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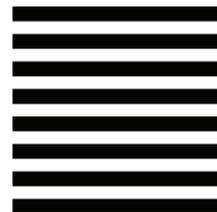
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- Let us know how we can come to you. Representatives are available to come to community or business organization meetings.
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US 220 Corridor Planning Study



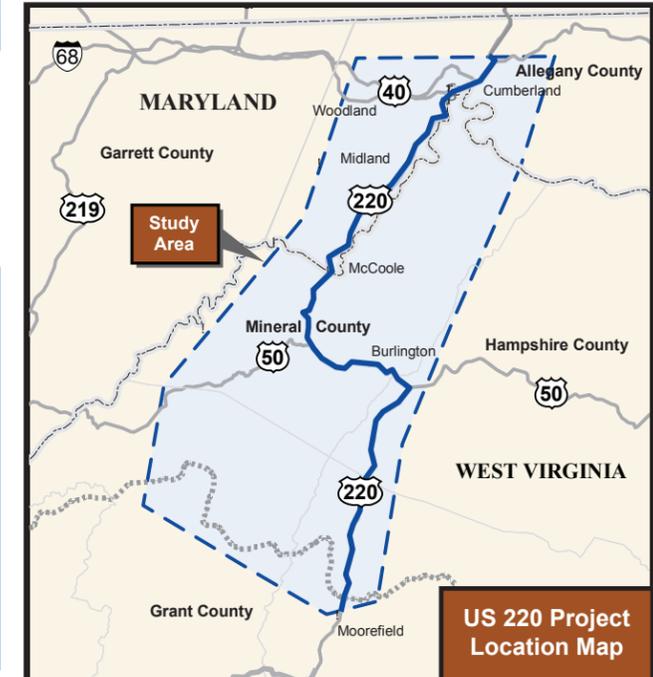
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Public Informational Workshops Scheduled

The West Virginia Division of Highways (DOH) and the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) invite interested members of the public to attend a series of informational public workshops regarding the US 220 Corridor Planning Study. These workshops will present several potential new corridors that are being studied in the vicinity of US 220.

Meeting Dates and Locations

Monday, May 7, 2007 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Tuesday, May 8, 2007 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 10, 2007 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Moorefield High School – Cafeteria 401 North Main Street Moorefield, WV 26836	Keyser Primary/Middle School – Cafeteria 700 Harley O. Stagers, Sr. Drive Keyser, WV 26726	Bel Air Elementary School – Gymnasium 14401 Barton Avenue Cumberland, MD 21502



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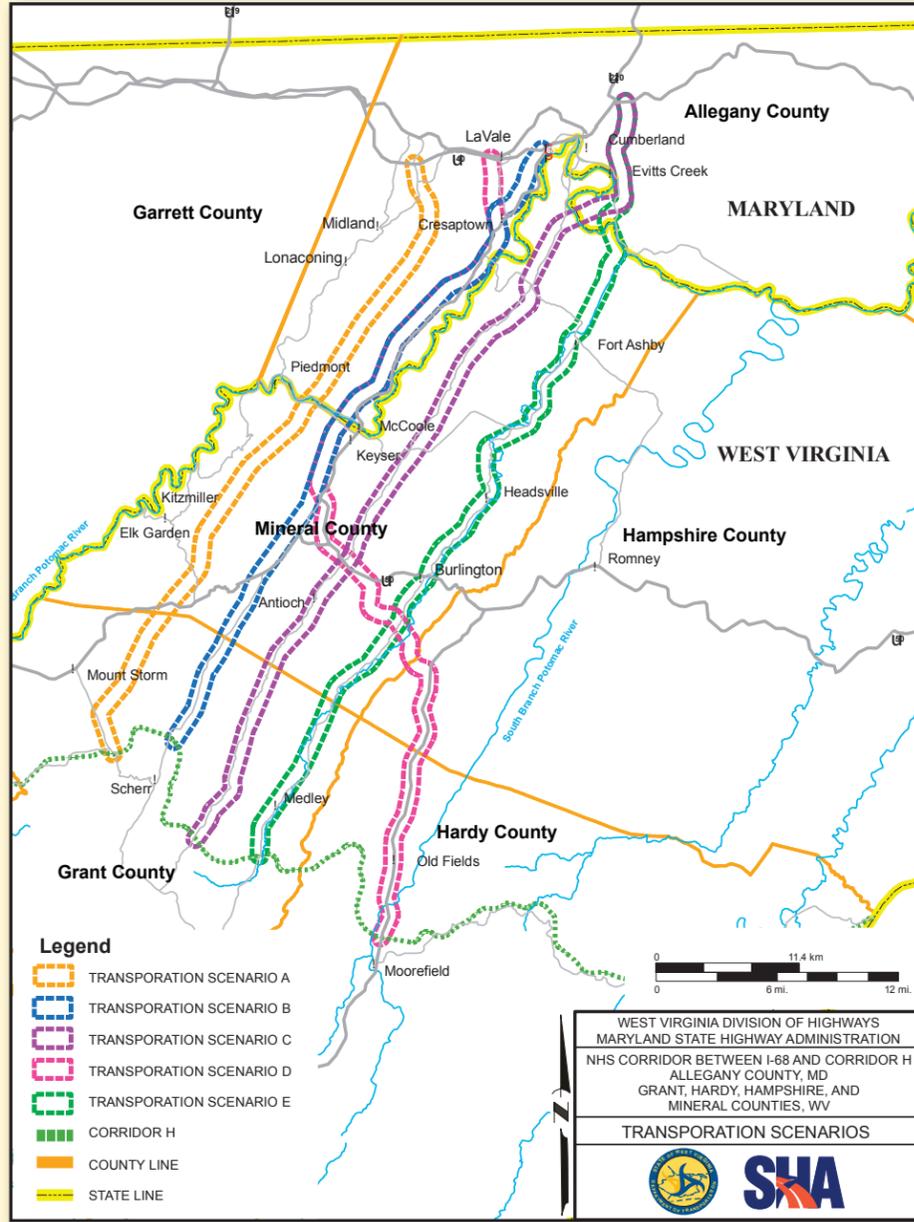
The SHA and DOH are jointly conducting a planning level study of the US 220 corridor to look at options for improving north-south travel and economic development in this area. These informational public workshops are being held to acquaint the public with the US 220 Corridor Planning Study and present a summary of the preliminary corridors to be studied and environmental concerns. Citizen input from the workshops will be considered when the project team selects a corridor to carry forward for more detailed analysis. Please review this summary and provide us with your comments by calling the study team or sending your written comments as noted on the back page. You can also be added to the project mailing list by returning the attached postage-paid postcard.

Project Description and Status

The existing US 220 Study corridor is classified as an urban minor arterial road through Maryland, and as a rural minor arterial road in West Virginia.

The project limits extend approximately 40 miles from I-68 in the vicinity of MD 53 in Allegany County, Maryland, to Corridor H (vicinity of Route 93, in the town of Scherr) in West Virginia. The North/South Appalachia Corridor Feasibility Study identified this corridor as having among the greatest potential for benefiting Appalachian economic development.

The US 220 Corridor Planning Study is included in the Development and Evaluation Program of the Fiscal Year 2007–2012 Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for Tier 1 corridor level project planning funding only. It is not yet funded for Tier II project planning (which involves the development of specific alternatives), design, right-of-way, or construction. During Tier 1, generalized travel corridors will be evaluated at a planning level of detail, leading to the refinement of the Purpose and Need and the decision as to which alternatives will be carried forward for more detailed analysis in project level studies.



Purpose and Need

The purpose of the Planning Study is to evaluate the feasibility of options designed to increase traffic capacity and facilitate anticipated economic growth through 2025. The following needs were identified within the study corridor:

- Current transportation deficiencies limit regional mobility.
- The project area has inadequate roadway capacity.
- Safety deficiencies exist on some area roadways.
- Economic development efforts in the area need support.
- The regional road network needs additional system linkage for completion.

Alternatives Currently Under Consideration - Corridor Scenarios

No-Build Alternative

The No-Build Alternative would involve no action to improve the transportation facilities along the US 220 corridor between I-68 and Appalachian Development Highway System Corridor H. Conditions on the existing transportation facilities in the project area would remain unchanged.

Build Alternatives – Common Features

Each of the Build Alternatives will include the following basic elements:

- Four-lane, rural divided arterial road
- Design speed of 65 mph
- Maximum grade of five to seven percent

Transportation Scenario A (TS-A)

TS-A begins near Exit 34 on I-68 in Allegany County, south of Frostburg, MD, and ends with a connection to Corridor H in Grant County, east of Bismarck, WV. Generally, TS-A would exist in sparsely populated, low-density areas.

Transportation Scenario B (TS-B)

TS-B begins near Exits 41 and 42 on I-68 in Allegany County, between LaVale and Cumberland, MD, and ends with a connection to Corridor H in Grant County, north of Scherr, WV. Generally, TS-B in the north would exist in congested areas,

particularly in the vicinity of Cresaptown, MD, and Keyser, WV, and in the south in mostly low-density rural areas.

Transportation Scenario C (TS-C)

TS-C begins near Exit 46 on I-68 in Allegany County, east of Cumberland, MD, and ends with a connection to Corridor H in Grant County, north of Maysville, WV. Generally, TS-C in the north would exist in congested areas, particularly in the vicinity of Cumberland, and in the south in mostly low-density rural areas.

Transportation Scenario D (TS-D)

TS-D begins near Exit 39 on I-68 in Allegany County near LaVale, MD, and ends with a connection to Corridor H in Hardy County at Moorefield, WV. Generally, TS-D in the north would exist in congested areas, particularly in the vicinity of LaVale and Cresaptown, MD, and Keyser, WV, and in the south in mostly low-density rural areas.

Transportation Scenario E (TS-E)

TS-E begins near Exit 46 on I-68 in Allegany County, east of Cumberland, MD, and ends with a connection to Corridor H in Grant County near Lahmansville, WV. Generally, TS-E in the north would exist in congested areas, particularly in the vicinity of Cumberland, and in the south in mostly low-density rural areas.

We would like to hear from you regarding your comments on these corridor level alternatives, or other alternatives that should be evaluated.

Your input in helping us to define the range of alternatives for this study is invaluable.



**STAY INFORMED
GET INVOLVED**

The US 220 Corridor Study Team is in the process of refining the alternatives designed to increase traffic capacity and facilitate economic growth anticipated through the year 2025 along the US 220 Corridor south of I-68. Interested citizens are encouraged to participate in the Project Planning Phase of this Study.

To receive periodic information about the US 220 South Corridor Study, please fill out and mail this postage-paid post card to the Maryland State Highway Administration.

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