

Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

**Information on
Amendments to the
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
And to the
Long-Range Transportation Plan**

**Public Hearing and MPO Policy Board Meeting
On December 10, 2007
Danville Municipal Building, Danville
2nd Floor Conference Room
5:30 Hearing, 6:30 Meeting**

Introduction
December 2007 Amendments to the
FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program and the Constrained
Long-Range Transportation Plan, Year 2030

From time to time the Danville-Pittsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to consider amendments to key planning documents. Currently a number of amendments need to be made. First, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) needs to be amended to add a project on Route 750 (Mt. Cross Road) where it intersects Route 863; the obligated funds provided for this project will be available in the added funding years FY 2009-2010. Another amendment is to be considered for the MPO's Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP); in this case the MPO is being required to amend the multi-project list to adjust the project costs, originally set in 2004, to their escalated costs for the Year of Expenditure (YOE) which is an adjustment being required by the Federal Highway Administration and the last national transportation act, SAFETEA-LU.

Pursuant to the MPO's rules, the above needed amendments are being announced publicly by advertisement and press release and a public involvement process is being followed to inform the public of what is sought in respect to amendment to the planning documents. The advertisement with details on public hearing and input provisions follows.

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Invitation for Comment and Input at Public Hearing on the Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization's December 2007 Amendments to the FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program and the Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan, Year 2030

In order to provide general public and private sector input on amendments to the Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for FY 2006-2008, the MPO is offering an opportunity at a public hearing to address amendments to be considered by the MPO to the current FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program in order to add project UPC 81238 on Route 750 in Pittsylvania County to the project lists. This project involves reconstructing intersection and approaches at the Route 750/Route 863 intersection and is also included in the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan identified as project/map location 17.

Additional amendments will be considered for the Year 2030 Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP); these may involve updating the cost estimates for the various projects contained in the Plan's projects list that are considered constrained by the funding stream expected to be available to the year 2030 and to be compliant with Year-of-Expenditure federal requirements.

The MPO will consider suggestions for changes to the amendments of the TIP and CLRP document during the course of the public review period, the hearing, and at the public MPO meeting to consider the inputs to the document presented to it by its staff. A briefing on the TIP and CLRP amendments needed and any suggested changes or comments received prior to the hearing will be made prior to taking hearing comments and made part of the TIP amendment process records.

Public Hearing Information: The public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2007, in the Second Floor Conference Room, Danville Municipal Building, Patton Street, Danville, VA. Persons or firms wishing to provide written comments and not able to attend the public hearing may submit these by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 10, 2007, to: the Danville MPO Administrator (Mr. Robert Dowd), located at West Piedmont PDC, 1100 Madison Street, P.O. Box 5268, Martinsville, VA 24115 (276-638-3987) (Fax: 276-638-8137) rdowd@wppdc.org.

Note that the Danville MPO Policy Board will meet after the Public Hearing (closes at 6:30 p.m.) at 6:35 p.m. to consider the Plan amendments and hearing comments.

Input and comment are encouraged from: the general public interested in transportation; private providers of transit services, and other public and private entities. In addition, disabled persons or their representatives are also encouraged to participate.

Copies of the amendments background information may be reviewed at: 1) Danville City Manager's office, Danville Municipal Building, Patton Street, Danville, VA.; 2) Danville Department of Public Works, 998 South Boston Road (Route 58 East), Danville VA.; 3) Pittsylvania County Administrator's Office, Main Street, Chatham, VA.; 4) Danville Public Library, Patton Street, Danville, VA; 5) Pittsylvania County Public Library, 24 Military Drive, Chatham, VA.; 6) West Piedmont PDC, 1100 Madison Street, Martinsville, VA.; 7) Danville Transit System and Airport Manager's Office, Danville Regional Airport Terminal Building, Airport Road (off Route 58 East), Danville, VA. Information may also be viewed on the website: www.wppdc.org under MPO items.

The MPO's staff will present a summary of the amendment efforts at the hearing and take comments. For questions regarding the meeting or the amendment efforts, please contact Bob Dowd (MPO/WPPDC) at (276) 638-3987 or email: rdowd@wppdc.org.

Individuals who require special assistance to attend the Public Hearing should contact Marc Adelman at Danville Transit System, (434-799-5110). Mr. Adelman can provide information regarding the availability of public transit accommodations such as Reserve-a-Ride for attending the hearing. Hearing impaired persons requiring assistance may call or fax Mr. Dowd at 276-638-3987; fax: 276-638-8137. For persons with English as a second language, visual materials will be available to aid participation.

**Amendment to Transportation Improvement Program
FY 2006-2008**

*Adding Funding for Improving Route 750 and Route 863 Intersection and
Approaches
Project UPC 81238*

The Virginia Department of Transportation is considering inclusion of improvements at the intersection of Route 750 [Mt. Cross Road] and Route 863 into the Transportation Improvement Program, currently covering the period FY 2006-2008. The data sheet issued for this amendment provided Planning-Engineering (PE) funding for FY 2007; Right-of-Way (RW) funding for FY 2008, and Construction (CN) funding for FY 2010 so that amendment to the TIP extends period of fund obligation to FY 2009 and FY 2010, beyond the original FY 2006-2008 TIP funding period. The project will address safety, traffic operations, traffic system management in its scope of work; the principal funding source will be the HES program; it will address improvement in vertical alignment and should aid the sight distance for motorists. As noted, the data sheet also presents the federal and state funds obligations in the years of planned expenditure.

The UPC # 81238 data sheet from VDOT is attached.

FY2007-2010 STIP

All Projects

MPO: All

Jurisdiction: All

Road System: All

Project UPC: 81238

Secondary

FY2007-2010 STIP

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT

ROUTE: 0750	PROJECT	NFO	PROGRAM/SYSTEM	MPO Area			
UPC NO.: 81238	RTE 750 - IMPROVE VERTICAL ALIGNMENT		Secondary	Danville			
STREET NAME:	MOUNT CROSS RD.			EST. SCHEDULE			
JURISDICTION:	Pittsylvania County		PE	20 Underway			
DESCRIPTION:	AT ROUTE 863		RW	11 FY2008			
			CN	273 FY2010			
			TO	304			
SCOPE OF WORK:	SAFETY/TRAFFIC OPERS/TSM						
PROJECT LENGTH:	0.0000 MI	STRUCTURE NO.:	SUFFICIENCY RATING:				
PRINCIPAL FUND SOURCE:	HES						
REQUIRED ALLOCATIONS (000's)							
Fund Sources	Prev. Alloc	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OBLIGATIONS (000's)							
Fund Sources		Match	Previous	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010
Federal - HSIP	PE	2	0	18	0	0	0
	RW	1	0	0	10	0	0
	CN	27	0	0	0	0	246
PROGRAM NOTE:	TIP AMD to add RW to FFY08 oblig \$9,990 HSIP funds; add CN to FFY10 oblig \$245,790 HSIP funds. (RMF 11/08/07)						

FY2007-2010 STIP

All Projects

MPO: All

Jurisdiction: All

Road System: All

Project UPC: 86673

Miscellaneous

ROUTE: 0000	PROJECT	NFO	PROGRAM/SYSTEM	MPO Area			
UPC NO.: 86673	HSIP District-wide High Risk Rural Roads Lynchburg		Miscellaneous	Danville			
STREET NAME:			EST.	SCHEDULE			
JURISDICTION: Lynchburg District-wide			PE 245	Underway			
DESCRIPTION:			RW 0	N/A			
			CN 0	N/A			
			TO 245				
SCOPE OF WORK: SAFETY/TRAFFIC OPERS/TSM							
PROJECT LENGTH: -	STRUCTURE NO.:		SUFFICIENCY RATING:				
PRINCIPAL FUND SOURCE:							
REQUIRED ALLOCATIONS (000's)							
Fund Sources	Prev. Alloc	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013
High Risk Rural : Federal	220	214	0	0	0	0	0
High Risk Rural : State	24	24	0	0	0	0	0
Match							
Total	245	238	0	0	0	0	0
OBLIGATIONS (000's)							
Fund Sources	Match	Previous	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	
Federal - HSIP	PE	24	0	0	220	0	0
	RW	0	0	0	0	0	0
	CN	0	0	0	0	0	0
PROGRAM NOTE:	TIP AMD to add PE to FFY08 and obligate \$220,203 HSIP funds. (RMF 11/14/07)						

**Amendment to Meet Year of Expenditure Requirement for
Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan
List of Years 2004-2030 Projects**

The tables that follow below exhibits the roadway improvements included in the Danville-Pittsylvania Area Long-Range Transportation Plan for Year 2030 that was adopted in June 2004 and includes projects currently programmed for funding in the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP), Fiscal Years 2004-2009 & subsequent years. These projects are also included in the Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). As of 2004, some other roadway improvements that were then not funded in either the SYIP and/or the TIP at the time were also recommended – but all the recommended improvements in the Transportation Plan of 2004 were capable of being funded based on expected funding streams within the 2030 timeframe of the Plan.

Federal planning requirements, in 2004 and presently, require that an MPO's list of Long-Range Plan projects be fundable with state-federal funds that are expected to be made available over the timeframe covered by the Plan, i.e. 2030, as just noted above; this effectively defines the Plan as being '**Constrained**' and thus meeting the federal requirements. Now recent federal planning regulations require the Plan's list of projects to have each project's cost escalated (inflated) from its 2004 dollars at original Plan adoption to the point at which the project is constructed; in current parlance this means adjusting project list to '**Year-of-Expenditure**' or 'YOE.'

It is also to be noted that it is possible that with inflation and adjustments to the list for Year-of-Expenditure, certain projects may need to be dropped off if the accrued total costs of all projects exceeds the \$188,482,000 anticipated to be available to the area by year 2030. Though not expected to be the case, if the total funds happened to be underutilized, then projects from the Vision Plan that originally could not be funded can be brought over to the Constrained Plan's project list.

At the public hearing and MPO Policy Board meeting we will take comment on this process from interested parties including the Virginia Department of Transportation's various offices and the localities, as well as the public's input over the period of public involvement prior to and including the hearing.

Exhibit 1
Recommended Roadway Improvements

Map ID [1]	Project Description (From/To)	Estimated Cost [2]	Locality	Status [3]	Remarks	Proposed Typical Section [4]
1	US 29 Bypass – US 29 Business at West Main Street/North Carolina line to US 29 Business at Blairs	\$1,649,100	Pittsylvania County/ City of Danville		Upgrade to interstate standards	I4
2	US 29 Bypass at Elizabeth Street	\$4,821,000	City of Danville		Construct bridge structure and ramps for interchange	
3	US 29 Bypass – US 58/VA 360 to VA 719	\$8,442,000 [5]	Pittsylvania County/ City of Danville	PP	Widen to four lanes	R4D
4	US 29 (Central Boulevard) at VA 413 (Memorial Drive)	\$800,000	City of Danville		Improve alignment of southbound to westbound ramp	
5	Piney Forest Road and Central Boulevard (US 29 Bus) -- Piney Forest Road to Parker Road	\$4,800,000	City of Danville		Intersection and circulation improvements (includes shift of Piney Forest Road connection to opposite Parker Road)	
6	Piney Forest Road (US 29 Bus) -- Audubon Drive to Beaver Mill Road	\$7,440,000	City of Danville		Intersection and circulation improvements (includes shift of Beaver Mill Road/Wendell Scott intersection; connect Pineview Drive and Deer Run Road to Beaver Mill Road)	

**Exhibit I
Recommended Roadway Improvements**

Map ID [1]	Project Description (From/To)	Estimated Cost [2]	Locality	Status [3]	Remarks	Proposed Typical Section [4]
7	Piney Forest Road (US 29 Bus) at North Main Street (VA 293)	\$1,460,000	City of Danville		Upgrade and signalize intersection, modify circulation patterns (including re-alignment of Seminole Drive)	
8	VA 41 Extension – VA 730 (0.4 miles west of VA 729) to VA 360/US 29 Bypass	\$3,937,500	Pittsylvania County		Construct 2-lane roadway on new alignment	U2
9	VA 41 Extension -- US 29 Bypass to VA 293	\$19,894,000 [6]	Pittsylvania County	PP	Construct new roadway	U4D
10	VA 41 – US 29 Bus (Piney Forest Road) to Danville corporate limits	\$3,374,000 [7]	City of Danville	PP	Widen roadway, improve intersection at Piney Forest Road	U4D
11	VA 41 – VA 719 to VA 863	\$8,534,100 [8]	Pittsylvania County	PP	Widen from 2 to 5 lanes	R4D
12	Route 58 Southwest Bypass	\$12,734,000 [9]	Pittsylvania County	PP	Construct new roadway (PE/RW/CON)	R4D
13	US 58/VA 360 at VA 62/726	\$67,000 [10]	Pittsylvania County	PP	Install traffic signal	
14	VA 86 (South Main Street) - NC state line to Goodyear Boulevard	\$265,000	City of Danville		Widen to four lanes, improve intersection at Goodyear Boulevard and install signal	U4D
15	VA 360 – Danville corporate limits to VA 41 Extension	\$7,950,000	Pittsylvania County		Widen to four lanes	U4D
16	VA 730 and 733 -- VA 41 Extension to 0.1 miles south of railroad tracks on VA 733	\$6,312,500	Pittsylvania County		Reconstruct to current two-lane standards, includes improvements to intersection at VA 730/VA 733	U2
17	VA 750 at VA 863	\$2,406,200	Pittsylvania County		Reconstruct intersection and approaches	
18	VA 750 – VA 863 to US 29 Business (Piney Forest Road)	\$27,060,000	Pittsylvania County/ City of Danville		Construct 4-lane parkway on new alignment	R4D
19	VA 750 (Mount Cross Road) at VA 724 (Mill Creek Road)	\$270,000 [11]	Pittsylvania County	PP	Improve intersection (turn lanes)	
20	VA 863 – US 58 to 0.8 miles south of VA 750	\$4,980,000	Pittsylvania County		Construct roadway on new alignment	R2
21	Iris Lane Parkway -- Central Boulevard to US 29 (Danville Expressway)	\$34,440,000	Pittsylvania County/ City of Danville		Construct 4-lane parkway on new alignment	R4D
22	Parker Road – Iris Lane Parkway to Central Boulevard	\$1,260,000	City of Danville		Improve two-lane facility	U2

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Recommended Roadway Improvements

Map ID [1]	Project Description (From/To)	Estimated Cost [2]	Locality	Status [3]	Remarks	Proposed Typical Section [4]
23	Robertson Bridge	\$19,647,000 [12]	City of Danville	PP	Add parallel bridge; improve approaches	
24	Worsham Street Bridge	\$2,815,000 [13]	City of Danville	PP	Demolish	

Notes:

[1] – Numbers shown here refer to the map of improvements in Exhibit 2.

[2] – Estimated costs are planning-level estimates based on average or typical projects for each cross-section type. Costs are for year 2004 and include both construction and rights-of-way.

[3] – Projects indicated with PP (programmed project) are included in the VDOT Six-Year Improvement Program (Fiscal Years 2004-2009).

[4] – Cross-section types are illustrated in Exhibit 3.

[5] – The estimated cost of this programmed project is \$24,697,000. Cost shown in table is the amount that remains to be funded in fiscal years 2005 and beyond.

[6] – The estimated cost of this programmed project is \$25,572,000. Cost shown in table is the amount that remains to be funded in fiscal years 2005 and beyond.

[7] – The estimated cost of this programmed project is \$9,528,000. Cost shown in table is the amount that remains to be funded in fiscal years 2005 and beyond.

[8] – The estimated cost of this programmed project is \$9,257,000. Cost shown in table is the amount that remains to be funded in fiscal years 2005 and beyond.

[9] – The estimated cost of this programmed project is \$88,548,000. Cost shown in table is the amount that remains to be funded in fiscal years 2005 and beyond.

[10] – The estimated cost of this programmed project is \$192,000. Cost shown in table is the amount that remains to be funded in fiscal years 2005 and beyond.

[11] – The estimated cost of this programmed project is \$270,000. Cost shown in table is the amount that remains to be funded in fiscal years 2005 and beyond.

[12] – The estimated cost of this programmed project is \$28,433,000. Cost shown in table is the amount that remains to be funded in fiscal years 2005 and beyond.

[13] – The estimated cost of this programmed project is \$3,990,000. Cost shown in table is the amount that remains to be funded in fiscal years 2005 and beyond.

**DANVILLE-PITTSYLVANIA AREA
LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
YEAR 2030**

LEGEND

- Study Area
- Railroad
- Road Network
- Water
- Political Boundary
- Key to Recommendation Table

PROGRAMMED PROJECTS

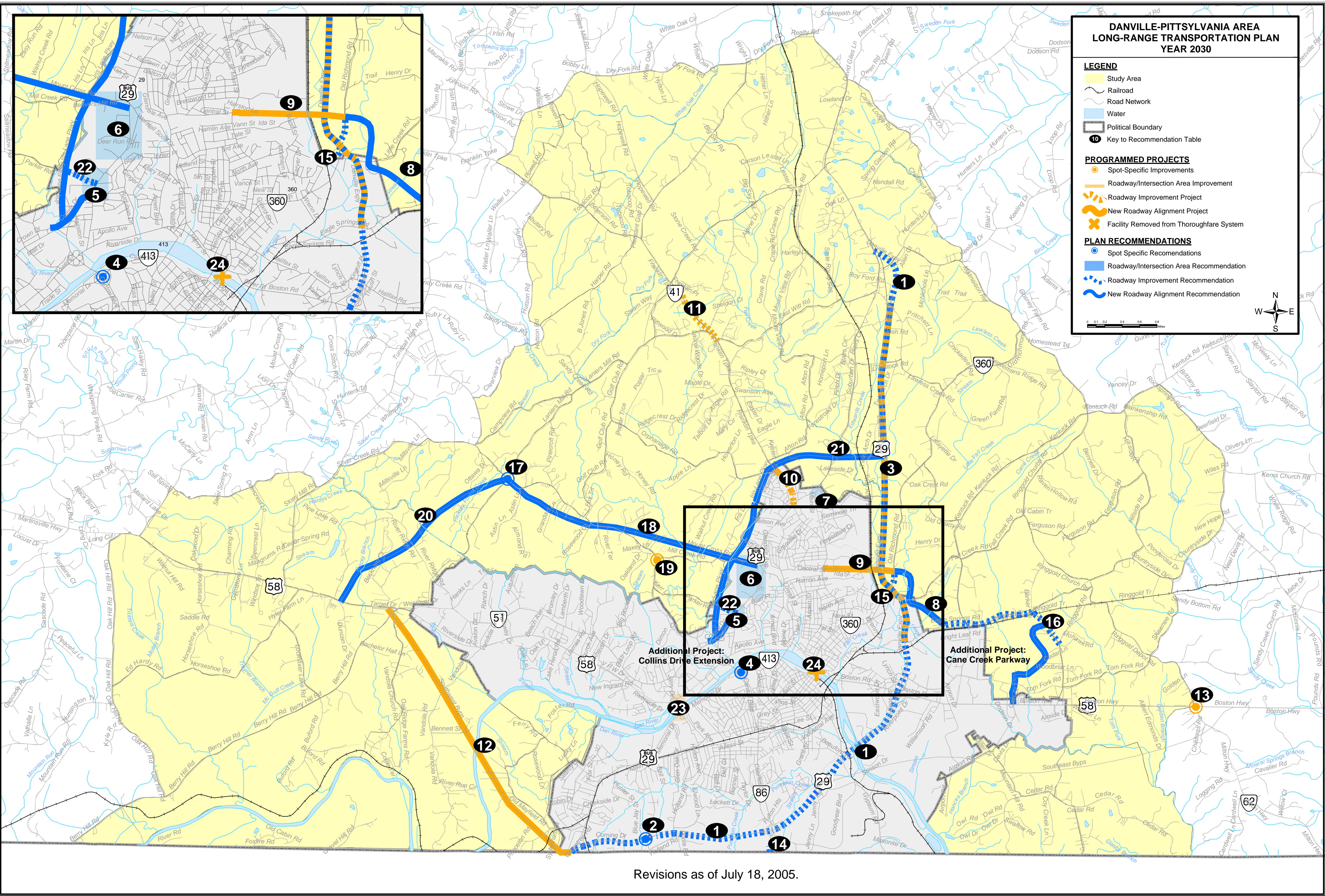
- Spot-Specific Improvements
- Roadway/Intersection Area Improvement
- Roadway Improvement Project
- New Roadway Alignment Project
- Facility Removed from Thoroughfare System

PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

- Spot Specific Recommendations
- Roadway/Intersection Area Recommendation
- Roadway Improvement Recommendation
- New Roadway Alignment Recommendation

Scale: 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 Miles

Compass Rose: N, S, E, W



Revisions as of July 18, 2005.

**Amendment to
Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan
Commercial Street Connection from Piedmont Drive to Riverside Drive
December 2007**

The Danville Department of Public Works, Engineering Division, has requested an additional amendment to the Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) at the Danville MPO's public hearing and Policy Board meeting on December 10, 2007 to accompany the other amendments to the CLRP to be taken up at that time.

The Virginia Department of Transportation and City of Danville are working together on design and future construction of a revitalized Robertson Bridge over the Dan River (Project 23 of the MPO's 2004 CLRP). The proposed design for the widened Robertson Bridge will prohibit traffic from turning left from Piedmont Drive onto Riverside Drive going to the east. The City has proposed to construct a connecting road between Piedmont Drive at Park Avenue to possibly Riverview Drive or directly to Riverside Drive to provide for the southbound to eastbound movement. Contacts have been made with potentially affected property owners of the area.

The City of Danville plans to make a request to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the award of matching Revenue Sharing Funds to construct the proposed street connection project. A requirement to be eligible for the grant of funds is that the proposed new street be shown in an approved Comprehensive Long Range Plan. Thus the City has requested the addition of the project to the upcoming public hearing for amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan and subsequent consideration by the MPO Policy Board.



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November 20, 2007

Mr. Robert Dowd
West Piedmont Planning District Commission
One Starling Avenue
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Martinsville, VA 24115-5268

Re: Commercial Street Connection from Piedmont Drive to Riverside Drive

Dear Mr. Dowd:

The proposed design for the widened Robertson Bridge over the Dan River will prohibit traffic from turning left from Piedmont Drive onto Riverside Drive going east. We are proposing to construct a connecting road between Piedmont Drive at Park Avenue to possibly Riverview Drive or directly to Riverside Drive to provide for this movement. We have discussed these options with the effected property owners.

The City is planning to request VDOT matching Revenue Sharing Funds to construct this street. One of the requirements to be eligible for this grant is that the proposed street be shown in our approved Comprehensive Long Range Plan. Please include this addition in the up-coming public hearing for amendments to our Long Range Transportation Plan.

I will send you a copy of the concept plan next week.

Sincerely,

A. Kent Shelton, P. E.
Assistant Director Public Works
and City Engineer

AKS/bmc

Cc: Ric Drazenovich, Director of Public Works