

## MAJOR EVENTS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED ROUTE 29 BYPASS

- 1980 Albemarle County Board of Supervisors (BOS) downzones 1/3 of the land in Albemarle County to protect the South Fork Rivanna Reservoir (SFRR)
- 5/18/83 Albemarle County BOS Resolution (unanimous vote) removes Western Bypass from Charlottesville Albemarle Transportation Study (CATS) and requests an eastern bypass study
- 6/27/83 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Resolution adopts the CATS Year 2000 Transportation Plan which does not include a western bypass
- 7/18/84 Albemarle County BOS Resolution opposes 18 mile long Piedmont Corridor through SFRR watershed
- 3/85 Highway Department report rejects an eastern bypass as an option in reducing traffic congestion on Route 29 North
- 10/30/86 Location Public Hearing on the Base Case widening of Route 29 and the Rio Road grade-separated interchange
- 10/24/87 Sverdrup Corporation signs \$3.7 million contract with VDOT for a comprehensive study of the Route 29 North Corridor
- 5/11/90 Sverdrup Corporation issues Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS or Sverdrup Study), presenting Base Case, Base Case with three grade-separated interchanges, an expressway on Route 29, six bypass corridors, transportation management system, and mass transit
- 6/26-28/90 Location Public Hearing on the six bypass corridors, expressway, Base Case, and Base Case with grade-separated interchanges
- 8/6/90 City of Charlottesville Resolution concerning order of improvements to Route 29
- 10/10/90 VDOT Position Paper of recommendations for the CTB concerning Route 29 Bypass Corridor Study
- 10/24/90 Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) meeting at Natural Bridge, first public notice of VDOT recommendations
- 10/31/90 Albemarle County BOS Resolution opposing the Alternative 10 western bypass, supporting grade-separated interchanges on Route 29 and primary funding for Meadow Creek Parkway
- 11/9/90 VDOT Final Position Paper of recommendations for the CTB concerning Route 29 Bypass Corridor Study
- 11/15/90 CTB Resolution establishes three phase construction sequence for Route 29 long range traffic improvement plan
- 12/12/90 Albemarle County BOS requests a rehearing of the bypass issue by the CTB
- 4/19/91 CTB denies rehearing appeal from Albemarle County BOS
- 8/1/91 Letter from F. Bowie (Chairman, Albemarle County BOS) to J. Milliken (Secretary of Transportation) requests "*firm agreement between Commonwealth Transportation Board, VDOT and the County that the sequence of the Rt. 29 corridor improvements will be as specifically recommended by VDOT and adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, with the addition of the Rt. 29 related CATS projects*"
- 8/7/91 Albemarle County BOS Resolution (4 to 2 vote) withdraws opposition to Bypass in exchange for VDOT commitment to adhere to sequence of road improvements in CTB 11/15/90 resolution
- 11/4/91 Letter from J. Milliken (Secretary of Transportation) to F. Bowie (Chairman, Albemarle County BOS) reaffirms CTB commitment to construction sequence in 11/15/90 CTB resolution, states intent to ask CTB for its concurrence
- 12/19/91 CTB Resolution reaffirms CTB 11/15/90 resolution

12/11/91 Albemarle County  
to City of Charlottesville --- sign Three Party Agreement

2/2/92 University of Virginia

1/13/92 Letter from J. Milliken (Secretary of Transportation) to F. Bowie (Chairman, Albemarle County BOS) encloses CTB Resolution of 12/19/91, states intention to adhere to schedule of improvements in CTB resolution of 11/15/90 and Milliken letter of 11/4/91

1/20/93 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) issued

2/26/93 MPO Resolution recommends that Alternative 10 not be included in the National Highway System

2/94 Governor Allen appoints C. Myers and W. Roudabush to CTB

5/14/94 Memo from R. Lockwood (Transportation Planning Engineer, VDOT) to J. Hodge (Chief Engineer, VDOT) details preparation of CTB resolution to indicate CTB will revisit the 'agreement' with the intent to place more priority on the Bypass. (This resolution was not presented.)

5/20/94 Letter from J. Hodge (Chief Engineer, VDOT) to R. Tucker (County Executive, Albemarle County) states that the latest approved CTB Six-Year Improvement Program provides preliminary engineering and/or right-of-way funding only, that no construction funding for the bypass or interchanges is included, and that VDOT is not in violation of the 1991 CTB resolution

6/10/94 Letter from W. Perkins (Chairman, Albemarle County BOS) to R. Martinez (Secretary of Transportation) requests clarification on VDOT's scheduling of Bypass construction in 1998 and compliance with CTB's resolutions of 1990 and 1991

6/30/94 Letter from R. Martinez (Secretary of Transportation) to W. Perkins (Chairman, Albemarle County BOS) reaffirms VDOT's commitment to the CTB resolutions and denies violation of these resolutions

10/26/94 Public Information Meeting on Route 29 grade-separated interchanges design

11/94 Major Investment Study (MIS) on termini revisions issued

11/4/94 Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) on termini revisions issued

1/16/95 Charlottesville City Council Resolution opposes design and construction of grade-separated interchange at Hydraulic Road

2/13/95 Location Public Hearing on northern and southern termini revisions for the proposed Bypass

2/16/95 CTB Resolution eliminates the three grade-separated interchanges on Route 29 North and rescinds former actions relating to phasing of the Route 29 Bypass construction

3/16/95 CTB Resolution approves termini revisions

5/3/95 Albemarle County BOS Resolution (4 to 2 vote) withdraws support for interchanges, strongly endorses the Meadow Creek Parkway (MCP), and requests the CTB to include the MCP in the primary system. (Local CTB representatives threaten BOS members that they will not work for MCP funding unless BOS support for grade-separated interchanges is withdrawn.)

6/8/95 Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) on termini revisions issued

7/7/95 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issues Finding Of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) concerning modification of the termini

9/6/95 BOS Resolution (unanimously) opposes any interchanges on the bypass

9/7/95 Letter from W. Perkins (Chairman, Albemarle County BOS) to R. Martinez (Secretary of Transportation) reports the unanimous BOS resolution of 9/6/95 opposing any interchanges on the bypass

3/11/96 Citizen Information Meeting on 4 design alternatives for the proposed Bypass

7/3/96 Albemarle County BOS Resolution unanimously reconfirms opposition to interchanges on the bypass

- 7/25/96 MPO Resolution adopts the 1996-1997 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which withholds federal construction funds for the Bypass until certain criteria are met
- 7/30/96 Citizen Information Meeting on newest bypass design
- 1/97 Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) Report issued, includes critical remarks on highway location process used in Route 29 Bypass
- 2/25/97 Design Public Hearing on Bypass
- 2/25/97 Final Design Noise Report first made public at Design Public Hearing
- 4/9/97 Albemarle County BOS Resolution unanimously withdraws support for the proposed Route 29 Bypass
- 4/17/97 CTB Resolution approves Bypass design
- 8/11/97 MPO Resolution adopts the 1997-1998 TIP, continuing to withhold federal construction funds for the Bypass until certain criteria are met
- 1/8/98 Southern Environmental Law Center files suit against VDOT, FHWA, CTB, and the U.S. and Virginia Secretaries of Transportation challenging the construction of the proposed Route 29 Bypass on five environmental counts
- 12/15/98 MPO Resolution adopts the 1998-1999 TIP, continuing to withhold federal construction funds for the Bypass until certain criteria are met
- 2/8/99 MPO sponsors Water Forum
- 3/99 VDOT issues Draft Section 4(f) Evaluation of proposed Bypass' impact on jogging/walking trails near Jack Jouett Middle School
- 8/9/99 VDOT issues draft of Final Section 4(f) Evaluation - Albemarle County School Properties
- 9/21/99 MPO Resolution adopts the 1999-2000 TIP, continuing to withhold federal construction funds for the Bypass until certain criteria are met