of truckers walking off the job at Rio.

3. Report on PDAP Feedback. Details are included in the meeting presentation which is posted on the project website [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org).

- June 9 PDAP meeting was suspended for a project tour.
- Subcontractor parking outside the easement has been corrected.
- Left turn storage at Woodbrook is being extended 50 feet; Twentyninth Place is being extended 75 feet.

4. Panel Feedback/Open Discussion

- Kristen Szakos requested that Hillsdale construction be publicly updated regularly. Philip Shucet said that it will and noted that notice to proceed is expected June 30 with construction starting with the first week of July. A city-hosted informational meeting is scheduled for June 29.

5. Construction Milestones: Graphic is included in presentation posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org).

- Dave Covington said many percent completes have advanced since the preparation of the table in the presentation and Berkmar utility relocation concluded this morning (June 23).
- Anticipate Route 29/250 ramp punch list items complete by July 2. VDOT is calculating late fees that will be assessed.

6. Route 29 Solutions Project Updates: Dave Covington reviewed project updates. Updates with photographs 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:
  - Working on punch list items and general site cleanup; expansion points, curb crack, minor cracking in barrier walls, draining repair, shoulder grading and completing pavement parkings.
  - Philip Shucet said all items should have been complete by May 21.

- Limbs were trimmed that blocked some signs.
  - Pete Borches asked about wayfinding sign for Monticello/Ashland. Dave Covington said sign is in vicinity of Ivy interchange.
  - Pete Borches asked if overhead sign content can be changed. He said it's easier to get to Richmond by going west on 250 to I-64 as opposed to directing to 250 east as it currently reads.
  - In response to Henry Weinschenk, Dave Covington said there is a landscape plan for the Route 29 median.
- Rio GSI
    - 24 of 65 wall sections are complete.
    - All sections of bridge deck were poured this week.
    - Still ahead of schedule.
    - Kristen Szakos asked where pedestrians are crossing during construction and a discussion followed. As opposed to crossing at the next closest lights, pedestrians are still crossing mid-block, just outside the construction zone, which is what pedestrians were doing prior to construction.
    - Henry Weinschenk asked if the bridge could be open before the full intersection to accommodate pedestrians. Dave Covington said it cannot because traffic would not flow efficiently without the through lanes open.
- Route 29 Widening
    - Periodic night closures to get equipment in.
    - Will see work accelerate now that grading crew has moved up from Rio.
- Berkmar Extended
    - Blasting will continue another 1 to 1 1/2 months.
    - Getting good road building material out of Rio excavation.
    - Piers going up quickly; expect steel beams will go in for bridge deck late July. Bridge should be finished by the end of the year.
- Hillsdale Extension: Hal Jones provided the update.
    - Stakeholders committee meeting was held; timing and sequencing discussed.
    - 1 relocated business opens Tuesday (June 28). Within 2 weeks, second business will be relocated.
    - Utility relocations are ahead of schedule.
    - City is hosting public information meeting June 29.
    - Notice to proceed to Fielders Choice expected June 30, with construction beginning within a week.
    - Chip Boyles asked if Fielders Choice can attend any PDAP meetings. Philip Shucet noted it will be explored.

- Mark Graham said the county would like to know when impacts on Greenbrier would occur. Dave Covington said city has not received a schedule yet from Fielders Choice.
- Responding to Kristin Szakos, Hal Jones noted there should be no problem finding workers. Philip Shucet said roll over of crews would be expected from Best Buy ramp.

7. Update on Traffic Operations Signal Monitoring: Details about adjustments to the signals at Woodbrook and at Fashion Square are included in the presentation posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org)

- Dave Covington indicated the new timing is working well.
- Dave Covington met with Fashion Square representatives and they're okay with adding time to that signal.

8. Interim Milestones Rio GSI: Chart is included in the presentation posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org) that tracks interim construction milestones.

- Philip Shucet continues to believe that work may wrap up before the beginning of August.
- Philip Shucet asked if PDAP would be interested in a hard hat tour of the work area.

9. Monthly Budget Update: Chart is included in the presentation posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org).

- Philip Shucet said Route 29/250 project invoiced amount is more than contract value, which leaves a negative balance. John Lynch explained challenges with invoicing because contractor was doing some work for the city that got mixed into the project. He said there also were quantity overruns. VDOT is still projecting coming in \$100,000 below budget.
- Responding to Pete Borches, Philip Shucet said the figures do not include assessments for being late.
- Any savings from a project coming in under budget go back into the 6-year-plan for allocation.
- Hydraulic is in 6-year plan for preliminary engineering only. It would need to go through the prioritization process to be considered for possible funding for construction.

10. New Business and Wrap Up

The next panel meeting is July 7, 2016 at 2 p.m. at Virginia Transportation Research Council in Charlottesville, Virginia.

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