

Route 29 (Western) Bypass

The Western Bypass is a proposed six-mile long roadway from the interchange of Route 29 and Route 29/250 Bypass to just north of Route 643 (Polo Grounds Road). It is planned to connect with Route 29 and the proposed Northern Free State Road.

The County has been working with VDOT via MPO to address the County's concerns with the Western Bypass. In this effort, the CHART Plan described the Western Bypass as noted below.

The project as designed does not meet community or regional needs, and has been determined too costly for the transportation benefits to be gained (draft design plans for the Western Bypass can be found in the Albemarle County Department of Community Development and the local VDOT Residency Office). The transportation goals of the Bypass can be more effectively realized with improvements to the existing Route 29 corridor.

Portions of the right-of-way reserved for this project should be considered for potential use in other projects such as Berkmar Drive Extended. The remaining right-of-way should be sold, with the proceeds going toward other projects in the Route 29 corridor that better deliver cost-effective solutions to congestion along the corridor. These include adding additional lanes to Route 29 North. These actions would effectively contribute to the near-term improvements needed to maintain Route 29 as the major north-south automobile and truck route.

Recommendation

- Implement the recommendations from UnJam- CHART 2025 Transportation Plan.
- Implement the recommendations of the 29H250 Study and implement the transportation recommendations of the Places29 Study, when adopted.
- Maintain existing cross-section of Route 250 West from Route 29/250 Bypass to the I-64 interchange.
- Implement improvements to Route 250 East consistent with Neighborhood Plan, when adopted.
- Construct the Meadow Creek Parkway, including an interchange at the Route 250 Bypass.
- Construct the Hillsdale Drive extension as recommended in the Hillsdale Drive Extension Study.
- Complete construction of the Southern Parkway by extending the road to connect to 5th Street.
- Implement the CHART 2025 Plan recommendations regarding the Route 29 Western Bypass.
- Implement the recommendations from the Eastern Connector Study.