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**AGENDA**

WELCOME

- Stakeholder Committee
- Study Team

PROJECT UPDATE

- Project Status

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Meeting Materials for –  
Citizen Information meeting, June 29, 2016  
Senior Center – Ballroom C  
6-8 p.m.

- Website has been updated.

<http://www.hillsdaledrive.org/>

QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Project Schedule/Construction Date

**STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jeanette Janiczek, City of Charlottesville  
Nancy Hunt, Branchlands Property Owners Association  
Martha Wiese, Brookmill Property Owners Association  
Peter Thompson, Senior Center  
Jay Jessup, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company  
Everett Kalafatis, Virginia Credit Union  
Jim Hill, Northfield Homeowners Association  
Greg Cooley, VDOT

**ALTERNATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Juwhan Lee, Charlottesville Transit Service  
David Mitchell, Great Eastern Management Co.  
Sam Morgan, Senior Center  
Tripp Vint, Virginia Credit Union  
Diantha McKeel, Albemarle County Board of Supervisors

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**STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Tony Edwards, City of Charlottesville  
Alexander Ikefuna, City of Charlottesville  
Brad Sheffield, Albemarle County Board of Supervisors  
Michael Barnes, Greenbrier Hometown Associations  
Kristin Peura, Giant Seminole Ltd. Partnership

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:**

Tom Marando, McCormick Taylor  
Larry Moore, McCormick Taylor  
Laura Southard, McCormick Taylor  
Mrs. J.J. Towler, citizen  
Scott Overstreet, The Laurels of Charlottesville  
MaryLee MacDonald, citizen  
Greg Harper, Albemarle County  
Jerry Deily, Alliance for Community Choice in Transportation  
Brian Henschel, Whitman, Requardt & Associates  
Tom Freeman, WRA  
Christopher Diadio, WRA  
James Uhlig, WRA

The following is a general report of the items discussed at the above referenced meeting.

**I. INTRODUCTIONS**

- Jeanette Janiczek opened the meeting at approximately 2:40 p.m.
- Introductions were made by Steering Committee and citizens present, including members of the Construction Engineering Inspection team: Whitman, Requardt & Associates

**II. PROJECT UPDATE**

**Project Status**

- Jeanette reported that right of way has been cleared. Two businesses currently are relocating, to be complete by the end of the summer. The project was advertised for bids at the end of March. Three bids were received in mid-May. Staff reviewed the bids to assure the lowest bid was good, and Fielder's Choice was selected to build the project. The city is now getting contracts in place with Fielder's Choice for work to start June. 30. It is an aggressive schedule.

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- Information will be shared with the public before construction starts in a Citizen Information Meeting to be held June 29 in the same room where the Stakeholder Committee is meeting. Today the committee can review materials for the CIM to make sure they make sense and that they answer questions that are likely to be asked. Jeanette indicated that if there is information missing that the committee members' constituents will need, then that information will be added to the materials.
- The CIM materials will be posted to the project website at [www.hillsdaledrive.org](http://www.hillsdaledrive.org)
- Email addresses will be gathered from interested CIM attendees, through the website and through Jeanette so that periodic project updates can be sent out.
- Negotiations were successful with the Post Office. The city is not acquiring the property as right of way; instead, it is being acquired as a permanent roadway easement. This will not affect how the road is built.

**III. COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- The group reviewed the handout for the CIM. It is important to show people that businesses will be open and access will be maintained. There will be a short closure for the roundabout to be built. Jeanette encouraged the group to provide feedback to her on the content of the handout if they see something to include that would be helpful.
- All contacts regarding the project will go through the city. As for weekend and after hours work, normally there will not be weekend work. There is a restriction in the contract for weekend work and peak hour work. The verbiage from the contract says, "Lane closures will not be permitted during the peak hour timeframes of M-F from 4pm-10pm and weekends except with permission from the City." Jeanette indicated that if the contractor is working within the corridor, then a city representative will be as well.
- A question was asked about including Hillsdale Extension updates with the Route 29 Solutions updates that go out weekly. The group thought using this existing tool would be another way to share project information. Jeanette said she would look into that in addition to periodic emails and possible press releases from the city.
- The group reviewed the display boards, maps and renderings. Work is underway with the contractor on a project schedule. A map that will be shown at the CIM will inform people of the different phases of the work on the project and generally notify people where the contractor will be. This map is color coded to indicate the chronological sequence of construction, and it will be posted on the website. The group liked this map and said it is helpful. A caveat explained to the group is that city staff, project designers and construction engineering inspection reps will meet with the contractor June 22 in a pre-construction meeting. The contractor's input is important into sequencing especially on a complex project such as this, so some revisions could be recommended. However, the city would have to approve an alternative sequence of construction.
- Jeanette indicated that the city is focusing on finishing the project by October 2017. If there are major changes to how it will be constructed, then this information will be shared publicly and not

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at the last minute. Several members indicated that they would like to have input into any proposed changes to the sequence of construction.

- On the map, the roundabout is shown in a fuchsia color. Traffic will need to be blocked for about two months while the roundabout is built. Access will be maintained to businesses; however, not all routes/connections will remain open during that time.
- The royal blue color shows the phase where work is done adjacent to the Senior Center.
- Travel will continue on all existing sections except when the roundabout is built. Travel won't commence on the ultimate project until all new connections are opened at the end. During construction, business access and pedestrian access will be maintained, as well as bus stop access.
- The group reviewed several renderings that were produced by a landscape architect. One showed how the road will appear as it goes through a building. Stamped cobblestone pavement will be used where the road narrows. This is not bumpy and gives a smooth ride along with traffic calming. City standard decorative light poles will be installed. Shrubbery between the two buildings will be installed. Where the buildings are cut at the north wing of Seminole Court, the sides will be restored to their current appearance. Behind this, there will be a bridge with crash test railing similar to that on the McIntire Road Interchange. A rounded cobblestone treatment will be used on the bridge that will be visible to drivers and pedestrians. Bridge railing will be powder coated black, and there will be some railing on top of the retaining wall next to Pepsi Place and going toward the Senior Center for protection. There is a grade difference in this location of about 15 feet from the bridge. The group decided that having all the renderings at the CIM would be confusing and suggested using three – the bridge, the building where the road goes through, and one that shows the landscaping. They suggested labeling the renderings to show sequential order and context.
- Jeanette next showed the roundabout graphic and asked if there were any comments on it. Stamped concrete cobblestone pattern will be in the apron of the roundabout, not where people will drive. The roundabout will be landscaped, and the city would like an agreement with Seminole Square as to who will maintain it. After the roundabout is built, Zan Road becomes Hillsdale and Pepsi Place in the county becomes Hillsdale. Jeanette is working with an ARC GIS person and her counterpart in the county on necessary address changes.
- There is no conduit in the roundabout for irrigation or lighting because there is no agreement with Seminole Square for maintenance. The plan calls for the roundabout to be landscaped, but if maintenance becomes a problem, then it will become turf.
- Jeanette said that the website will be updated with a page that focuses on construction along with a place to add your email address to receive project updates.

**IV. QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC**

- An informal time of questions and answers took place involving committee members and others present for the meeting. Highlights are here:
- Homeowner association reps thought they would get many questions about how to navigate the retention pond to get to Food Lion. Brian Henschel with WRA said that pedestrian access will

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be maintained throughout the project. It might not be on both sides of the road, but it will be clearly signed and safe. They are very aware of those walking through, and maintaining pedestrian access is a high priority. The road will not have to close for construction near the pond.

- Will there be changes to bus service? Juwahan Lee with Charlottesville Transit Service said the intent is to maintain the current schedule as much as possible. There may be short detours for short periods of time.
- How does building the bridge affect traffic? No impact. Building the bridge and a large retaining wall by Pepsi will occur from beginning to end of contract. But this will be behind Pepsi and the Post Office and should not affect the traveling public. Other phases may finish before the end of the project but will not open to traffic. The project does not intend to create new ways to cut through or change travel patterns until whole project is complete/ready.
- What is the timeline for the Rosewood/Senior Center intersection? At this early point in the project, it is difficult to say exactly when construction will be happening where.
- People are now not supposed to turn left out of Whole Foods? Jeanette said the city will continue to talk with Whole Foods about their entrances.
- At what point will there be a schedule? Jeanette said the intent is not to say today where construction will be for the next 18 months because things can change. Her intent is to give 60-90 days' notice.
- Are there bonuses in the contract? No, there was not money in the budget for that. In fact, VDOT had to find additional funding to assure the project could go to construction. There are no penalties either, but there is provision for liquidated damages should that be necessary.
- When will design of retention pond and landscaping be available? Jeanette said it is available now and would be sent out and posted online.
- Is the plan still to install the infrastructure for the traffic signal at Greenbrier followed by a study six months later to see if the signal is warranted? Is it in writing? Yes, that is the plan, and it is in writing. Other traffic calming methods have been included in this area in the meantime such as adding a little concrete median and two sets of flashing lights to aid in pedestrians crossing the street. The bus stop, on-street parking and crosswalks across Hillsdale have been moved to give them better locations. The striping plans for the project show these project features. Some members of the group thought that more detail about the signal and traffic calming would be important to show at the CIM, and Jeanette agreed. Funding for the future signal will come from an ongoing fund held by VDOT and will not have to be specially appropriated or saved in an escrow account. Jeanette said bullet points could be added about the future traffic signal and current crosswalk beacons/flashing lights (to be pedestrian activated.)
- How are they going to move the pond and keep the road open? Brian Henschel with WRA said the pond would be drained for a temporary period (several weeks) while the new road is built up. The pond will be slightly smaller in footprint but not volume. The contractor and inspectors will stay on top of environmental issues throughout the project. They will try to do this work at a time that impacts the fewest people.

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- Are there any plans for doing something to control the amount of debris that washes down and blocks the creek behind homes in Brookmill? This is the outflow from Greenbrier in an area that erodes badly and runs into Meadowcreek at the corner of Brookmill. Brian said the current drainage structure was installed a long time ago and when the pond is drained that structure will be updated to something that will be more effective. Jeanette said that the county has heard citizens on this and is working on a way for their staff to get into the site to maintain it better. If the retention pond by Rosewood is temporarily reduced, won't that cause back up into Branchlands Channel? This already rises as much as six feet, which results in water being one foot from units along the channel. People will ask at the CIM about flooding. Brian responded that the total time for work on the pond is a couple of weeks, and the probability for having that type of record storm is relatively low. During a temporary construction stage, the pond is reconfigured so that water does not enter as usual.
- Is the ROW paid for? Jeanette said agreements are in place, and she believed so. Two committee members indicated they had received letters from VDOT in April saying that payment was forthcoming, but no additional notification or checks or deeds or closing documents have been received. Jeanette said she would follow up with VDOT.
- Is the current amount of on-street parking being maintained? Parking will be striped off, and the plans show how many spaces are in each section. There are a few less spaces. The theme of the project has been to do as much as possible in a tight space. On-street parking was high on the list.
- Where is the entrance to the Senior Center across from The Laurels? Concern that a lot more traffic will exacerbate the situation. Future design of entrances were lined up across from each other for additional safety, and the engineers made sure there is proper sight distance in each direction.
- What are the safety mechanisms for the crosswalk near the Senior Center? They are the same as for the other crosswalk at Greenbrier/Hillsdale, including flashing lights and visible signs. Flashing lights on the ground will not be used as they are difficult to maintain and every time you repave you have to reinstall them.
- Who is the contact for subcontractors who already are on site and disturbing property? Contact Jeanette, who will pass information to VDOT, who is overseeing the current site work.
- Is there anything in the bid documents that speaks to holiday shopping and phasing? Jeanette said the current phasing is to complete the project as soon as possible. Originally there was a longer time frame for construction, but it has been tightened. There are time restrictions every day for peak periods and weekends unless the contractor asks the city for an exception, which should only be emergencies or rare occasions, but none for holiday shopping. There are different uses along the corridor – some commercial and some residential along with two hotels. All that has to be taken into consideration. Work hours are 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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**V. WHAT'S NEXT?**

- Jeanette asked the group what they think about continuing to meet and what they would want to talk about going forward. The committee has worked through design and community concerns. ROW was done privately between owners and the state. Now that the project is going to construction and there will be email updates, do they want to continue meeting?
- Members would like to meet again in January because more information will be available then about the status of construction.
- Jeanette asked those present to share her contact information with their constituencies and to be sure to pass along any concerns.
- She also encouraged those present to attend the CIM June 29.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:49 p.m.**