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Subject: RE: Charlottesville Route 29 Bypass - Culpeper District

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Thank you for the Route 29 Bypass project update. I have reviewed the projects risk which includes items that could impact cost and schedule. Further, I understand that there is a significant difference in the estimated project cost between the central office staff and the District staff. I am authorizing you to move forward and advertise the project as a design build project in September. The response to this advertisement will give me better data from wish to determine project cost. While I am hopeful that the project bids will reflect that of the District's estimate, we must create a procurement document that provides the contractor with flexibility to design and build a project that is cost efficient and addresses stakeholder's needs.

I am hopeful that the flexibility provided in the design build process and the continuation of a trend of very favorable bids (approximately 15% below the internal project estimates) will provide for project delivery within the current planning estimate.