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From: Walton, Richard L., Jr. (Commissioner's Office)
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2011 12:55 PM
To: Connaughton, Sean (GOV); Whirley, G. A. 'Greg'
Subject: FW: Charlottesville ByPass Revised

Attached please find information related to the right of way for the Charlottesville Bypass. I believe this had been requested by several CTB members. As you can see, September 2013 is the next key date regarding the right of way. We presently have 13 cases in condemnation, which have been on hold, and approximately 35 other properties to acquire if the project is going to move forward. The certificates filed on the 13 properties in condemnation are accumulating interest (but, hopefully, we are earning more on our money then what we owe in interest).

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An adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, was held on March 30, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., Lane Auditorium, County Office Building, McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia. The meeting was adjourned from March 14, 2011.

PRESENT: Mr. Kenneth C. Boyd, Mr. Lindsay G. Dorrier, Jr., Ms. Ann Mallek, Mr. Dennis S. Rooker, Mr. Duane E. Snow and Mr. Rodney S. Thomas.

ABSENT: None.

OFFICERS PRESENT: County Executive, Thomas C. Foley, County Attorney, Larry W. Davis, and Clerk, Ella W. Jordan.

Agenda Item No. 1. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m., by the Chair, Ms. Mallek.

Agenda Item No. 2. Pledge of Allegiance.
Agenda Item No. 3. Moment of Silence.

Agenda Item No. 4. From the Board: Matters Not Listed on the Agenda.

Mr. Dorrier said that he had attended the IMPACT meeting on the previous Monday night. He said that he had said "yes" to the questions presented. He knows that the Board has not taken a position on the questions, but he would like to know if Mr. Foley was planning to follow up with IMPACT.

Mr. Foley said that IMPACT's request is for next fiscal year, FY13. Staff's role is really just looking to the Board for direction.

Mr. Rooker commented that it doesn't really do any good to say "yes" if you don't ultimately support the money to fund the request. He said that staff could look at the request and put it through the same process as other nonprofits, because the Board will ultimately have to allocate money along with other priorities.

Mr. Dorrier noted that the request was for \$85,000 between the City and the County.

Mr. Rooker said that IMPACT wanted a \$50,000 commitment from the County for FY13, and the Board will have time to discuss that in its next budget process. He said that it will be difficult to make a firm commitment until the Board receives a staff report and until the Board understands what good would be done in the community.

Mr. Snow commented that it is important to know what the needs really are and how other agencies might be able to help meet these needs.

Mr. Dorrier said he also thinks staff needs to look into the issues.

Mr. Foley said that some Board members had asked for answers to some follow-up questions, and once those answers are obtained staff can share them.

Ms. Mallek stated that many people had similar requests of IMPACT.

Mr. Rooker said that when he met individually with representatives of IMPACT, he had asked for two pieces of information that he never received – information from Region Ten's evaluation of the proposal and how they would fit into this, and an evaluation from Colonel Matthews at the Regional Jail about his assessment and need and his recommendations. Those are the two outside organizations that can also provide information to help the Board in its evaluations.

Mr. Snow agreed with Mr. Rooker.

Mr. Thomas reported that on Monday, April 4, 2011 he and Mr. Snow would be meeting with Secretary of Transportation Connaughton. He does not know exactly what the meeting is about, but thinks it relates to the corridor. There are a number of things he and Mr. Snow would like to talk about. He will provide an update to the Board following the meeting.

He also stated that the MPO and Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission is starting its five-year planning process.

Ms. Mallek asked if they would go to the meeting with Secretary Connaughton armed with a list of local priorities. Mr. Thomas responded, "yes".

Mr. Rooker said that the additional transportation funding requested through the legislature was approved, at least in part, as one-time money. He stated that there is a list of 400+ projects around the state, and the only one in this area that got significant funding is Dickerson Road – which is not a high priority project.

Mr. Thomas stated that the bridge on Route 250 West is also high on the list and is moving up.

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From: Walton, Richard L., Jr. (Commissioner's Office)
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 1:37 PM
To: Whirley, G. A. 'Greg'
Subject: FW: Charlottesville ByPass Revised
Attachments: Charlottesville Bypass 2-10-11.doc

Steve Long told me he had talked with Jim Utterback about the 29 by-pass project. Here is an email I sent to you and the Secretary early last month because several CTB members had requested an update. As you can see, we halted acquiring right of way and we have a number of cases pending.

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"Rte 29 Bypass msg 2"
↳ Buser

04/05/2011

Mills, Sandee M.

From: Fiol, Marsha C.
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 5:08 PM
To: Buser, Reta
Cc: Mannell, Robert B.
Subject: RT 29 Bypass

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Reta,

I called, but missed you.

Ben shared with me that Charlie had overheard a comments by the Secretary at a recent meeting regarding funding the Rte 29 Bypass.

This is the first I have heard of these comments.

Would you like to meet with Charlie tomorrow morning prior to the Multimodal Committee Meeting to discuss this first hand?

If so, would 9:30 be a good time for you?

Marsha

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BYPASS - NO INFLATION					
	Estimate	Expenditures	Balance to Complete		
PE	\$16,703,135	\$9,284,871	\$7,418,264		
RW	\$98,188,981	\$28,047,605	\$70,141,376		
CN	\$118,275,045		\$118,275,045		
TOTAL	\$233,167,161	\$37,332,476	\$195,834,685		
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	
PE	60%	20%	10%	10%	
RW	10%	50%	30%	10%	
CN	10%	20%	30%	40%	
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	
PE	\$4,450,958	\$1,483,653	\$741,826	\$741,826	
RW	\$7,014,138	\$35,070,688	\$21,042,413	\$7,014,138	
CN	\$11,827,505	\$23,655,009	\$35,482,514	\$47,310,018	
TOTAL	\$23,292,601	\$60,209,350	\$57,266,753	\$55,065,982	\$195,834,685
BYPASS - WITH INFLATION					
	Estimate	Expenditures	Balance to Complete		
PE	\$16,990,314	\$9,284,871	\$7,705,443		
RW	\$98,188,981	\$28,047,605	\$70,141,376		
CN	\$127,759,555		\$127,759,555		
TOTAL	\$242,938,850	\$37,332,476	\$205,606,374		
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	
PE	60%	20%	10%	10%	
RW	10%	50%	30%	10%	
CN	10%	20%	30%	40%	
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	
PE	\$4,623,266	\$1,541,089	\$770,544	\$770,544	
RW	\$7,014,138	\$35,070,688	\$21,042,413	\$7,014,138	
CN	\$12,775,956	\$25,551,911	\$38,327,867	\$51,103,822	
TOTAL	\$24,413,359	\$62,163,688	\$60,140,824	\$58,888,504	

CN = CONSTRUCTION COST

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29 Widening - WITH INFLATION

	Estimate	Expenditures	Balance to Complete
PE	\$2,640,000		\$2,640,000
RW	\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000
CN	\$22,000,000		\$22,000,000
TOTAL	\$32,640,000	\$0	\$32,640,000

	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
PE		20%	50%	30%		
RW			20%	60%	20%	
CN				10%	40%	50%

	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
PE	\$0	\$528,000	\$1,320,000	\$792,000	\$0	\$0
RW	\$0	\$0	\$1,600,000	\$4,800,000	\$1,600,000	\$0
CN	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,200,000	\$8,800,000	\$11,000,000
TOTAL	\$0	\$528,000	\$2,920,000	\$7,792,000	\$10,400,000	\$11,000,000

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BOTH (BYPASS - NO INFLATION)				
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TOTAL	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!
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TOTAL	\$242,938,850	\$37,332,476	\$205,606,374	
	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15
PE	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!
RW	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!
CN	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!
TOTAL	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!	#REF!

"Today's SYIP Discussion"
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Whirley et al

Mills, Sandee M.

From: Buser, Reta
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 12:13 PM
To: Whirley, G. A. 'Greg'
Cc: Lawson, John W.; Mitchell, Diane L.; Pryor Spence, Kimberly; Sorrell, Constance S.
Subject: Today's SYIP Discussion

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Based on our conversations I am providing a summary of the decisions made regarding changes to the FY 2012-2017 Draft SYIP.

Identification of additional funding for the Construction Program: **Total \$150 million**

- Transfer \$15 million per year for 6 years from the Construction Management budget to the Maintenance Program (FY2012-2017) for a total of \$90 million
- Transfer \$10 million per year for 6 years from the Administration budget to the Maintenance Program (FY2012-2017) for a total of \$60 million
- Transfer \$25 million per year for six years of Equity Bonus (federal funds) from the Maintenance Program to the Construction Program (FY 2012-2017) for a total of \$150 million

Identification of additional projects from the Governor's Illustrative List to fund in the FY 2012-2017 SYIP: **Total \$320 million**

- UPC 52328 Rt 7 Georgetown Pike to Dulles Toll Road in Fairfax County - \$25 million
- UPC18003 Rt 277 Widen to 5 Lanes in Frederick County - \$30 million
- UPC 55202 Witch Duck Road in Virginia Beach - \$32 million
- UPC16160 Rt 29 Bypass in Albemarle County - \$233 million

To balance the funding needed for the additional projects identified above we will program the **\$170 million** in CPR bond reserve that was previously identified to be held in reserve in the Draft SYIP for FY 2012-2017. Therefore there is no longer a CPR bond reserve available in the Draft.

John to provide new budget numbers to Programming and Rob will make budget changes to the Maintenance budget.

Note: UPC 71774 Rt 17 Reconstruction is already fully funded in the Draft.

Crouch, Brenda P.

From: Busher, Reta
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 2:05 PM
To: Utterback, James S., PMP
Cc: Kilpatrick, Charlie A., P.E.
Subject: Re: SYIP Input (Governor's Confidential Working Papers)
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Thanks

From: Utterback, James S., PMP
To: Busher, Reta
Cc: Kilpatrick, Charlie A., P.E.
Sent: Wed Apr 06 14:02:48 2011
Subject: SYIP Input (Governor's Confidential Working Papers)

Reta - Below is the SYIP input you requested.

Rte 29 Bypass

		Estimate	Expenditures	Cost to Complete
PE	UPC 16160	\$16,703,000	\$9,285,000	\$7,418,000
	UPC 3965	\$4,135,000	\$4,135,000	
RW	UPC 16160	\$98,189,000	\$28,015,000	\$70,174,000
	UPC 11771	\$5,288,000	\$5,288,000	
CN	UPC 16160	\$118,275,000	\$0	\$118,275,000
Total	ALL UPCs	\$242,590,000	\$46,723,000	\$195,867,000

Allocation/Spend Plan:
 FY12- 23.2M FY13- 60.2M FY14- 57.4M FY15- 55.0M

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		Estimate	Expenditures	Cost to Complete
PE	UPC 77383	\$2,640,000		\$2,640,000

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RW	UPC 77383	\$8,000,000		\$8,000,000
CN	UPC 77383	\$22,000,000		\$22,000,000
Total	UPC 77383	\$32,640,000		\$32,640,000

Allocation/Spend Plan:

FY13- 0.5M FY14- 2.9M FY15- 7.8M FY16- 10.4M FY17- 11.0M

Let me know if any questions

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Mills, Sandee M.

From: Fiol, Marsha C.
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 4:44 PM
To: Utterback, James S., PMP
Cc: Busher, Reta
Subject: Rte 29 Bypass - CLRP & TIP

Importance: High

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Jim,

To follow up from our phone conversation regarding the Federal MPO Planning and Programming Process

Here's my advice . . .

May 17, 2011 – Technical Advisory Committee Meeting:

- Have the VDOT representative, Chuck Proctor, introduce the CLRP & TIP amendment to include the Route 29 Bypass for construction at the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting.
- Request that the Technical Advisory Committee recommend the amendments to the MPO Board/Policy Committee for approval.
- The MPO Board/Policy Committee meets on May 25th.

May 25, 2011 – MPO Board Policy Committee Meeting

- At the May 25th MPO Board/Policy Committee, the Board/Policy Committee should open the issue for public comment.
- (Public Comment is at least 30 days.)

June 2011 –

- There is no Technical Advisory Committee or MPO Board/Policy meeting in June.
- Depending on duration, the public comment period would end and the MPO staff would collect and summarize comments for the MPO Board/Policy Committee.

July 2011 – Board/Policy Committee Meeting

- At the July MPO Board/Policy Committee, the board would discuss the issue and adopt a resolution amending the CLRP and TIP to including the Route 29 bypass for construction.
- (There is no air quality conformity analysis necessary for the Charlottesville/Albemarle MPO Area.)

If you need anything, give me a call.

Marsha

From: Fiol, Marsha C.

Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 5:05 PM ←

To: Busher, Reta

Cc: Mannell, Robert B.

Subject: Phone discussion with Jim Utterback

Sensitivity: Confidential

Reta,

I had a phone call from Jim Utterback. I checked on some information and got back with him by phone, then followed up by e-mail.

He was looking for information on the 29 Bypass and what needed to be done to get it into the CLRP and TIP. (He did not want to discuss it with his District Planner.)

He asked what I had heard about this issue and from whom.

He also said that the Secretary is not ready to have this information go public. Jim commented that he is sharing different information as necessary with the Secretary, Greg and Charlie and you, Reta.

He's also working with/around the environmental document, to move it forward. Earlier today, the Secretary asked him about the long range plan and TIP. It is in CLRP, TIP, SYIP – for Right of Way only.

The District is currently doing TIP amendments and suggested this means. Since this would require it to go to a public hearing, the Secretary didn't want to do that right now.

We discussed that if it gets into the draft SYIP, we could then we go back and amend the CLRP and TIP. Having it in the SYIP would address the financial constraint issue. Charlottesville does not have air quality issues, so there is no air quality conformity analysis required.

I sent an e-mail earlier today with advice on the sequencing of this effort. The MPO does not have Tech or Policy Committee meetings in either April or June, so May would be the time to introduce it, with action by resolution in July.

The Secretary wants this project accomplished through "design build" and wants it to go out this Summer for \$200 Million. The intent is to begin construction in 2012 and complete construction in 2016 or 2017.

Jim cautioned that this is very confidential.

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From: Busher, Reta
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 11:07 AM ←
To: Fiol, Marsha C.
Cc: Mannell, Robert B.
Subject: RE: Phone discussion with Jim Utterback
Sensitivity: Confidential

Thanks very much. Let's limit the email traffic on this.

From: Fiol, Marsha C.
Sent: Friday, April 08, 2011 11:08 AM ←
To: Busher, Reta
Cc: Mannell, Robert B.
Subject: RE: Phone discussion with Jim Utterback

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Yes. Jim called and expressed the same request.

Marsha

ACTIONS
Board of Supervisors Meeting of April 6, 2011

April 8, 2011

<u>AGENDA ITEM/ACTION</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
<p>1. Call to Order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by the Chair, Ms. Mallek. All BOS members were present. Also present were Tom Foley, Larry Davis, Ella Jordan and Meagan Hoy. 	
<p>4. Recognition:</p> <p>a. Fair Housing Month Proclamation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair read Proclamation. 	<p><u>Clerk:</u> Forward to Ron White. (Attachment 1)</p>
<p>5. From the Board: Matters not listed on the Agenda.</p> <p><u>Ken Boyd:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed the Rivanna Pumping Station project and asked the Board for direction on which options to support at the next Rivanna Board meeting. <p><u>Duane Snow:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received a telephone call from a constituent who needed a handicapped parking space at COB-5th Street, but all the spaces were taken up by County vehicles. Asked staff to look into the issue. Confirmed the Board's visit to the Old Jail on Wednesday, April 20th, at 4:30 p.m. He and Mr. Thomas met with Secretary of Transportation Connaughton this past week. The topic of discussion was whether the County would be interested in a bypass around the City. Their response was that their main concerns were getting the widening of Route 29 and a bridge for Berkmar Extension. 	<p><u>George Shadman:</u> Look into.</p>
<p><u>Ann Mallek:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reported on her attendance at the last ACFRAB meeting. All the Volunteer Chiefs and staff discussed moving forward with the new system and how to develop it smoothly. Received a notice from Kevin Schmidt, Office of Farmland Preservation, and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, stating that the County's purchase of development rights program (ACE) is able to participate in a grant program to receive \$150,000 from the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Agency. Because of the short timeline, the Board needs to decide whether to allow the Appraisal Review Committee to provide a contingent approval. 	
<p>6. From the Public: Matters Not Listed for Public Hearing on the Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Nancy Dresner</u>, a resident of Brocks Mill Road in Stony Point, asked the Board to fund Brocks Mill Road as a rural addition so that it can be folded back into the State system. <u>Emerald Young</u>, a resident/owner at Eagles 	

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From: Hatter, Lou M.
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2011 4:25 PM
To: Utterback, James S., PMP
Subject: Bypass question from Multi-Modal Freight Study release

Importance: High

Jim:

Got a call from The Daily Progress asking about this recommendation from the Multi-Modal Freight Study that recommends construction of the Charlottesville Bypass (in bold, below). They are asking what this means for the bypass project. Do you have a suggestion on a response – or if I should refer the reporter to someone else?

Lou

3.8 U.S. 29 Multimodal Corridor

Traversing the length of Virginia from North Carolina to Washington, D.C., the U.S. 29 Corridor connects to the national freight transportation system via several highway, rail, and airport facilities, including I-64, I-66, I-495, U.S. 58, U.S. 17, and U.S. 460; Norfolk Southern and CSX rail lines; and both Dulles and Washington Reagan Airports. With its large professional and business services and information services sectors the U.S. 29 Corridor's economy is less dependent than Virginia as a whole on manufacturing. Over 67

percent of tonnage moving within the U.S. 29 Corridor is pass-through freight.

Recommendations to improve the flow of freight through the U.S. 29 Corridor include the

construction of the Charlottesville Bypass and the widening of a section of U.S. 29 just south of Lynchburg.

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From: Fiol, Marsha C.
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2011 6:12 PM
To: Busher, Reta
Cc: Vagi, Joe; Utterback, James S., PMP
Subject: FW: Multimodal Freight Study - Reporter from Charlottesville

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Reta,

As an FYI.

The Multimodal Freight Study is getting attention from the Press. There will likely be a radio interview tomorrow morning on this from a Shenandoah Valley perspective, and we have also had inquiries from a Charlottesville reporter.

The Charlottesville inquiry was late this afternoon and was on two issues. The first was specifically on two recommendations in the Multimodal Freight Study on Rte 29. One recommendation was for a Charlottesville Bypass, the other was for Rte 29 widening south of Lynchburg. Both of these recommendations were included as having a "high impact on Freight Transportation Activity." (The reporter initially identified them as "high priorities" in the Study.)

The second issue was the cost of the study, which was \$1.5 Million for all phases.

I am working with Joe Vagi on the communications with the reporters.

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To: Connaughton, Sean (GOV)
Cc: Whirley, G. A. 'Greg'; Busher, Reta; Tyeryar, David (GOV); Vagi, Joe; Utterback, James S., PMP
Subject: Multimodal Freight Study Press Release - Press Interest from Harrisonburg and Charlottesville
Importance: High
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Good Evening –

I want to bring to your attention recent interest from the Press in both Harrisonburg and Charlottesville regarding the Multimodal Freight Study. Both of these contacts were through Joe Vagi (VDOT Public Affairs and the point of contact on the recent press release).

From Harrisonburg, Carl Magenhoffer of WSVA Radio has requested a phone interview to discuss the Study and any potential impact on the Shenandoah Valley.

The Charlottesville inquiry was late this afternoon and was on two issues.

The first issue was specifically on two recommendations on Rte 29 that are included in the Multimodal Freight Study. One recommendation was for a Charlottesville Bypass, the other recommendation was for Rte 29 widening south of Lynchburg. Both of these recommendations were identified in the study as having a "high impact on Freight Transportation Activity." (The reporter initially identified these recommendations as "high priorities" in the Study.)

The second issue was the cost of the study, which was \$1.5 Million for all phases.

Thus far, these are the types of questions that we have received.

How would you like for me to proceed on a response?

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Subject: US29 Bypass for Charlottesville!
Sent: 13 Apr '11 12:06pm

Did all y'all see this story in yesterday's Daily Progress ?
Thought you would like to see it.

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PS: Scans compliments of our friend Neil Williamson

"Project List & Press Release"
↳ Busher

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Mills, Sandee M.

From: Connaughton, Sean (GOV) [Sean.Connaughton@governor.virginia.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 12:35 PM
To: Busher, Reta
Subject: Re: Project List and Press Release

List will be published with the press release. List is the Governors recommendations to the CTB

----- Original Message -----

From: Busher, Reta [mailto:Reta.Busher@VDOT.Virginia.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 12:31 PM
To: Connaughton, Sean (GOV)
Subject: RE: Project List and Press Release

What form would you want for the project list? As you know we added projects and deleted projects to get to the final list. How much information do you want to show? Are you looking to publish this list with the press release? The Draft Program will not be released until April 20th, the day of the CTB meeting.

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From: Connaughton, Sean (GOV) [mailto:Sean.Connaughton@governor.virginia.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 12:17 PM
To: Busher, Reta
Subject: Re: Project List and Press Release

Thanks

----- Original Message -----

From: Busher, Reta [mailto:Reta.Busher@VDOT.Virginia.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 12:16 PM
To: Connaughton, Sean (GOV); Whirley, G. A. 'Greg' (VDOT)
Subject: RE: Project List and Press Release

Just finished reviewing with the Commissioner. Will send the press release in about 10 minutes.

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From: Connaughton, Sean (GOV) [mailto:Sean.Connaughton@governor.virginia.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 12:09 PM
To: Whirley, G. A. 'Greg'; Busher, Reta
Subject: Project List and Press Release

Do we have a draft yet?

(Part II-Larrie FOIA...../Culpeper docs to CD/Culpeper docs/US29 Bypass for Charlottesville!.txt)

From: Steve Landes [steve@stevelandes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 7:59 PM
To: Timothy Hulbert; Hatter, Lou M.; Rich, James
(jamesedwardrich@aol.com); Sprinkel, D. Brent P.E.; Utterback, James S.,
PMP; Abbitt, Watkins (wmabbitt@flash.net); Bell, Dickie
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Ruff, Frank (district15@sov.state.va.us); Scott, Edward
(delescott@house.state.va.us); Toscano (w), David (toscano@cstone.net);
Toscano, David (DelDToscano@house.state.va.us)
Subject: Re: US29 Bypass for Charlottesville!

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RE US29 Bypass for Charlottesville!2 (2)

From: Utterback, James S., PMP
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 8:30 AM
To: Hatter, Lou M.
Cc: Settle, Karen S.
Subject: RE: US29 Bypass for Charlottesville!

Ok ... this afternoon

James S. Utterback
District Administrator
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-----Original Message-----

From: Hatter, Lou M.
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 8:47 PM
To: Utterback, James S., PMP
Subject: Fw: US29 Bypass for Charlottesville!

Jim, if you have some time tomorrow or Fri I'd like to talk w you abt this and a couple other issues. This one is going to heat up fast and I want to be ready. Lou

----- Original Message -----

From: Steve Landes <steve@stevelandes.com>
To: Timothy Hulbert <exec@cvillechamber.com>; Hatter, Lou M.; Rich, James (jamesedwardrich@aol.com) <jamesedwardrich@aol.com>; Sprinkel, D. Brent P.E.; Utterback, James S., PMP; Abbitt, Watkins (wmabbitt@flash.net) <wmabbitt@flash.net>; Bell, Dickie (DeIDBell@house.virginia.gov) <DeIDBell@house.virginia.gov>; Bell, Rob (DeIRBell@house.state.va.us) <DeIRBell@house.state.va.us>; Deeds, Creigh (district25@sov.state.va.us) <district25@sov.state.va.us>; Hanger, Emmett (district24@sov.state.va.us) <district24@sov.state.va.us>; Houck, Edward (district17@sov.state.va.us) <district17@sov.state.va.us>; Janis, Bill (delbjanis@house.state.va.us) <delbjanis@house.state.va.us>; Ruff, Frank (district15@sov.state.va.us) <district15@sov.state.va.us>; Scott, Edward (delescott@house.state.va.us) <delescott@house.state.va.us>; Toscano (w), David (toscano@cstone.net) <toscano@cstone.net>; Toscano, David (DeIDToscano@house.state.va.us) <DeIDToscano@house.state.va.us>
Sent: Wed Apr 13 19:59:01 2011
Subject: Re: US29 Bypass for Charlottesville!

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05/05/11

Mills, Sandee M.

From: Kilpatrick, Charlie A., P.E.
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 9:52 AM
To: Busher, Reta
Subject: Re:
Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Red

Not yet. Left a message

Charlie Kilpatrick, P.E.
Chief Deputy Commissioner
VDOT
804-786-2701

On May 4, 2011, at 10:45 PM, "Busher, Reta" <Reta.Busher@VDOT.Virginia.gov> wrote:

Did you talk to the Secretary about Rt 29?

ACTIONS	
Board of Supervisors Meeting of May 11, 2011	
May 13, 2011	
<u>AGENDA ITEM/ACTION</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>
<p>1. Call to Order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by the Chair, Ms. Mallek. All BOS members, except Mr. Thomas, were present. Also present were Tom Foley, Larry Davis and Ella Jordan. 	
<p>3a. Proclamation recognizing May 16-May 22, 2011 as National Bicycle Week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair read Proclamation. 	<p><u>Clerk:</u> Forward Proclamation to Russell Lafferty. (Attachment 1)</p>
<p>4. From the Board: Matters not listed on the Agenda. <u>Dennis Rooker:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commented that in the State's Six Year Road Plan, the regional MPO is proposed to receive only \$41.00 per capita proposed; the average of all MPOs is \$548.00 per capita. Mr. Snow stated that the MPO is drafting a letter to go to the State on this issue. <p><u>Ann Mallek:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The north-east regional train that begins in Lynchburg and travels to Washington and Boston, increased ridership in April 2011, over April 2010, by 17,000 people. Expressed concerns about urban automobiles carrying farm use plates. Official farm use plates are only issued by DMV. 	
<p>5. From the Public: Matters Not Listed for Public Hearing on the Agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>The following individuals expressed opposition to the County's membership in ICLE and Cool Counties:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steven Peter Audrey Welborn Carole Thorpe (also expressed concerns about the 1998 Sustainability Accords) Betty Sevachko Charles Battig Charles Winkler Linda McRaven Pat Napoleon (also expressed concerns about taking away personal property rights) John Chavan Greg Quinn Clara Belle Wheeler Mary Robinson Helen Swift Dovel Michael Johnson <u>Amy Skolnick</u>, a student at Monticello High School, spoke about the red light cameras. <u>Ray Caddell</u>, a resident of Carrsbrook Subdivision, spoke about the use of biosolids 	

-----Original Message-----

From: Crofford, Rick O.

Sent: Friday, May 20, 2011 9:25 AM

To: 'jrhodes@tjpd.org'

Subject: C-ville_Bypass_CHRONOLOGY__Env_docs[1].doc

Take a look at this chronology to see what documents have been completed and then let me know which ones you would like. I think I have them all as pdf's but they are going to make a pretty big file. It might be easier for me to burn them to disk and send them. Let me know your preference.

Rick



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DRAFT MPO Policy Board Meeting
May 25, 2011 Minutes

Present

Voting Members

Satyendra Huja
Duane Snow
Kristen Szakos
Rodney Thomas
Jim Utterback

Non-voting Members

Linda Seaman
Julia Monteith
Donna Shaunesey
Nancy Rudel

Staff

Sarah Rhodes
Steve Williams

Representing

Charlottesville City Council
Albemarle County Board of Supervisors
Charlottesville City Council
Albemarle County Board of Supervisors
Virginia Department of Transportation

CHART Representative
UVA
JAUNT
CAT

TJPDC
TJPDC

Matters from the Public

Paul Grady, a resident of Albemarle County provided comments. Please see Attachment C for the statement.

Responses to Matters from the Public

Rodney Thomas responded that he participated in the 29H250 study. Steve Williams responded that the proposed additional lane on 29 and 250 is not viewed as a capacity improvement, but rather a safety improvement due to the number of cars and the merge from 250. As such, this is not viewed as an implementation of the 29H250 Study that was conducted.

Approval of the March 23rd Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Snow, seconded by Mr. Huja, the March 23rd, 2011 MPO Policy Board minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Hearing: FY12 Unified Planning and Work Program

Steve Williams presented the proposed Unified Planning and Work Program document. This document is prepared on an annual basis and is required in order to disburse Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration funds. Page 10 shows the breakdown of funding sources for planning purposes over the next year by source, agency, and task. The proposed budget for the FY2012 Work Program is \$497,431. These funds are derived from carryover from 2010, planning program funds from the FHWA, planning program funds from FTA, and State Planning and Research funds from Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). These funds will be dispersed to five agencies – the City of Charlottesville, the County of Albemarle, JAUNT, Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT), and TJPDC.

These funds will be used to conduct three tasks – administration, long range planning, and short range planning.

Mr. Williams explained that CHART and the MPO Technical Committee had reviewed the draft FY2012 Unified Planning and Work Program and that the MPO Technical Committee had recommended the document for approval by the Policy Board. Mr. Williams also alerted the Policy Board that staff from the Department of Public Rail and Transportation (DPRT) had requested that changes be made to the document. If they were small revisions to text, then no formal amendment would be needed. If they were substantive changes, for example, changes to funding or additional projects, TJPDC would bring the revisions to the Policy Board as a formal amendment to the FY2012 Work Program. Mr. Thomas asked if the revision process could be done via email and Mr. Williams stated that for minor, text changes, it could. Ms. Szakos asked if Mr. Williams knew the extent of changes requested and Mr. Williams responded he did not yet know that, but his sense was that the changes would be minor. Mr. Huja asked if there was a deadline for adopting the FY2012 Work Program. Mr. Williams responded that it had to be approved by the end of May in order to execute an agreement with DPRT for FY2012 funding. The Policy Board agreed to handle text changes via email and substantive changes by DPRT via the amendment process.

Mr. Thomas asked for public comment. There was none. Mr. Thomas closed the public hearing.

On a motion from Ms. Szakos, seconded by Mr. Utterback, the FY2012 Unified Planning and Work Program was unanimously approved.

Public Hearing: FY12-FY15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Steve Williams explained that there was discussion if the draft TIP amendments were amendments or updates. Mr. Williams prefaced his presentation of the FY12-FY15 TIP amendments with an overview of the possible MPO Actions on the TIP, in order to reach consensus with the Policy Board members on how to characterize the draft TIP amendments. Mr. Williams passed out copies to the Policy Board members showing the four TIP actions; TIP adjustment, TIP amendment, TIP Update Consistent with the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and TIP Update Not Consistent with the LRTP. The table shows the type of project changes that would trigger each action and the procedural steps for taking that action.

Jim Utterback asked the source of the information in the possible MPO Actions on the TIP document. Mr. Williams stated that it derives from FHWA guidance that all MPOs follow. Mr. Snow asked if the possible actions were a change from the current actions. Mr. Williams clarified that they were not.

Mr. Williams presented the draft FY2012 TIP Amendments. Mr. Williams explained that almost every project in the document had been amended, but that all changes were related to funding and/or schedule, with the bulk of changes regarding funding increases or decreases. Mr. Williams explained that any single change of this nature could be treated as a TIP Adjustment, however, because of the number of changes, TJPDC staff felt it should be handled as a TIP Amendment.

Mr. Williams explained that when this was discussed with the Policy Board in March, questions were raised about some changes and explained that TJPDC had been working with different agencies and the State to resolve them. A change from March was to include all proposed transit improvement, including capital projects for CAT and JAUNT. Mr. Williams explained that while JAUNT's service area extends far beyond the boundaries of the MPO, its full expenditures are incorporated into the TIP to make funding more understandable.

Mr. Williams also noted that Appendix A grouped projects with like funding sources, which allows slight changes to projects to occur without a TIP Amendment. Groups include construction related to bridges, rail, safety, and transportation enhancement, as well as preventive, traffic, and safety maintenance.

Ms. Szakos asked if the 87200 SRTS was sidewalk improvements. Mr. Williams confirmed it was. Mr. Huja asked what the improvements to Court Square were. Ms. Rhodes stated that construction for that project was completed but was waiting for formal closeout. Mr. Williams confirmed this. Mr. Huja asked if zeroed out items were being eliminated from the TIP or if this indicated that no funding was available for those items. Mr. Williams stated that to his knowledge, the projects would move forward but with another funding source. Albemarle County staff member David Benish stated that one of the zeroed items was a bridge project that was moving forward. Mr. Williams echoed that a procedural change triggered the zeroing out.

Mr. Thomas recommended that text on page 23 be removed in order to disencumber the bypass so that the Policy Board can discuss that project. Mr. Williams clarified that Mr. Thomas was referencing text in the "other" section of page 23, stating that the Policy Board passed a resolution opposing the Rt. 29 Bypass on November 12, 2002. Mr. Thomas asked Mr. Williams what the process for removing that text would be. Mr. Williams responded that the Policy Board would need to revisit its policy position on the Rt. 29 Bypass in order to remove that text and if it has changed, to follow the procedure for a TIP Amendment. Mr. Thomas asked if widening the highway would need to be part of a bypass project. Mr. Williams said it is possible to recommend them separately and to recommend one as a higher priority. Ms. Monteith, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Huja, and Ms. Rhodes discussed what agencies would need to be involved in resurrecting the discussion of the Rt. 29 Bypass. Mr. Snow asked how much of the ROW needed for the Rt. 29 Bypass has been acquired by VDOT. Mr. Utterback explained that roughly 80% of the parcels were acquired at a cost of approximately \$35 million; however, a number of large parcels still need to be acquired. Mr. Snow noted that a lot of money is currently invested in this project. Mr. Thomas stated that the widening of Rt. 29 and the Rt. 29 Bypass should be up for consideration. Mr. Utterback noted that the widening had been previously constrained as the Bypass, however, an amendment had removed that constraint. Mr. Snow asked how the Policy Board could move forward with discussing these projects. Mr. Williams stated that the Board could adopt a new policy by resolution and then adopt a TIP Amendment. Mr. Williams also noted that the Bypass project would require that the LRTP include the project and that environmental impact, engineering, and design studies would need to be undertaken, as well as public hearings and meetings. Mr. Huja, Ms. Szakos, Mr. Thomas, and Ms. Monteith discussed whether the new policy would promote the bypass or simply be neutral. Mr. Thomas asked how to move forward. Mr. Williams stated that because the public hearing had been advertised for the status quo TIP Amendment and because it had been recommended for approval by the Technical Board, that he recommended approving the document in its current form. He also recommended that at June's meeting, the Policy Board discuss the current policy position. If it is decided to adopt a new position, then a TIP Amendment can be submitted regarding the Rt. 29 Bypass and a public hearing for that amendment can be advertised and held. Mr. Thomas asked if that met VDOT's criteria. Mr. Utterback explained that un-constraining the Policy Board position seemed consistent with widening Rt. 29 and asked Mr. Williams to provide the previous MPO resolutions on the topic to the Policy Board. Mr. Williams asked the Policy Board to let him know if they wanted to move forward with the policy position change and TIP Amendment so that a public hearing can be scheduled and asked if there was further discussion on the existing draft of the TIP Amendments.

Ms. Monteith sought clarification for the Charlottesville Transit Center project status and also what illustrative projects were. Mr. Williams stated that the Charlottesville Transit Center was awaiting project closeout and that illustrative projects are those that there is no funding for at this time, but are priorities for the MPO if funding became available. If funding did become available and these projects are included in the TIP already, they can be begun with a TIP Amendment rather than a TIP Update.

Mr. Thomas asked if the public had any comments. There were none. Mr. Thomas closed the public hearing.

On a motion from Mr. Huja, seconded by Mr. Snow, the Board unanimously approved the FY12-FY15 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments.

FY12-FY17 Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) Letter of Comment

Steve Williams directed the Policy Board to the summary table at the end of the letter, which provides an overview of the content of the draft letter. The letter expresses concern that the Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO has received the lowest allocation of funds per capita, in this SYIP. The SYIP allocation fails to fund projects designed to alleviate traffic congestion on US29 and for improvements to the Belmont Bridge, both of which are priorities for the MPO.

Ms. Szakos asked why this MPO received so little funding. Mr. Williams explained he was not sure, but that one reason was that few new projects were proposed. Mr. Utterback added that no new projects were requested and that regional cooperation in this MPO makes new projects harder to push through than other MPOs. Mr. Snow and Mr. Thomas echoed that regional cooperation is an issue. Ms. Szakos and Ms. Monteith refuted this. Ms. Monteith asked why the Belmont Bridge received no funding, despite having no opposition. Mr. Huja asked why Hillsdale Drive also was not funded. Mr. Utterback suggested that because the Belmont Bridge does not have a firm plan, but is still in the planning stages, it was premature to provide funding and that there is uncertainty about the extent of ROW acquisition for Hillsdale. Mr. Williams echoed that he also does not agree that there is a lack of regional cooperation – all of the projects in the letter were agreed to. Mr. Williams also noted that he would like to add to the letter the Shadwell Interchange project, which also did not receive funding. Mr. Thomas asked if the letter should include that the Policy Board was reviewing the policy position of the Rt. 29 Bypass. Mr. Williams said it could be added. Ms. Szakos asked if the MPO was being punished for not working on inter-regional Rt. 29 projects. Mr. Utterback stated that VDOT shows that it still needs information from the City on the Hillsdale and Belmont Bridge projects regarding Right of Way and design.

On a motion from Mr. Huja, seconded by Ms. Szakos, the Letter of Comment was approved, pending the addition of the Shadwell Interchange. Mr. Utterback abstained from voting.

Mr. Thomas asked if the possibility of the TIP Amendment needs to be noted. Mr. Williams responded that it did not.

Long Range Transportation Plan

Steve Williams presented a section from the upcoming LRTP update, due for completion in 2014. Mr. Williams stated that the section provided, Demographics, is meant to show the format of the document and to not focus on content at this time. Mr. Williams stated that right now the focus of the writing is on geographic and economic data, as well as documenting the existing elements of the transportation system. In June, the focus will be on developing the goals and objectives of the LRTP, drawing from the UnJAM 2035 document.

Mr. Snow stated that he felt the format looked good. Ms. Szakos expressed a desire to see a larger inset of Charlottesville and to consider having an additional inset of the MPO area. Mr. Huja felt the maps should not show the outlying counties, but focus instead on Charlottesville and Albemarle. Mr. Williams explained that the decision to include the outlying counties was made because of commute patterns from those counties to Charlottesville and Albemarle, which influences how the transportation system is used. Ms. Shaunesey urged TJPDC to consider adding Buckingham County to the study area, as it is another bedroom community of the MPO.

MPO Bike and Pedestrian Count

Sarah Rhodes provided an update on the Bike and Pedestrian Count held on May 7 and 11. Between the two days, 21 locations were counted. 12 priority stations were counted on both days. Not all of the data had been submitted, but Ms. Rhodes planned to share that data with the Policy Board at its next meeting.