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# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

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Secretary of Transportation

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The Honorable David J. Toscano  
Delegate, 57<sup>th</sup> District  
211 East High Street  
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

Dear Delegate Toscano:

Thank you for your letter concerning the funding for several priority projects in the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) area. It is understandable there may be questions related to the funding for these projects due to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) decision to allocate funding for the Route 29 western bypass.

The funding for the widening of Route 29 from Airport Road to the Hollymead Towne Center was amended to the FY 2012-2017 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) at the July Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting. The allocations for the project start in FY2013. The funding for the Route 29-Bypass ramp project, expansion of Hillsdale Drive and the replacement of the Belmont Bridge will be handled during the SYIP update process for the FY 2013-2018 Program this spring.

With regards to the Berkmar Bridge, the Commonwealth committed to ensuring the Route 29 bypass design does not preclude the construction of the Berkmar Bridge. These requirements were incorporated into the RFP for the Route 29 western bypass project.

To address your question in clarifying funding for the additional projects noted above, funding for any project will be determined in the update of the SYIP and will be based on the revenue projections for transportation provided by the Department of Taxation and the Federal government.

If you have any additional questions or concerns please contact Mr. Jim Utterback, Culpeper District Administrator at 540-829-7511.

Sincerely,



Sean T. Connaughton