



**Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel  
May 28, 2015  
Summary Meeting Minutes**

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

Meeting 22 of the Route 29 Project Delivery Advisory Panel (PDAP) was held at the Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research in Charlottesville, Virginia on May 28, 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, Morgan Butler, Mark Graham, Brad Sheffield, Chris Engel, Karen Weiner, Henry Weinschenk. Facilitator: Philip Shucet.

Not in attendance: Chip Boyles, Satyendra Huja.

VDOT Technical Team members were also in attendance.

2. Public Feedback:

Fifteen comments were submitted via email through [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org) and no new posts were submitted on the Provide Input section of [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). All comments were requests to be added to the mailing list. Anyone who so requested has been added to the traffic alert list.

Additionally, there were two phone comments. Those comments and responses are included in the PDAP presentation posted on the project website [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org).

Henry Weinschenk asked why the analysis of left-turn storage lanes at Woodbrook and Twentyninth Place takes so long. Dave Covington indicated the analysis is currently wrapping up.

3. Report on PDAP Feedback: Feedback and responses are included in the PDAP presentation posted on the project website, [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). The presentation

includes further explanation of the DBE and SWaM programs, and links to DBE and SWaM websites.

#### 4. Open Discussion:

There was some discussion of tree removal for the Rio GSI. Trees recently removed from the median are too big to successfully replant elsewhere. Tree removal is occurring overnight from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

5. Design-Build Submission Schedule: 60 percent plans will be available in half size in a day or two. Panel members Borches, Butler, Weinschenk, Graham and Weiner indicated they'd like a hard copy of the half-size plans. (The plan sets were delivered as requested.)

#### 6. Route 29 Solutions Project Updates:

Dave Covington reviewed project updates. Updates are included in the presentation posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). He said the contractor is planning two job fairs - one in mid-July for DBE and SWaM contractors and another in late July for all others including contractors, skilled laborers and craftsmen.

Bullets below reflect additional information and discussion.

- Adaptive Signals - Planning will begin for signal improvements at Woodbrook and Berkmar. These signal improvements are not part of the design-build contract.
- Brad Sheffield asked about milling and paving Berkmar at 29. Joel DeNunzio said VDOT may mill that entire stretch.
- Pete Borches noted that the current stripping on the road south side of Rio is confusing.
- Rio GSI - 60 percent plan are expected today (Thursday) and will be on the website tomorrow (Friday). Plans will be reviewed with the panel June 11.
- Pete Borches asked when the two intersections at Fashion Square and Albemarle Square will close to left turns and become right in/right out. Dave Covington said it will be before the Rio intersection closure, but will report back with the anticipated date.
- 29 Widening - 60 percent plans are expected next week.
- Berkmar Extension - Work progressing on 60 percent design.

Hillsdale Extended - Chris Engel said a stakeholder meeting is set for June 5. Utility relocation field verification is underway. Right of way is proceeding.

7. Rt. 29 / Rio Road Placenames: Bullets on Draft Action Plan is included in the presentation posted [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). Philip Shucet said he will provide the panel with the draft moderator's guide for the focus groups scheduled for June 19, 23 and 25 at the Jefferson Madison Regional Library and Fashion Square Mall. Results of naming the general business area and the quadrants will be forwarded to the county for its small area planning effort.

8. Rio GSI and Berkmar Extension Webcams: Plan for webcams at both the Rio GSI and the Berkmar bridge are included in the presentation posted at [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). A sample of an active construction camera is available at <http://oxblue.com/open/bizzack/vdotus460connector>

9. Rio GSI Utility Relocation Schedules are posted by quadrant in the presentation posted on [route29solutions.org](http://route29solutions.org). Dave Covington said the gas main and water main work will occur at night.

- Morgan Butler asked if the road pavement will be disrupted and restored nightly. Dave Covington said that will happen but there also may be some steel plates placed instead of backfill and asphalt. He said steel plates will be kept to a minimum.
- Pete Borches asked what happens if the lanes are not open by 6 a.m. Dave Covington said the contractor will be charged costly lane rental fees and VDOT will require a corrective action plan.
- Karen Weiner inquired about the depth of utility lines. Dave Covington said the duct bank will go underneath the existing utilities and the maximum depth will be 15 feet at Albemarle Square. Philip Shucet said businesses will be notified concerning the utility schedule.

10. Rio GSI Location of Overhead Directional Signs: Philip Shucet suggested a modification to VDOT that incorporates overhead signs as a definition point for the local business zone. It includes pulling the signs back 800-900 feet and reverse with the pavement markings to provide advance notice. The signs could have a different color scheme with words such as business district or business access.

- Henry Weinschenk asked how the through lanes will be marked and will they carry the names Charlottesville, UVA or Lynchburg. The project team said those decisions still need to be made.

11. Design-Build 24-hour Call Line: Toll-free number is 1 (844) 220-5540. Voicemail is available 24 hours daily, calls will be returned within one business day, and a call log will be maintained.

For all projects and general information, the VDOT toll-free number is (800) FOR-ROAD or (800) 367-7623. It's also available 24 hours daily.

## 12. New Business and Wrap Up

- VDOT is responsible for mowing in the project area.
- Henry Weinschenk requested that businesses be notified when work commences in front of their business.
- Dave Covington said the project team did not understand the scope of the recent event (auto tent sale) at the Fashion Square Mall, and when it was understood the design-builder pulled its equipment out. He suggested businesses inform him of upcoming events.

The next panel meeting is June 11, 2015.

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