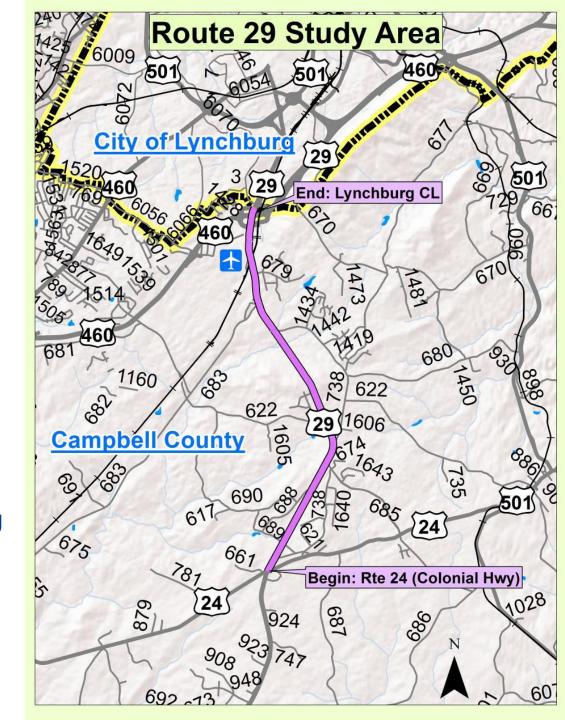


Route 29 Corridor Assessment Update Public Meeting 2

June 23, 2016

What are We Assessing?

- □ A joint state and local strategy to guide development and transportation decisions
- Route 29 between Route 460 and Callahan Road
- Local advice: "Consider everyone's viewpoint"
- ☐ Use the new FHWA PlanWorks tool to assist with the planning process



Goals for the Route 29 Corridor Assessment Effort

□ Preserve and enhance public safety
 □ Support local economic development and vitality
 □ Maximize transportation system efficiency
 □ Wise use of public funds

Planning Partners

- VDOT Lynchburg Office
- Campbell County
- Central Virginia MPO/Region 2000
- **FHWA Virginia District**
- Community Businesses, Organizations and Residents
- **■VTRC, AECOM, UVA**



Planning Process: Where We've Been

Engage the community

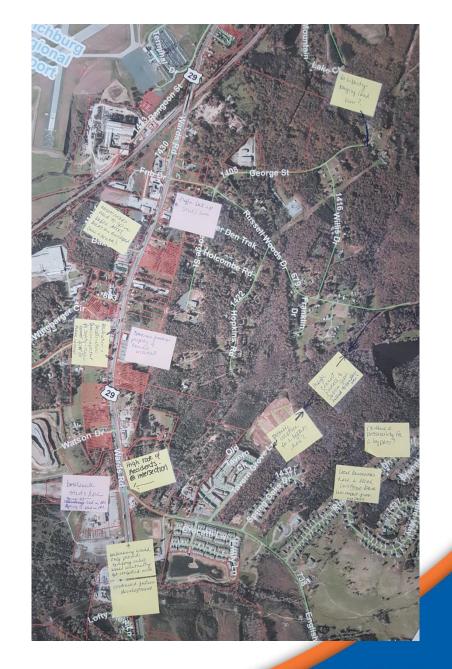
- First public meeting
- Follow-up interviews
- Summarize findings
- Findings inform technical tasks





What We Heard: Map Comments for First Public Meeting

- □ 71 total comments placed on the various maps of the corridor study area
 - What you like about the corridor
 - What you don't like about the corridor
 - General comments and recommendations
- □ All Comments provided on an interactive map for public review and VDOT consideration on the Route 29 Assessment Webpage





What We've Heard: Findings Summary

- ☐ Longer-term, comprehensive planning can better anticipate and inform land use, economic and transportation decisions.
- ☐ Road configurations affect traffic flow and safety.
 - Vehicles making turns are sometimes stopped in travel lanes
 - At locations there is reduced visibility of oncoming traffic
- ☐ Safety issues are compounded by high traffic flow.
 - A steady stream of traffic makes it difficult to make turns
 - Truck traffic involves wider turns, slower acceleration and deceleration periods, and blind spots
- ☐ Concerns that funding for the VDOT Lynchburg district is low.



Funding Programs and Opportunities

☐ Smart Scale (formerly HB2) ☐ Driven by an objective data prioritization process □ Program opportunities include Construction District Grant and **Statewide High-Priority Projects Program** ☐ Projects submitted by regional entities including MPO's, PDC's, public transit agencies, counties, cities, and towns ☐ Highway Safety Improvement Program ☐ Federally funded program structured and funded to make significant progress in reducing fatalities and severe injuries on public roads ■ Data-driven and strategic approach **Revenue Sharing Program** ☐ Localities provide a 50% match to VDOT funds to get projects programmed into SYIP Other Programs: Transportation Alternatives Program, State of Good Repair Program, Safe Routes to School



Examples of Planning Process getting Projects Funded

- □ Route 221 Congestion & Safety Improvements in Bedford County.
 - □ Project was identified as a priority project on both the RTE 221 Corridor Plan and the 2040 CVMPO Long Range Plan. Submitted, scored, and funded through Smart Scale \$8.1 million project
- **☐** Route 151 and 664 Turn Lane in Nelson County.
 - □ Project was identified as a priority recommendation on the Route 151 Corridor Study. Submitted and funded through Smart Scale \$925,000 project
- Waterlick and Timberlake reconstruction project.
 - □ Project was identified on the CVMPO Long Range Plan and scored high. Submitted, scored, and funded through Smart Scale \$3.2 million project
- □ Route 151/6 at Route 635 in Nelson County.
 - □ Recommendation identified as a priority improvement on the Route 151 Corridor Study. Submitted and funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Program \$1.5 million project.



Next Steps

Tonight

- Share information on technical review
- Describe types of corridor improvements that fit within the current planning context
- ☐ Hear your ideas and suggestions

And then...

- Comments due by July 31, 2016
- Develop solution packages by the end of September
- 3rd public workshop in early- to mid-Fall to review the preferred alternatives
- Follow-up on recommendations













Empowering communities to create shared solutions





