



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Gregory A. Whirley
Commissioner

June 24, 2011

Mr. Stephen Williams, Executive Director
Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization
Post Office Box 1505
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

Dear Mr. Williams:

**SUBJECT: Reasonable Assurance of Funding for Key Albemarle County
Transportation Projects**

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) acknowledges the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) renewed interest in the Route 29 Western Bypass of Charlottesville in Albemarle County. As you are no doubt aware, construction of the Route 29 Western Bypass is a top priority for Governor McDonnell—improvements to the corridor are critical to continued economic growth in the MPO region and the Commonwealth.

I would like to respectfully request that the MPO amend the region's 2035 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and FY12-15 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include construction of the Route 29 Western Bypass. It is VDOT's intent to request a full funding commitment for implementation of this project through the Six Year Improvement Program at the July Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting.

VDOT will provide the MPO with a detailed project description and financial information necessary to amend the CLRP and TIP once the Commonwealth Transportation Board takes action to amend the Six Year Improvement Program.

I foresee the involvement of the Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO as essential to the success of moving the Route 29 Western Bypass project forward. As always, either I or my staff will be available to respond to any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gregory A. Whirley".

Gregory A. Whirley
Commissioner

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