



**Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel  
March 3, 2016  
Summary Meeting Minutes**

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

Meeting 39 of the Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel (PDAP) was held at the Virginia Transportation Research Council in Charlottesville, Virginia on March 3, 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, Brad Sheffield, Chris Engel, Henry Weinschenk. Facilitator: Philip Shucet.

Absent: Kristin Szakos, Karen Weiner.

VDOT Technical Team members were also in attendance.

2. Public Feedback:

Five comments were submitted via email and phone calls, and no new comments were made on the Provide Input section of [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). Two calls were made to the project hotline. A summary of comments is included in the meeting presentation which is posted on the project website [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). In response to comments:

- Lou Hatter also fielded phone calls from realtors and others about the sale of bypass property.
- Signal timing at Rio continues to be monitored.
- Philip Shucet said there was more than one PDAP discussion about overhead signing. Charlottesville is on the local and business lane signs. The signs are now in fabrication.
- Lane Corman is repairing a damaged property entrance.

### 3. Report on PDAP Feedback:

- Several questions from Pete Borches in an email to panel members will be discussed at the next PDAP meeting on March 17.
- Philip Shucet said the right turn from Rio WB onto Route 29 NB will be general free-flowing, except when a pedestrian activates the pedestrian crossing signal to cross Rio Road East.

### 4. Panel Feedback

- No comments.

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

- Completion of gas line relocation on Route 29 widening was mistakenly logged in February on the last schedule, and has been corrected to reflect an April completion.
- Route 29/250 Interchange pavement widening was not finished by scheduled completion date, however the project remains on schedule to meet a May 21 completion date.
- Dave Covington noted the Hillsdale gas relocation started on March 3.
- Hillsdale final plans are due March 8.

### 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.

- Rio GSI
  - Pile installation will be finished by the next PDAP meeting.
  - Daytime lane closure on Rt. 29 SB ends March 9.
  - Morgan Butler asked if the daytime lane closure has caused any accidents. Dave Covington said it has not. Pete Borches said he's witnessed fender benders, but didn't attribute those to the lane closure.
  - BMP work will begin within two weeks. Motorists will notice steel plates in front of the First National Bank and Brown Automotive in the right two lanes for four to five weeks.
- Berkmar
  - Today is the first day of pile driving for abutment B on the north side of the river.

- Hillsdale Extension - Hal Jones provided update.
  - All right of way offers have been made. One is being redone because of a change of ownership.

7. Budget Review and Update: A budget update is included in the presentation posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org).

- Budget will be updated for the second PDAP meeting of each month.
- In response to a suggestion from Karen Weiner, a new column was added to the budget indicating dollars allocated for construction in the SYIP. Philip Shucet noted unspent money goes back to the state.
- The budget for adaptive signals will change slightly because some money will be moved from adaptive signals project to the Rt. 29 design-build project.
- Philip Shucet noted there's another \$10 million programmed for Hydraulic preliminary engineering and \$10 million for Hillsdale South preliminary engineering.

8. Pedestrian Accommodation and Detour - Rio GSI: Details and a map are included in the presentation posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org).

- Pedestrian access will be restored by March 9 in three of the four quadrants (NW, SW and SE).
- The sidewalk on Route 29 in front of Albemarle Square in the NE quadrant could be interrupted until May 23.
- Contractor is not required to improve pedestrian access. Currently there is no sidewalk on the north side of Rio Road East in the NE quadrant.
- Additional "Sidewalk Closed" advanced notice signs will be located on the east side of Route 29 NB both north and south of Rio Road.
- Henry Weinschenk suggested signs also be in Spanish and Chinese.
- Pete Borches suggested signs simply say "Sidewalk Closed Ahead" so they can be reused.

9. Nighttime signal phasing before and after May 23, 2016: Details are included in the presentation posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org).

- There will not be a signal in the intersection during the restricted period from May 23 to September 2.

10. Proposed PDAP calendar July - December 2016: Calendar is included in the presentation posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org).

- PDAP will continue to meet biweekly, with the exception of July when there will be a 3-week interval between meetings.

## 11. New Business and Wrap Up

- Chip Boyles noted the *Let's Connect Chamber of Commerce* event will be held at Colonial Nissan on March 15. The 29+Rio marketing plan will be shared at the event.
- Pete Borches asked if the county will consider fast tracking the permitting process for food trucks, events, tents etc. for businesses hosting events during the construction period.
- Chris Engel said the new Rio GSI video posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org) is interesting.

The next panel meeting is March 17, 2016 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)