



Land Use and Environmental Planning Committee

VDOT UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Culpeper District

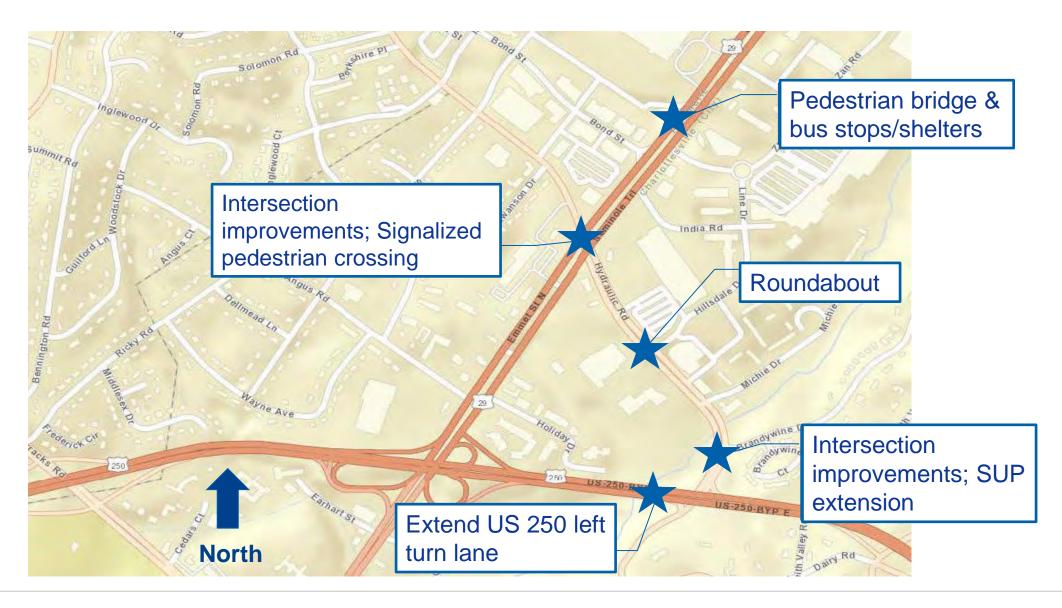
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VDOT Update on Transportation Improvement Projects

Agenda:

- 1. Design-Build Projects
 - Hydraulic Road and US 29
 - Albemarle County Intersection Bundle #2
 - Fontaine Avenue Interchange
- 2. District Avenue Roundabout







Project Purpose & Need

- Improve safety & mobility at the US 29/Hydraulic Rd intersection
- Congestion & poor traffic operations exist in the area, esp. peak hours
- Few places currently for pedestrians to safely cross US 29

Project Overview

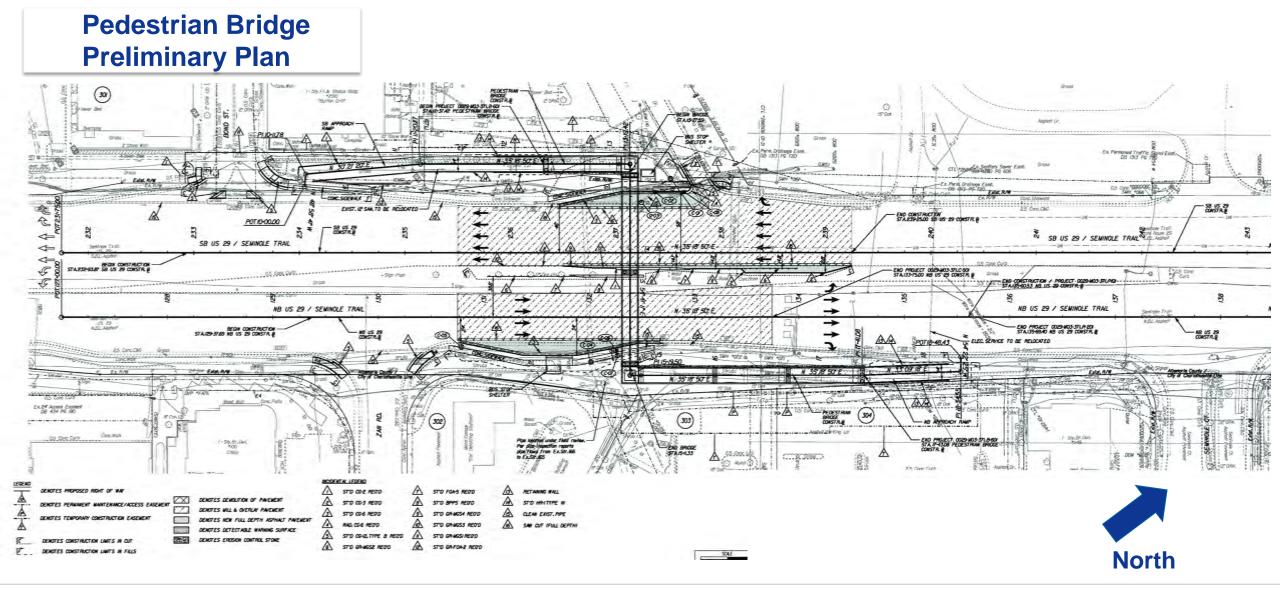
- Located both in Charlottesville and Albemarle County
- Remnant of the 29 Solutions Program
- Existing substandard features in the project area (buffer strip & sidewalk width, sidewalk cross slope, etc.)
- Restrictions on allowable work hours; Required construction sequence
- 46-day closure of Hillsdale/Hydraulic with Incentive/Liquidated Damages



Status of Hydraulic Rd and US 29 Project

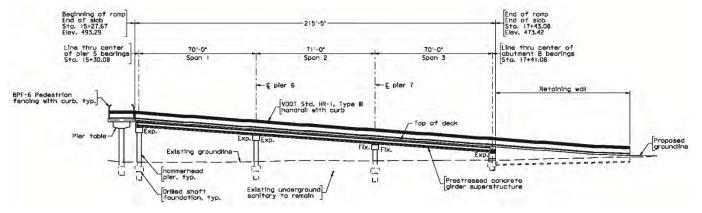
- Awarded to Curtis Contracting, Inc.
 - Contract price: \$20,788,119
 - NTP issued May 10th & Anticipated Completion is October 31, 2025
- Bridge and roadway plans currently under review
- Anticipate Utility work to begin this November and construction early spring
 - Goal is to get roundabout substantially completed this summer using detour



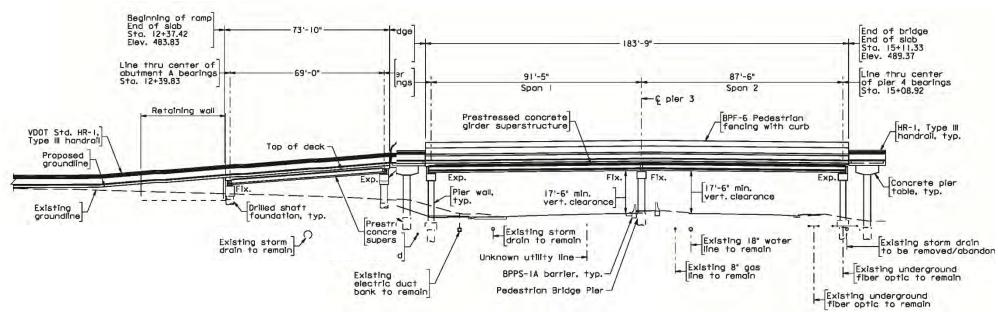




Preliminary Pedestrian Bridge and Ramp Elevations



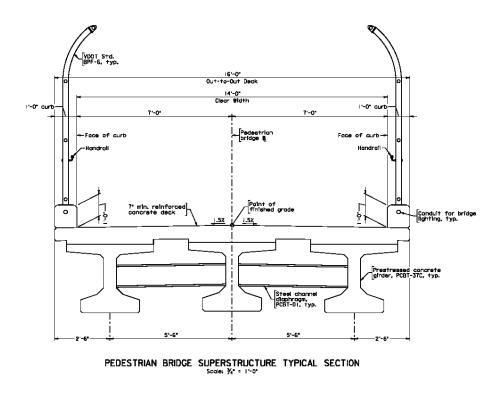
Northbound ramp



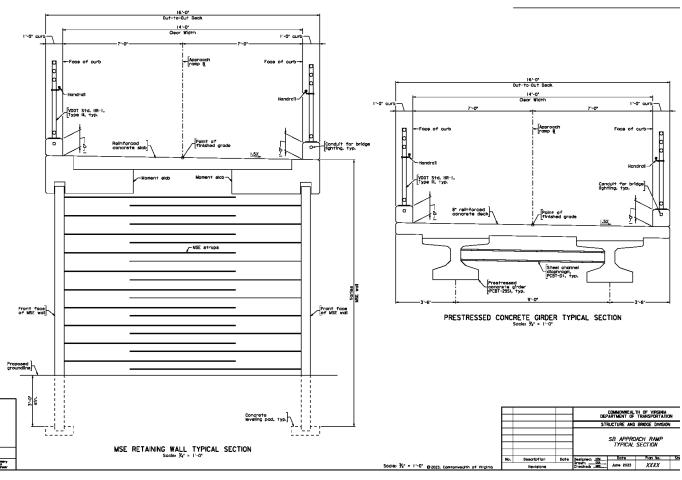
Southbound ramp and bridge



Preliminary Pedestrian Bridge and Ramp Sections

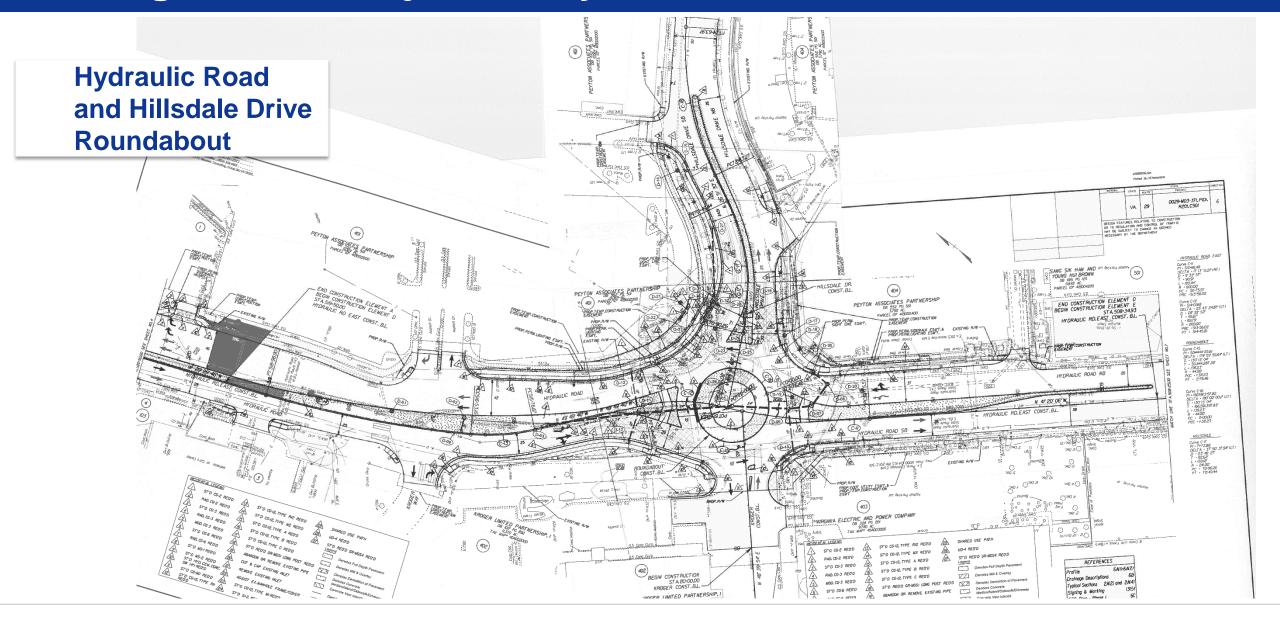


Bridge typical section

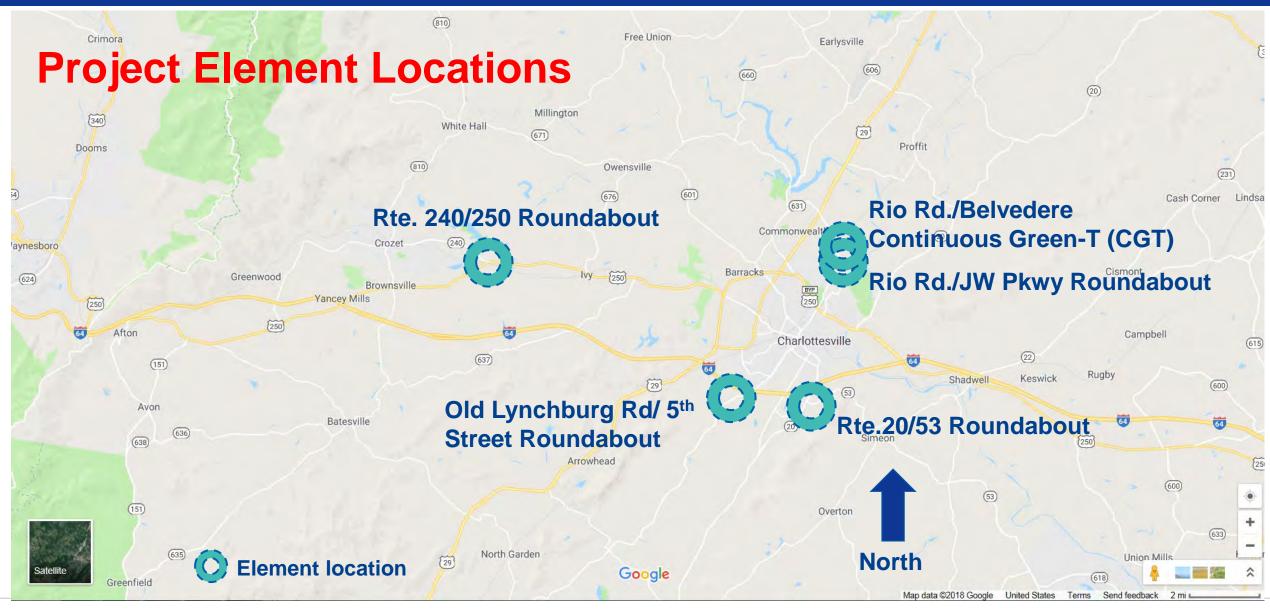


Ramp typical sections



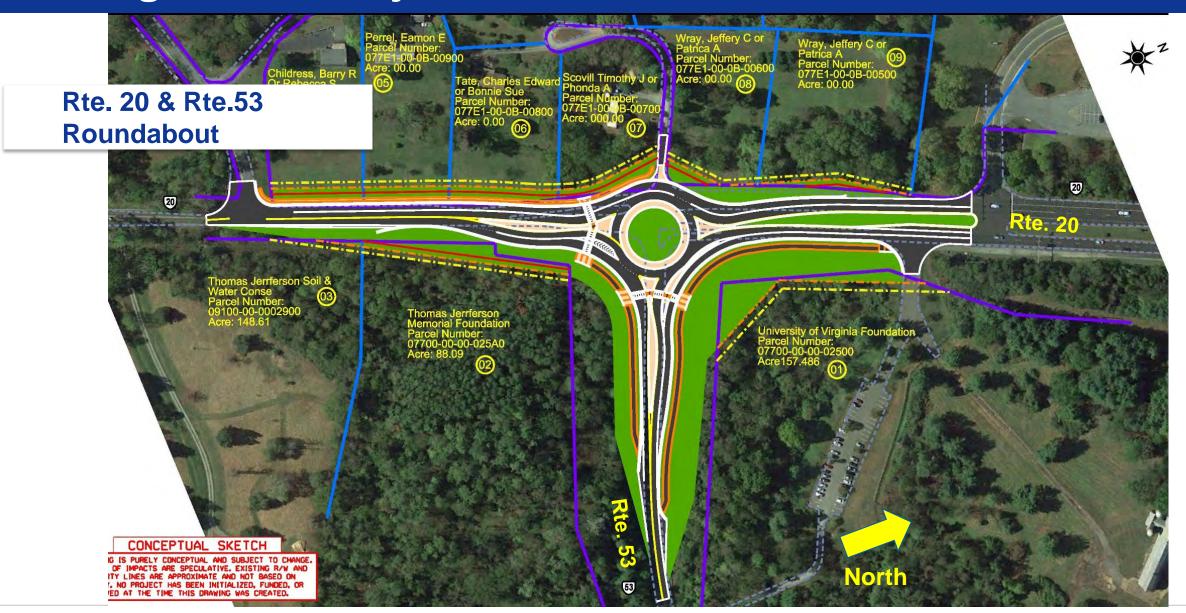




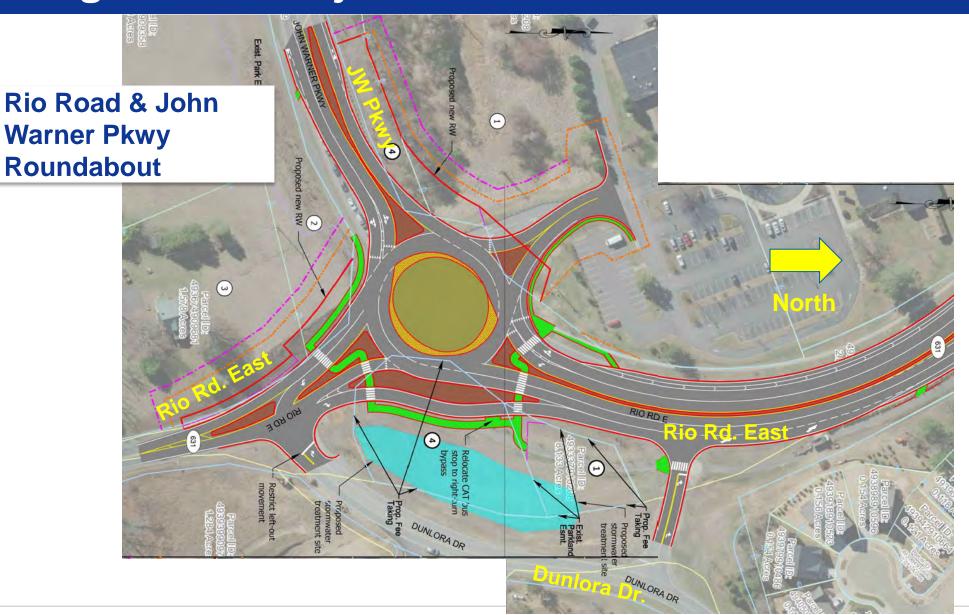




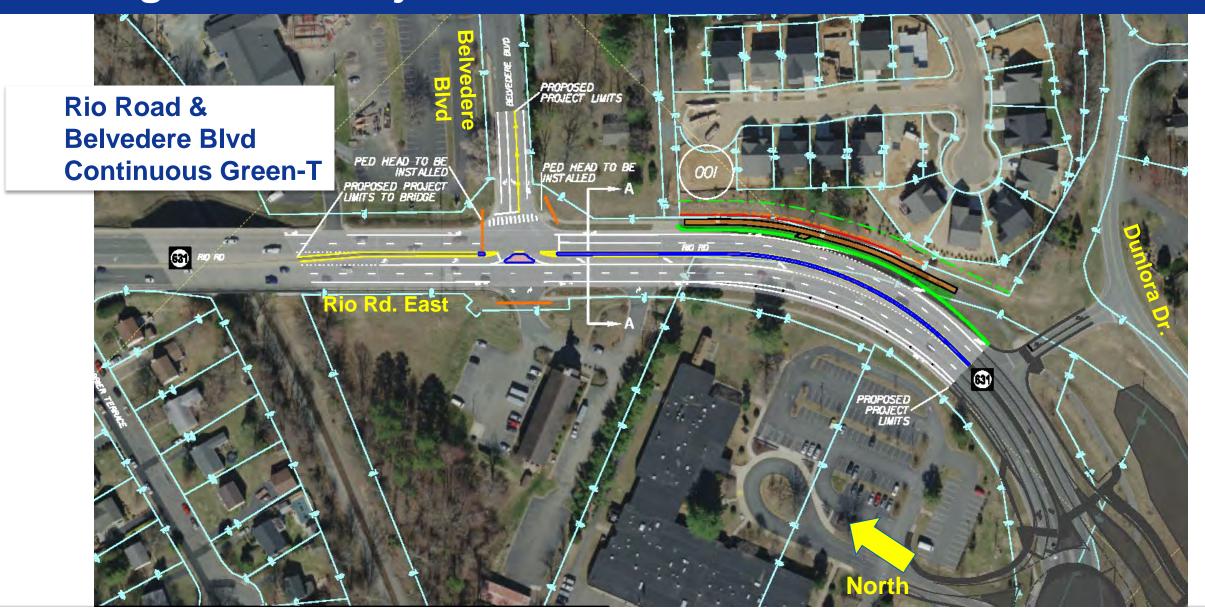
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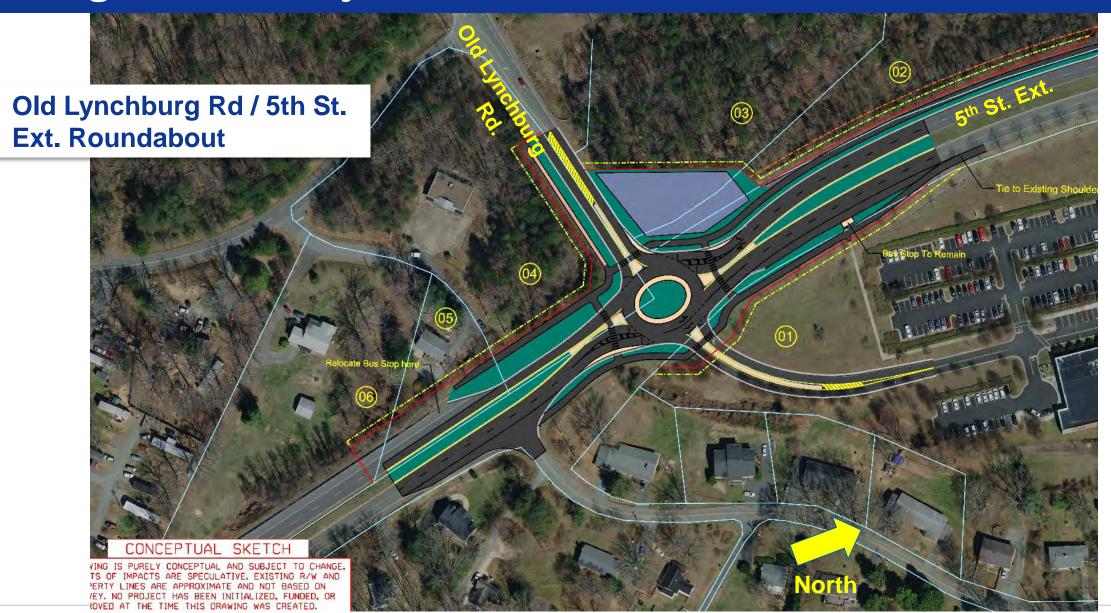








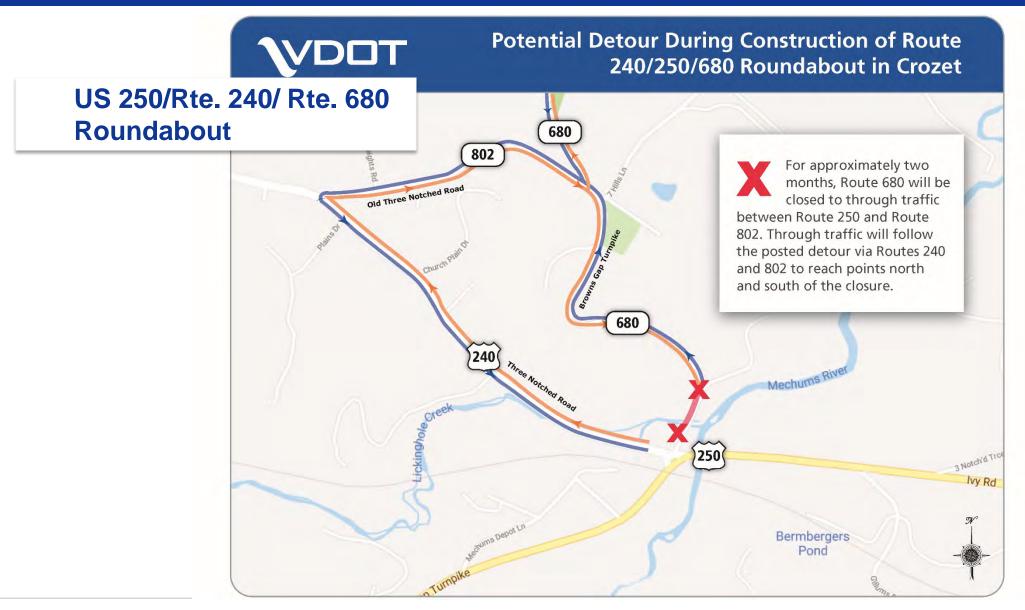
















Status of Albemarle Intersection Bundling #2 Project:

Survey is complete; Preliminary Engineering is underway

Schedule:

• Public Hearing September 19 & 21, 2023

Advertise RFQ
 Fall 2023

Statements of Qualification Fall 2023

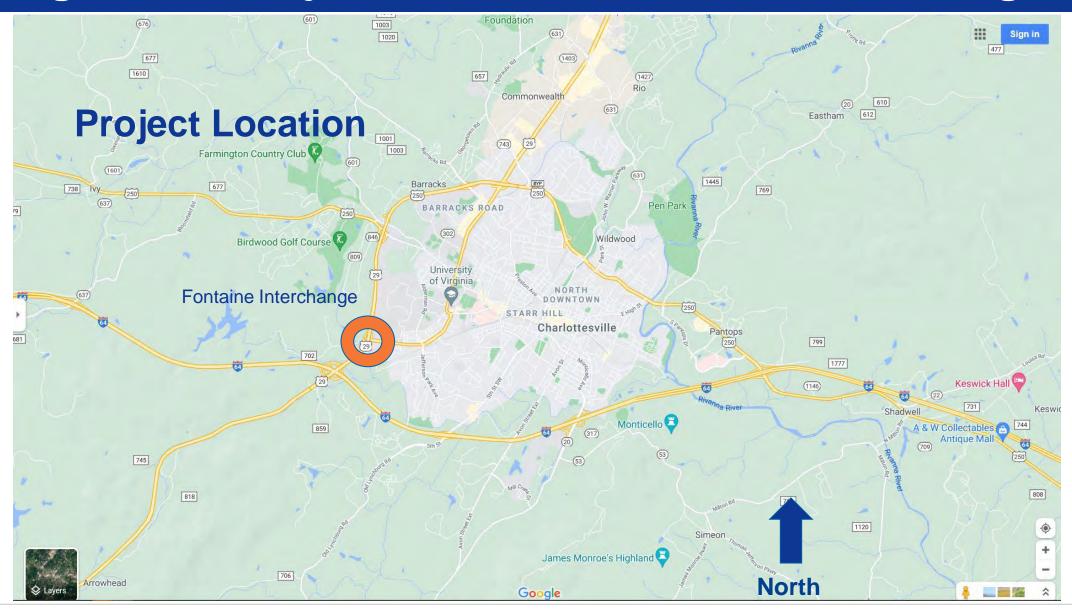
Request for Proposals (RFP) Release Winter 2023

Anticipated CTB Award Date
 Spring 2024

Project Delivery & Funding:

- Delivery method will be Two Phase Best Value Design-Build
- Project Budget is \$39.8 million (SMART SCALE & HSIP)







Prior Concepts - 2018

- Score = 2.33 (#21 in District)
- 2018 Estimate = \$21.9 million
- 2020 Ballpark = \$28 million





Prior Concepts – 2020 alternative 1A

- Left turn from NB US-29 removed due to too many conflicts and poor delineation/ channelization at the crossover location
- Issue: No accommodation for NB 29 to Rte 702 movement





Prior Concepts – 2020 alternative 1B

Changes: Added dedicated U-turn





Prior Concepts – 2020 alternative 2

- Changes: Added direct left from NB 29 by moving the crossover east
- Issues: 1) queueing to left turn crossover backs through Ray Hunt
 - 2) does not include dual rights from NB 29





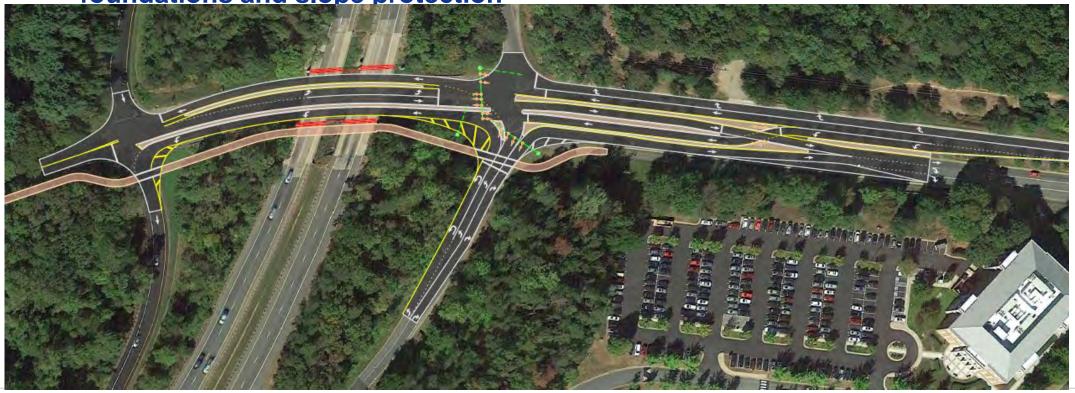
Prior Concepts – 2020 alternative 3

• Changes: Added a shared use path to Alternative 2 & separate U-turn and left turns from NB 29

• Issues: 1) same queueing issues; Alternatives 2/3 did not proceed

2) path cannot be placed on bridge embankment due to retaining wall impacts to pier

foundations and slope protection





Prior Concepts – 2020 alternative 1C

- Changes: Revised Alternate 1B; Alts 2 & 3 removed from consideration
 Relocated path inside bridge piers- eliminated LTL from 702 to make room
- Issues: Difficulty in keeping crosswalks safe and efficient





Prior Concepts – 2020 alternative 1D

- Changes: Path relocated to median for increased safety/efficiency at crossings
 Right turns from NB 29 separated to allow different phasing and for right lane to only serve Ray Hunt
- Issues: Left turn crossover storage still insufficient



Prior Concepts – 2020 alternative 1E

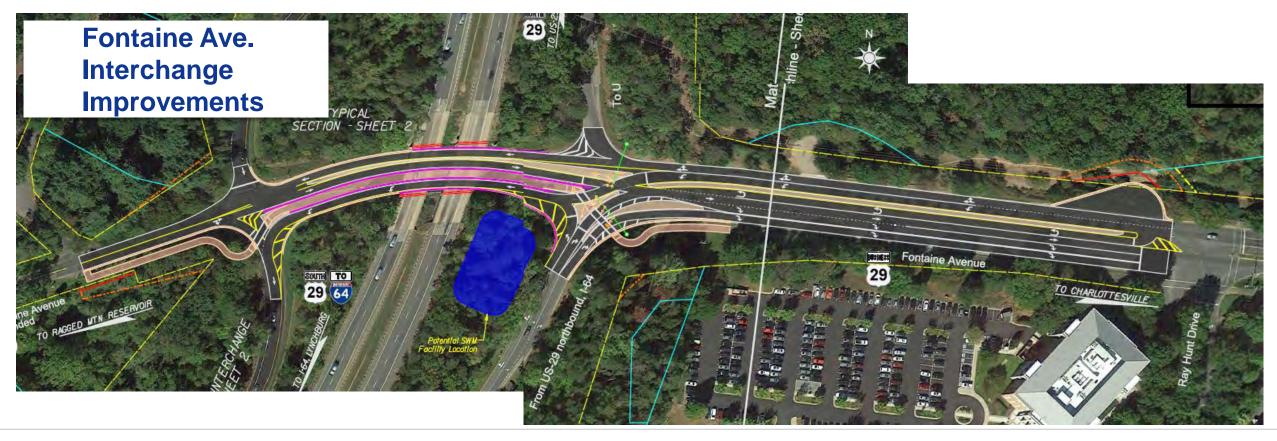
Changes: Extended left turn lane to Ray Hunt; Widen to the north to add back right turn lane



Final Application – 2020 revised alternative 1E

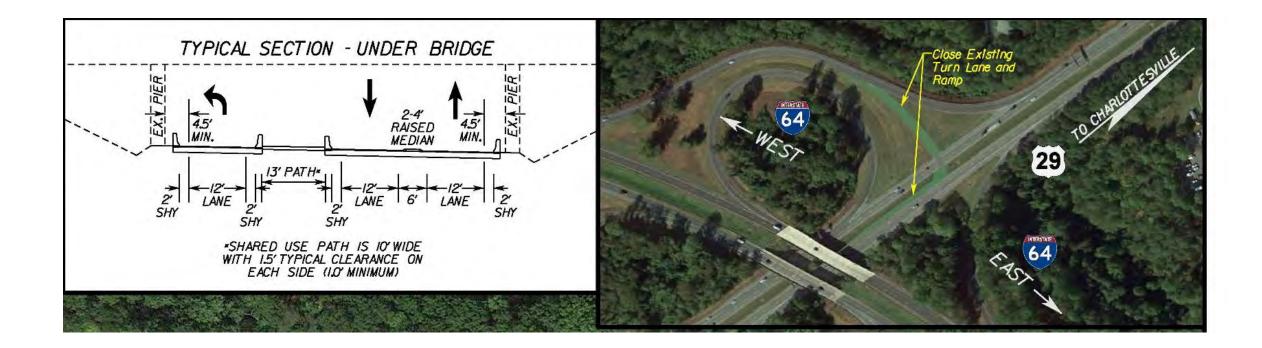
Changes: Dedicated RTL to NB 29 not needed per Traffic Analysis

- Score = 8.77 (#14 in District)
- 2020 Estimate = \$12.4 million





Fontaine Ave. Interchange Improvements - continued





Status of US 29 & Fontaine Ave. Interchange Project:

- Survey is underway
- PE plan development anticipated to begin early 2024 TBD

New ATC Study

- Working with a consultant to explore up to 3 alternative concepts
- Scope includes review and validation of previous work, operational analyses, cost development, preparation of concept drawings
- Preliminary alternatives anticipated mid November
- Finalize potential ATCs in March/April 2024



Tentative Project Schedule:

Public Hearing
 Fall 2024 TBD

Advertise RFQ
 Fall 2024 TBD

Statements of Qualification Fall 2024 TBD

• RFP Release Winter 2024 TBD

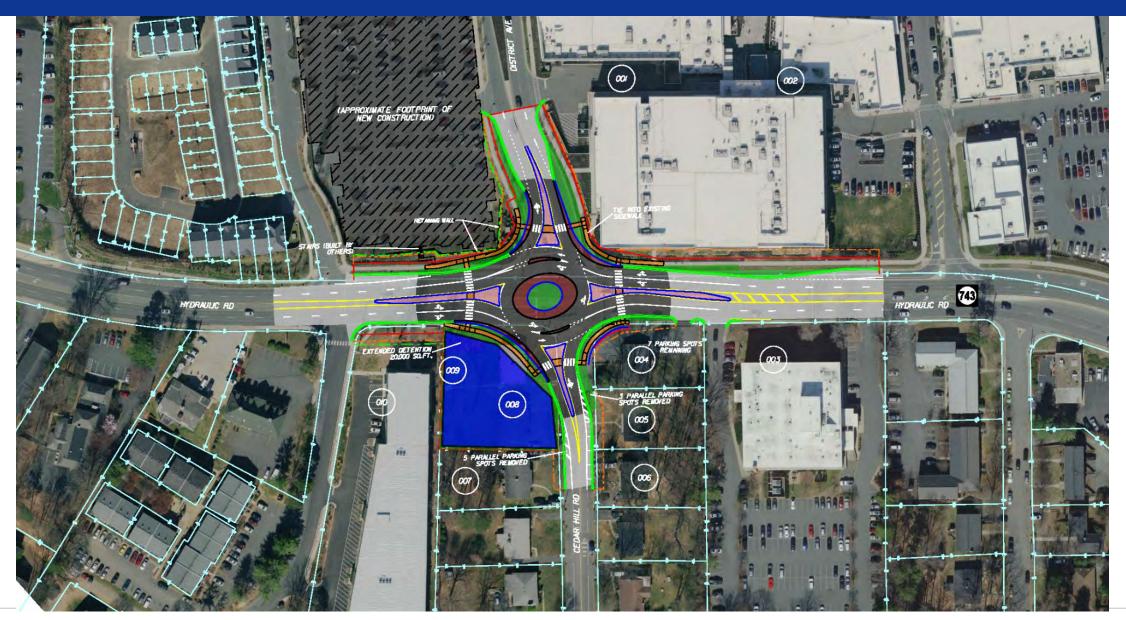
Anticipated CTB Award Date
 Spring 2025 TBD

Project Delivery & Funding:

- Two-Phase, Best Value Design-Build
- Project Estimate is \$13.6 million



District Avenue Roundabout





District Avenue Roundabout

Key points:

- Improve operations & safety, and maintain pedestrian accommodations
- Accommodate additional traffic at the intersection resulting from removal of LTs at US-29 and Hydraulic Road
- Right of Way 9 parcels being impacted and 2 total takes

Project Schedule:

Preliminary Engineering Begin Fall 2023

Public Hearing
 Winter/Spring 2025

Advertisement Spring 2028

Project Delivery & Funding:

- Design-Bid-Build
- Project Budget is \$20.1 million (PE, RW & CN)



VDOT in the Charlottesville Area

Questions?



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