

## Frequently Asked...

### *What is a grade-separated intersection (GSI)?*

Grade-separated intersections separate through traffic from local traffic, allowing for more efficient operation of the intersection and enhancing level of service and safety. View a drive-through simulation video at [www.albemarle.org/rt29](http://www.albemarle.org/rt29).

### *What is the timeline for construction of the project?*

The major phase of construction, in which crews will work on the roadway around the clock, will begin on May 23, 2016 and is expected to last through September 2, 2016. Additional construction will continue during nighttime hours through December 2016. All projects of the Route 29 Solutions package will be completed by Winter 2017 – including Berkmar Drive Extension and Route 29 Widening.

### *What is being done to mitigate construction impacts on area neighborhoods and residents?*

Local emergency response, public safety, and community development staff have been meeting regularly with VDOT to anticipate and alleviate 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, and traffic and detours in and around the corridor. A series of actions has been identified to minimize impacts and respond to issues as they arise. More information about this work can be found online at [www.albemarle.org/rt29](http://www.albemarle.org/rt29).

### *How will school buses be impacted during construction?*

Albemarle County Public Schools Transportation Division is actively involved in discussions with VDOT to identify and mitigate disruption to school transportation. The restrictions at the Rio Road intersection occur between May 23 and September 2, 2016, which overlaps with two weeks at the end of the 2015-2016 school year and the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. The projected impact on ride times is estimated to be no more than 5 minutes for the schools that have buses that travel through the Rio intersection. Schools are in communication with impacted students.

### *How can I support businesses along Route 29 during construction?*

Because access to businesses will be maintained at all times, it is easy to support local businesses in the corridor in the same way you always have – by continuing to dine, shop, and play on Route 29!

## Project Contacts

### **VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (VDOT)**

*For questions or concerns about specific project designs and the construction schedule:*

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*For construction issues:*

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### **ALBEMARLE COUNTY**

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*To report non-emergency traffic safety or volume issues related to construction:*

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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 visit VDOT's project website:

[www.route29solutions.org](http://www.route29solutions.org)

Your guide to the

# Route 29 Solutions

# Projects

**This summer, big changes are coming to the intersection of Rio Road and Route 29. After months of nighttime work at the edge of the roadway, the Rio Road Grade Separated Intersection (GSI) will begin the major phase of construction on May 23, 2016. Albemarle County and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) are working hard to ensure that you know what to expect throughout construction and stay updated on how to safely reach all of your destinations in the corridor, whether it be home, work, dining, or shopping.**



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[www.albemarle.org/rt29](http://www.albemarle.org/rt29)

for additional details and more ways to connect.

## Get-Around Guide



### ***Will Route 29 or Rio Road be closed during construction?***

No! Both roadways will remain open during construction. Between May 23 and September 2, 2016 traffic on Rio Road will not be permitted to make left-hand turns at or cross over Route 29, nor will traffic on Route 29 be able to turn left onto Rio Road.

### ***How will this next phase of construction impact traffic?***

Between May 23 and September 2, 2016, traffic traveling along Route 29 will continue to flow through the intersection. Rio Road traffic will be limited to right-turns only at the Route 29 intersection. Route 29 traffic will be limited to right-turns only onto Rio Road. The temporary signalized crossover south of Myers Drive will facilitate U-turns. Three northbound lanes and two southbound lanes will be maintained on Route 29 from 6 am to 9 pm. All existing right-in, right-out entrances will be maintained during all phases of construction and will remain open after construction is complete.

### ***Will access to businesses along Route 29 be eliminated during and after construction?***

All existing right-in, right-out entrances will be maintained during construction and will remain open after construction is complete. During the 103-day period of construction at Rio Road, drivers may have to make U-turns or use parallel roads to access some businesses with entrances between Woodbrook Drive and Twentyninth Place.

### ***Will access to my subdivision be restricted during construction? What is being done to prevent cut-through traffic in residential neighborhoods?***

Construction will be staged in order to maintain access to all subdivisions at all times. During construction, signage will be installed along the corridor to direct through traffic to remain on Route 29. Traffic volumes will be monitored in the most likely areas of cut-through traffic during construction. Where cut-through traffic occurs, a series of measures may be deployed, including the use of speed trailers and solar radar signs, enhanced speeding fines, and enforcement measures.

### ***How will emergency responders be impacted during construction?***

All local emergency response vehicles are fitted with equipment that allows priority access at all of the intersections along Route 29. Patrolmen, emergency responders, and the Emergency Communications Center staff will be regularly briefed on changes to traffic flow. Albemarle County Fire Rescue is working closely with the Seminole Trail Volunteer Fire Department to ensure adequate response times are maintained during construction. Fire Rescue staff estimate a response delay of about 25 seconds to calls for service accessed from East Rio Road. Response times will be monitored closely and if observed delays prove much greater, measures to reduce response times will be enacted.