



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, WEST VIRGINIA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS AND THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND LOCATION/DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING FOR US 220

*FROM I-68 IN CUMBERLAND, MD TO
CORRIDOR H IN GRANT COUNTY, WV*

KEYSER, WEST VIRGINIA WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**Keyser Primary Middle School
700 Harley O. Staggers Sr. Drive
Keyser, West Virginia**

CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**Bel Air Elementary School
14401 Barton Boulevard
Cumberland, Maryland**

The project consists of evaluating an improved US 220 transportation corridor, connecting I-68 and the Corridor H Improvements, to provide an upgraded north-south transportation system. The new corridor will support efforts to increase mobility and regional commerce for residents, businesses, and visitors. It will also serve north-south interstate travel movements and support economic development throughout the Appalachian region in Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

The study proposes a systematic tiered process for advancing transportation improvements in a cost-effective manner. This strategy is incorporated into the planning process at a very early stage and leads to the identification of one or more corridors with the fewest environmental impacts. Various alternative alignments identifying specific transportation improvements will be developed in greater detail within the selected corridors during the next tier of the study (Tier Two).

The purpose of the Workshop and Hearing is to provide all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the results of the engineering and environmental studies completed to date as well as the associated social, economic, cultural, and natural environmental impacts of the proposed corridors before a selection is made. West Virginia and Maryland will each hold a public meeting. A Public Workshop will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Keyser, WV to meet the policy requirements of the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOT). Public Workshop displays will be available on WVDOT's website at www.transportation.wv.gov; under "Citizen" click on "Comment on Projects" then "US 220".

Maryland's Location/Design Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM in Cumberland, MD. Public Hearing displays will be available on the State Highway Administration (SHA) website at <http://www.roads.maryland.gov> and click on "Project & Studies", "SHA Projects Page", and "Allegany County", then "US 220 McMullen Highway" under "Preconstruction." Beginning at 6:00 PM, mapping of the project corridors and other information will be on display at the hearing and representatives of the SHA, WVDOT, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will be available to discuss the project and record your comments. A formal presentation, beginning at 7:00 PM and lasting approximately 30 minutes, will include a description of the project corridors, a summary of environmental resources, information on right-of-way acquisition and relocation assistance procedures, and an explanation of Title VI of the Equal Opportunity Program. The presentation will be followed by public testimony.

The same information will be presented at both the Workshop and the Hearing. It is not necessary for interested people to attend both the Workshop and the Hearing, but they are welcome to do so if they desire.

The SHA, in consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) and other interested parties has identified 34 historic properties in the project study area that are on, or are eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places. A listing of these historic properties can be found in the Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) prepared for this project. Effect determinations will be prepared for these resources during the Tier 2 studies. Consistent with the Section 106 procedures of the National Historic Preservation Act, public comments are requested regarding effects on historic properties.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to testify may submit a request to Mr. William Carver, SHA Assistant Project Manager, Project Management

Division, Maryland State Highway Administration, 707 N. Calvert Street, MS C-301, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 or by calling 410-545-8515 or toll-free 1-800-548-5026 or email at wcarver@sha.state.md.us, no later than five days before the Hearing (September 9, 2011). You may also sign the Speakers List at the registration desk on the date of the Hearing. To include written statements and other exhibits in the Public Hearing transcript submit them to the Project Manager at the above address until October 14, 2011.

Elected officials will be given the opportunity to speak first. Persons on the Speakers List will then be called to testify in the order in which their requests were received, and those who did not pre-register will be invited to speak before oral testimony concludes. SHA may set a time limit for each speaker if a large number register to testify. Private and written testimony will also be accepted.

If you received a copy of this notice in the mail you are included on the project mailing list and will receive information about project developments and opportunities for public involvement as the study progresses. Persons not on the mailing list may add their contact information by phoning, writing or emailing the Project Manager. Brochures and comments forms will be available at the Hearing.

Beginning on **August 15, 2011**, the DEIS, which provides a description of the project, will be available for inspection and copying during normal business hours at the following locations:

Washington Street Library:

31 Washington Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
301-777-1200

Keyser-Mineral County Public Library:

105 N. Main Street
Keyser, WV 26726
304-788-3222

State Highway Administration:

District 6 Office
1251 Vocke Road
LaVale, MD, 21502
301-729-8400 or (1-800-760-7138)

South Cumberland Library:

100 Seymour Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
301-724-1607

Mineral County Planning Commission:

Mineral County Court House
150 Armstrong Street
Keyser, WV 26726
304-788-1457

State Highway Administration:

Public Involvement Unit, 3rd Floor
707 N. Calvert Street, Mail Stop C-301
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-545-8522 or (1-800-548-5026)

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:

The Maryland Relay Service can assist tele-type users at 711. Persons requiring special assistance to participate should contact the Project Manager. Whenever possible SHA will provide an interpreter for persons with hearing/speech disabilities or who need assistance with the English language. To request special assistance or an interpreter please contact the Project Manager no later than five days before the hearing.

For more information on this and other SHA projects, visit <http://www.roads.maryland.gov> and click on "Projects & Studies", "SHA Projects Page" and "Allegany County".

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