

ROUTE 29 BYPASS

(ALTERNATIVE 10)

ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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In its 1991 comments on the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement* concerning issues to be addressed in the *Final Environmental Impact Statement*, the Federal Highway Administration stated,

“The purpose and need is clearly to relieve traffic congestion on the three mile section of U.S. Route 29 north of the U.S. Route 250 Bypass. Listing a secondary purpose of specifically completing a gap in improvements to existing U.S. Route 29 seems to add confusion to the endeavor in that all of the alternates studied do not equally address this secondary purpose ... None of the alternates seem to meet the stated purpose and need without grade separation of the intersections.”

In its July 1990 comments on the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement*, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency noted,

“ ... the proposed candidate build alternatives will not relieve the traffic congestion problem without the construction of grade-separated interchanges at Rio, Hydraulic, and Greenbrier Roads. Since the proposed build alternatives would not improve the Level of Service of Route 29, we question the need for a highway on a new alignment.”