



**Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel
September 17, 2015
Summary Meeting Minutes**

(NOTE: The meeting video is posted at route29solutions.org.)

Meeting 29 of the Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel (PDAP) was held at the Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research in Charlottesville, Virginia on September 17, 2015. Meeting information included:

- Meeting Agenda
- Presentation addressing agenda items

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

1. In attendance: Pete Borches, Chip Boyles, Mark Graham, Brad Sheffield, Karen Weiner, Henry Weinschenk. Facilitator: Philip Shucet.

Absent: Morgan Butler, Satyendra Huja, Chris Engel.

VDOT Technical Team members were also in attendance.

2. Public Feedback:

Four comments were submitted via email through route29solutions.org and no new posts were submitted on the Provide Input section of route29solutions.org. A summary of comments is included in the meeting presentation which is posted on the project website route29solutions.org.

3. Report on PDAP Feedback:

- Mark Graham said the Board of Supervisors indicated it wants the county staff to move as quickly as possible to relax temporary sign ordinance during construction. Brad Sheffield asked if the public hearings could be held concurrently. Mark Graham said he would explore the pros and cons of concurrent public hearings.
- Chip Boyles said the core business assistance group met with SIR. The larger group which includes the Chamber of Commerce will meet Monday.
- Philip Shucet said the October 15 meeting at the Northwest Region Operations Office will be live streamed. The October 15 panel meeting will begin as usual at 2 pm and will adjourn at 3 pm. The tour of the NWRO will be from 3 pm to 4 pm.

- Philip Shucet said the project team is still looking at options for the Berkmar Bridge design that could accommodate a future 4-lane design, but would still allow current permitting to move forward. Philip will continue to update PDAP on this matter.
- Dave Covington said there are emergency contingency plans in place for fire suppression during water shutoff periods that include on-site tanker trucks and back flow prevention to avoid triggering lack of pressure alarms.

4. Open Discussion

- Henry Weinschenk said he made a pitch by e-mail on naming the GSI area Rio-ville.

5. Design-Build Submission Schedule: The schedule is included in the meeting presentation posted on route29solutions.org. Route 29 Widening 100 percent plans came in September 11.

6. Route 29 Solutions Project Updates: Dave Covington reviewed project updates. Updates are included in the presentation posted on route29solutions.org.

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

- Rio GSI: Contractor will mill down the road so the steel plates covering overnight work will be flush with the road as opposed to being raised which is typical for this work.
- 29 Widening: Northbound barrier wall is complete; work is progressing on southbound barrier wall.
- Berkmar: Archeological exploration Phase 3 will take three months to complete.
- Hillsdale Extension:
 - Signal analysis at Greenbrier will be nailed down by the end of the month.
 - Consultant provided a revised ad date but the city is still reviewing.
 - 12 to 16 parcels need to be acquired.
 - Pete Borches noted Hillsdale appears to be dragging while the others are moving at light speed. Philip Shucet said moving the ad date bothers him but he doesn't want to force an unrealistic new ad date from the city.

7. September 9 Intersection Closings: Details are included in the presentation posted on route29solutions.org

- Two e-mails were received and no calls were received.
- More green time was added to the southbound left turns at Rt. 29 and Twentyninth Place.
- Six additional light signals were modified yesterday and two others are in the queue.

- Two No Left Turn signs were added at the 29/Myers Drive crossover. County law enforcement will enforce the no lefts by issuing tickets.
- Other signal timings will continue to be observed.
- Rio Road East signalized intersection queues will be monitored.
- Mobile traffic counter will collect data at Twentyninth and Rt. 29, Berkmar and Rio West, and Woodbrook and Rt. 29.
- Brad Sheffield noted that motorists wait several light cycles at Albemarle Square during big events such as the recent United Way Day of Caring Kickoff.
- Joel DeNunzio noted that the new movements are being monitored for U-turn conflicts with right turns.
- Karen Weiner asked for a closer look at signals on weekend afternoons which is a busy time for shopping centers.
- Dave Covington said the 50 feet of storage length will be critical next summer when the intersection closes.
- Get-around maps for each of the four quadrants have been distributed to local businesses to provide to customers.

8. TODS construction signing

- As of this morning, nine businesses applied to participate in addition the five already in the program. They are The Brick Oven, Kirt's Ice Cream, Taco Bell, Chopsticks Express, Sam's Kitchen, Al Carbon Chicken, Hardee's, Hess, and Starbucks.
- September 1 was the deadline to apply but Lou Hatter will again visit businesses and if they apply before September 30, they can be included.
- VDOT will assist businesses interested in applying with completing the TODS application.
- A plan for placing the signs will be reviewed at the October 1 PDAP.

9. Placemaking

Albemarle County's Lee Catlin appreciates the foundation work provided by SIR. She said the county's small area planning is not moving as fast as the PDAP, but there are other methods for vetting Placemaking. The goal is to inform as many people who live and work in the area and invite input. Three subgroups to the board's Community Advisory Committee have just been appointed and will meet in October to discuss. Additional communications will be made through the Neighborhood Association Database, the county's Route 29 tab on the county website as well as the neighborhoods tab on the county website. A discussion is planned at the Board of Supervisors meeting November 4, allowing preliminary information for PDAP's November 12 meeting. The board will have additional discussion at its December meeting. Philip Shucet invited Lee Catlin to continue to provide updates.

10. New Business and Wrap Up:

- Pete Borches asked about the time lapse camera at the Rio GSI.

- Dave Covington replied that it will be installed next week on a pole on the west side of the road in front of the Virginia National Bank and will be operational before the next PDAP meeting.
- There will also be a time lapse camera for Berkmar located on top of the Doubletree Hotel.
- Chip Boyles thanked VDOT's Culpeper District for help with HB2 submittal packages.
- Karen Weiner reminded the team of a promised presentation on the method of building the retaining wall. This item will be added to the PDAP agenda for Oct. 1.

The next panel meeting is October 1, 2015.

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