

March 19, 2014

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Dear Mayor Huja:

Transportation Secretary Aubrey Layne asked me to facilitate the development of reasonable solutions to improve transportation in the Route 29 Corridor in the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County.

As background, in a letter dated February 18, 2014, the Federal Highway Administration expressed concerns regarding the construction of a new highway locally known as the Route 29 Western Bypass. Considering this recent development, Secretary Layne is committed to looking forward to reasonable alternatives that can be implemented within the Route 29 Corridor.

In order to move forward in a prudent yet expedient fashion, the Secretary needs your input as part of a study process that will culminate in a recommendation to the Commonwealth Transportation Board on May 21, 2014.

Time is short.

Please join me at 1:00 pm on March 27, 2014, in the Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research's Auditorium at 530 Edgemont Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903 to discuss your thoughts on a process that will assist us in reaching common goals to improve mobility in the Route 29 Corridor. We will be joined by VDOT Chief Deputy Commissioner Quintin Elliott, Director of DRPT Jennifer Mitchell and DRPT Chief Operating Officer Kevin Page.

I will keep us focused on our charge. We do not want to debate or rehash history.

We have been charged to forward a recommendation regarding reasonable solutions by May 21st; however that will not be the end of our journey. There will be much work to follow. But ending right depends on starting right. In that regard, this first meeting is a crucial one.

Please confirm your attendance by contacting me at 757.339.3745 or at philip.shucet@philipshucet.com.

I look forward to working with you.

Best regards,



Philip A. Shucet
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