

## What You Should Know...

Construction of the Route 29 Solutions projects is underway along the corridor. This means changes to traffic patterns and construction crews and equipment along the roadway 24 hours a day. Here are some things you should know...

### ...if you shop along Rt. 29:

All Rt. 29 businesses will be open during construction. All existing right hand turns into and out of the businesses will remain open and detours to cross the median will be clearly marked. Because access to businesses will be maintained at all times throughout construction, it is easy to support local businesses in the corridor in the same you always have – by continuing to dine, shop, and play on Route 29!

### ...if you are a Local Business Owner:

Plan ahead: Use social media, email and local press to keep your customers up-to-date with your business, including sales and operating hours. It's never too early to tell your customers what to expect during construction! Albemarle County's Board of Supervisors has established a Business Assistance Plan. Head to [www.albemarle.org/rt29businessassistance](http://www.albemarle.org/rt29businessassistance) to access this support, including a matching grant program for qualifying Rt. 29 businesses.

### ...if you are a Rt. 29 commuter:

Rt. 29 will be open for the duration of construction, so you'll be able to drive along the corridor to your destinations as you always have! Wayfinding signs will be installed along Rt. 29 to guide you through the traffic changes. For the most up-to-date changes, check out VDOT's website before you head out: <http://www.route29solutions.org>

### ...if you live in the neighborhood:

Albemarle County, in coordination with VDOT, the City of Charlottesville, and the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, are working together to anticipate and mitigate impacts from the 29 Solutions projects in a coordinated way. The work has focused on aspects of public safety related to construction impacts, including cut-through traffic, emergency response, traffic and detours in and around the corridor, noise, and special events. A series of actions has been identified to minimize impacts and respond to issues as they arise. Be alert and obey directional signage so you arrive to your destination quickly and safely.



## Project Contacts

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*For questions about business signage:*

#### Community Development

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*To arrange for someone to speak to your neighborhood about the Route 29 Solutions projects:*

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For full details  
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[www.route29solutions.org](http://www.route29solutions.org)

Do you live, shop, work or play along Route 29? If so, exciting changes are coming your way! We want to help you navigate safely through construction. Find out what you need to know with...

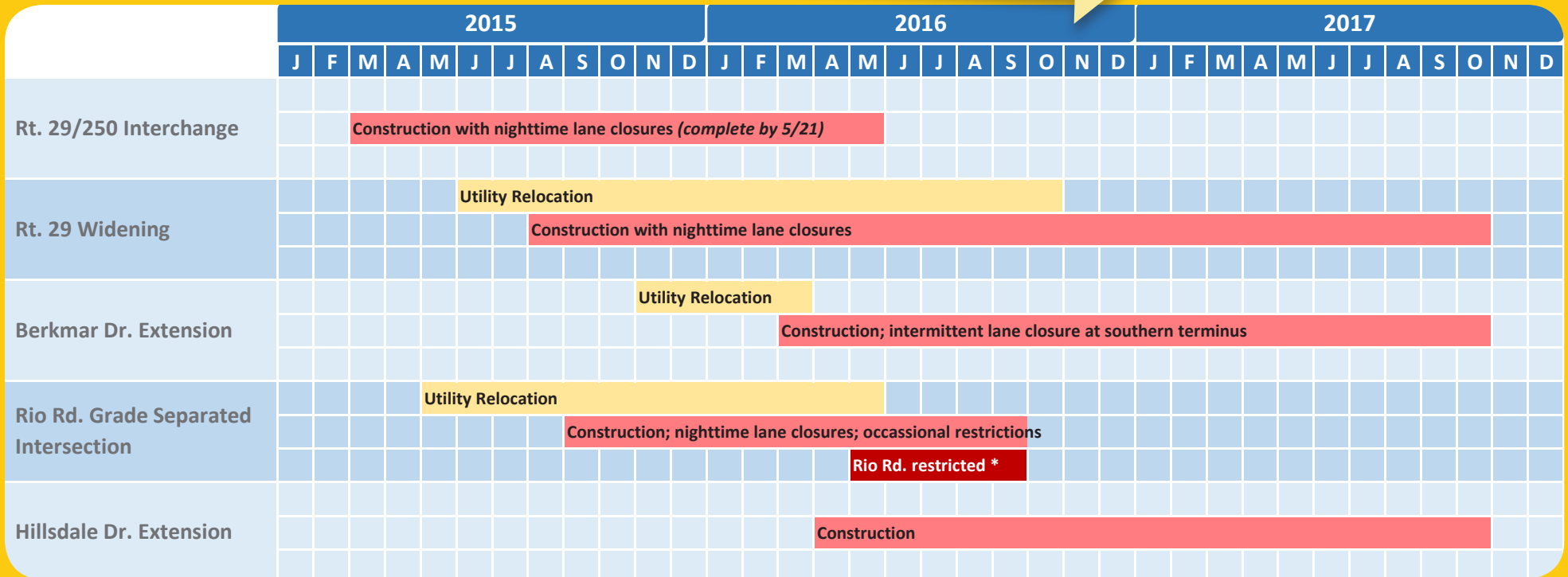
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# Project Construction Schedule / Milestones



The Rt. 29 Solutions Package represents a \$230 million investment into the improvement of Albemarle County's infrastructure that will address safety and traffic flow in the Rt. 29 corridor.

Traffic impacts related to the construction of the Rio Road grade-separated intersection will be limited by the contract terms. VDOT has created Maintenance of Traffic requirements that the contractor must adhere to, including travel lane maintenance and construction schedules, or face steep financial consequences.

**The Maintenance of Traffic outlines the following:**

All existing right-in, right-out entrances will be maintained during all phases of construction and will remain open after construction is complete.

\*During the 103 day period between May 23, 2016 and September 2, 2016 the following restrictions will be in effect 24 hours/day:

- Rio Road can be closed to East – West through traffic across Rt. 29.
- Rio Road can be closed to left turns from Rio Road onto Rt. 29, and from Rt. 29 onto Rio Road.
- Three northbound lanes and two southbound lanes will be maintained on Rt. 29 from 6am to 9pm.
- Right turns from Rt. 29 to Rio Road and from Rio Road to Rt. 29 will be permitted.
- A temporary signalized crossover at existing Berkmar Drive and Rt. 29 will provide access to and from Rt. 29. This crossover can be used to detour around Rio Road for northbound and southbound traffic, and can be

used to access the east side of Rt. 29 by southbound Berkmar Drive traffic.

- A temporary signalized crossover south of Myers Drive will allow northbound traffic on Rt. 29 to make U-turns.
- A temporary median break on West Rio Road will allow traffic exiting businesses to turn left onto West Rio Road.

At all other times during construction, the contractor is required to maintain:

- Four through lanes in each direction on Rt. 29 from 6am – 9pm
- Two through lanes in each direction on Rio Road from 6am to 9pm
- All roadway connections and operational movements from 6am to 9pm