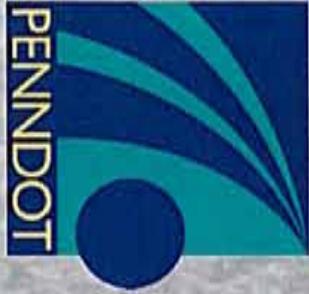


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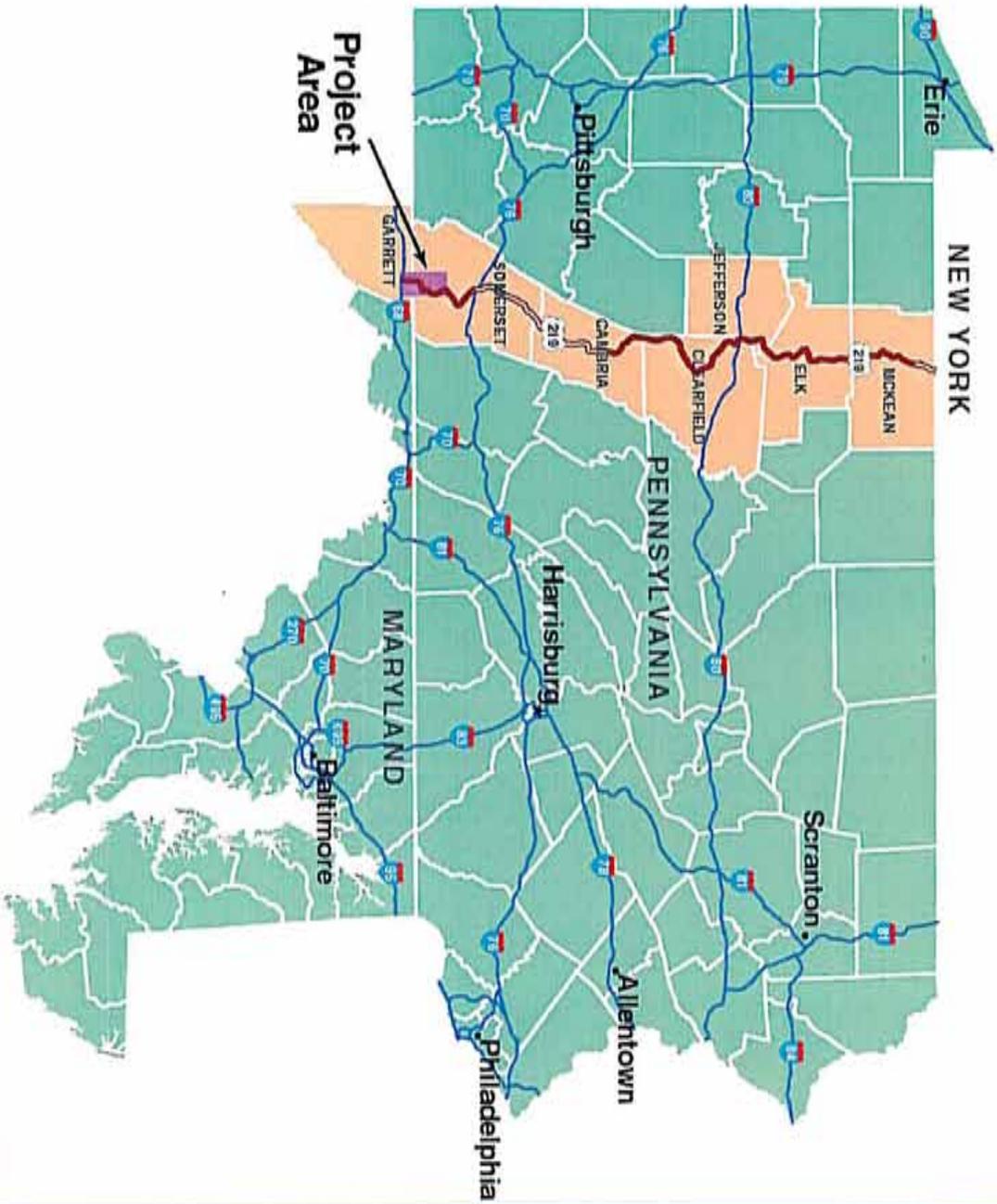
Project Introduction

Project Purpose & Need





Project Location



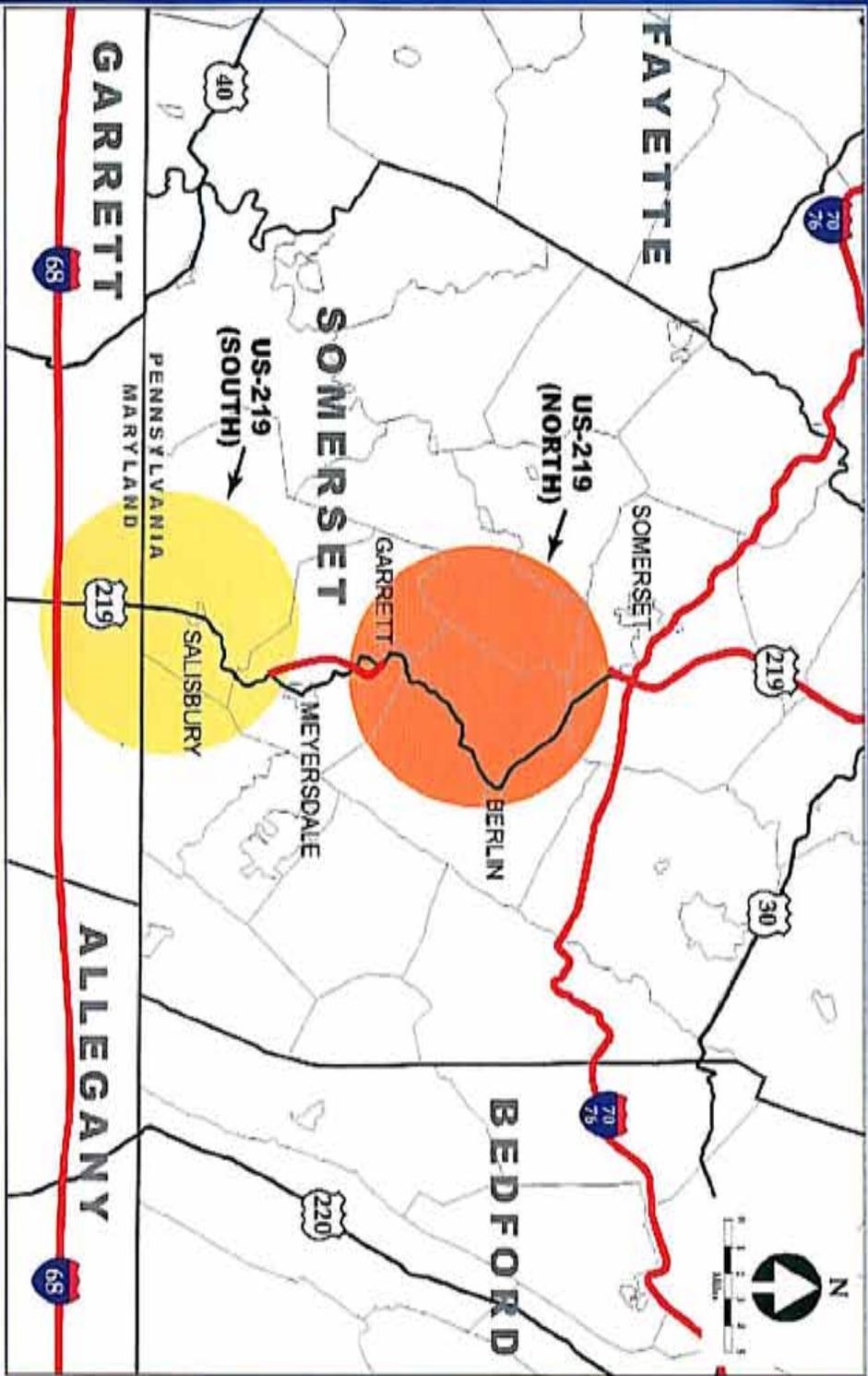


Regional Significance





Local Area





The Project Team

- PENNDOT
- Maryland SHA
- FHWA
- Local and County Officials
- Resource Agencies
- Public
- McCormick, Taylor & Associates

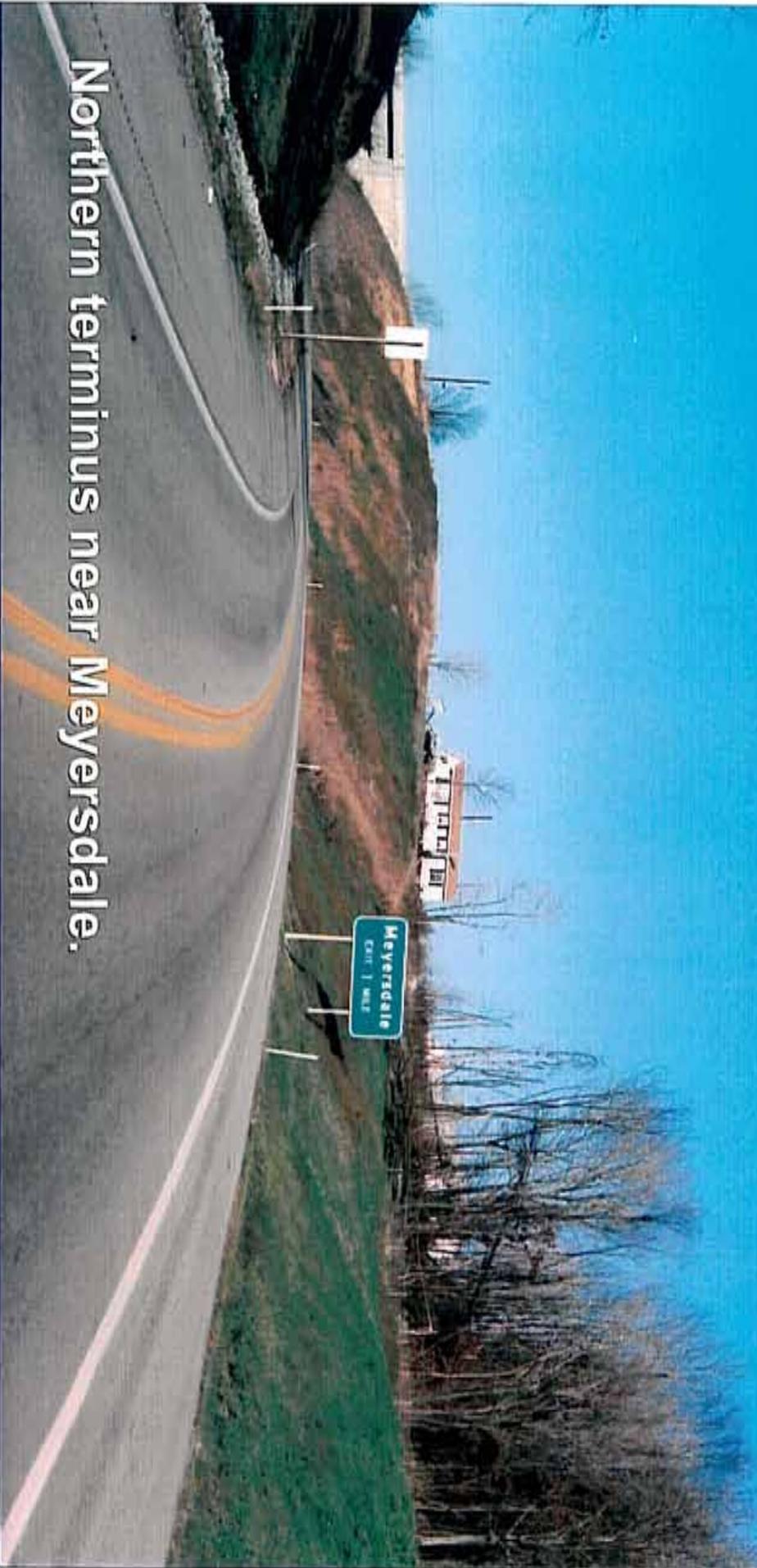


Project History

- Appalachian Corridors ('60s)
- 1970s EIS
- Continental One
- I-68 to I-76 Corridors (Mid '90s)
- Project Needs (1999)
- Current Engineering / Environmental Studies



Northern terminus near Meyersdale.







Southern terminus at I-68 in Maryland.

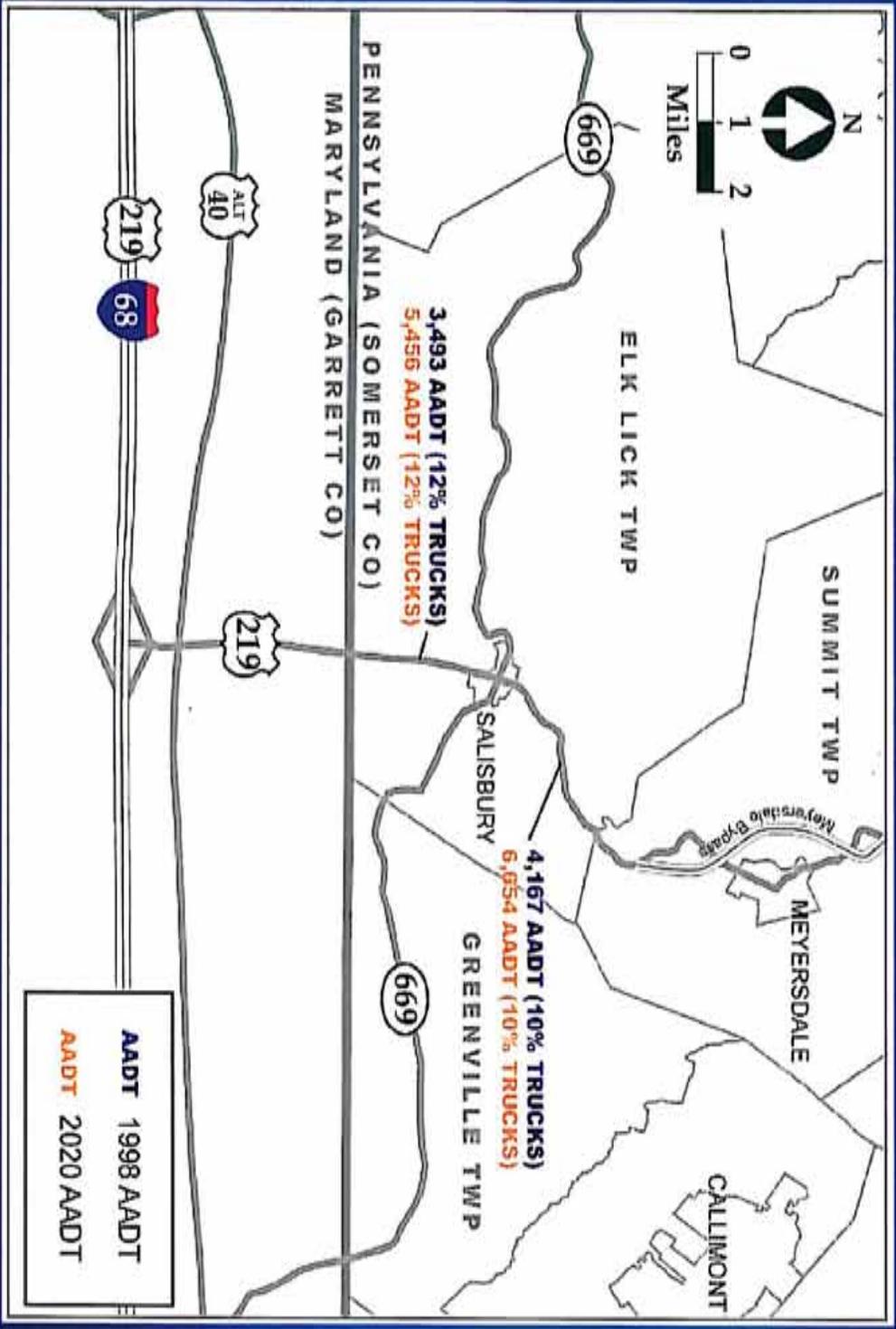


Evaluation of Project Needs (1999)

- Capacity
- Safety
- Roadway Geometry
- System Continuity
- Land Use / Economic Development
- Quality of Life



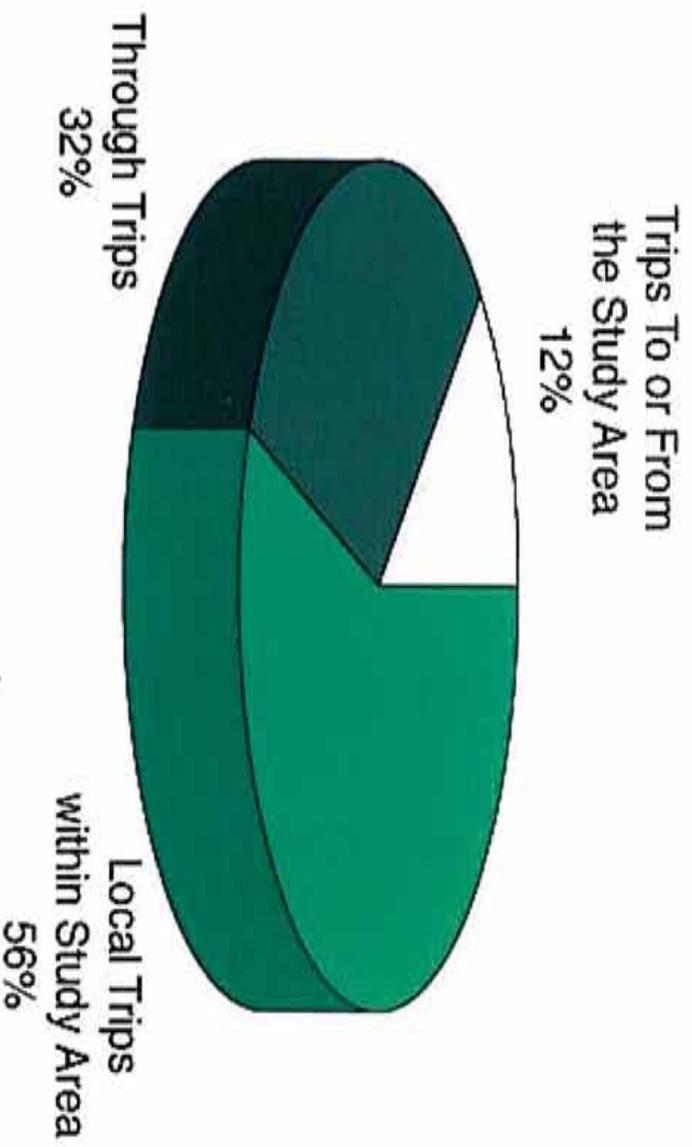
Traffic Volumes



AADT 1998 AADT
AADT 2020 AADT



Overall Trip Distribution





Through Trips

NE

Somerset
County
9%

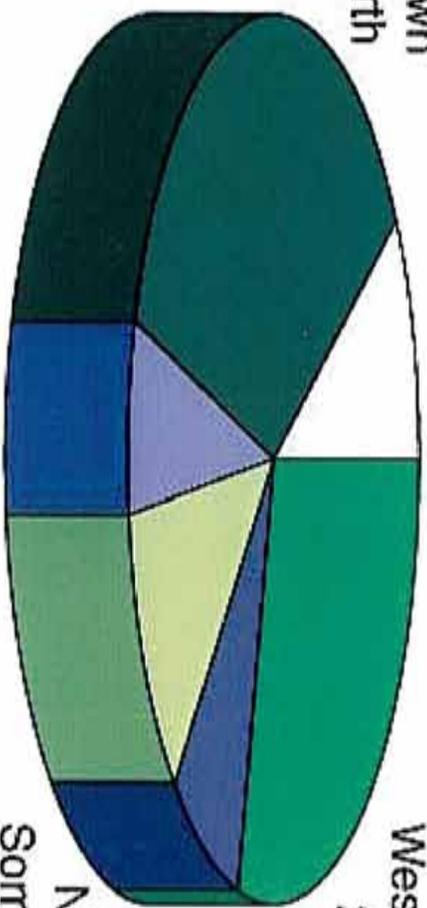
Johnstown
and North
36%

Western MD
29%

Altoona and
Northeast
7%

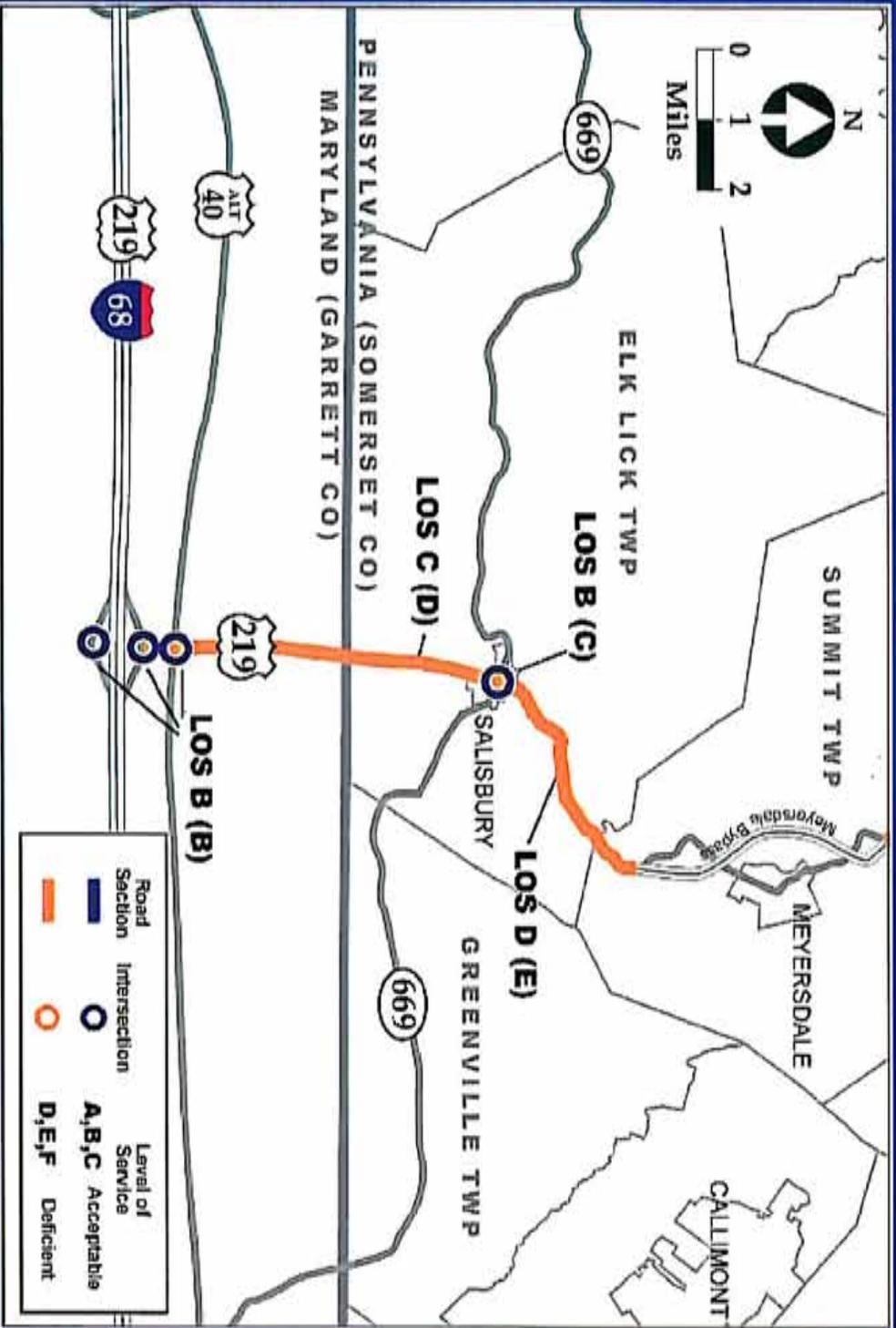
Pittsburgh,
SW PA
11%

NW
Somerset
8%



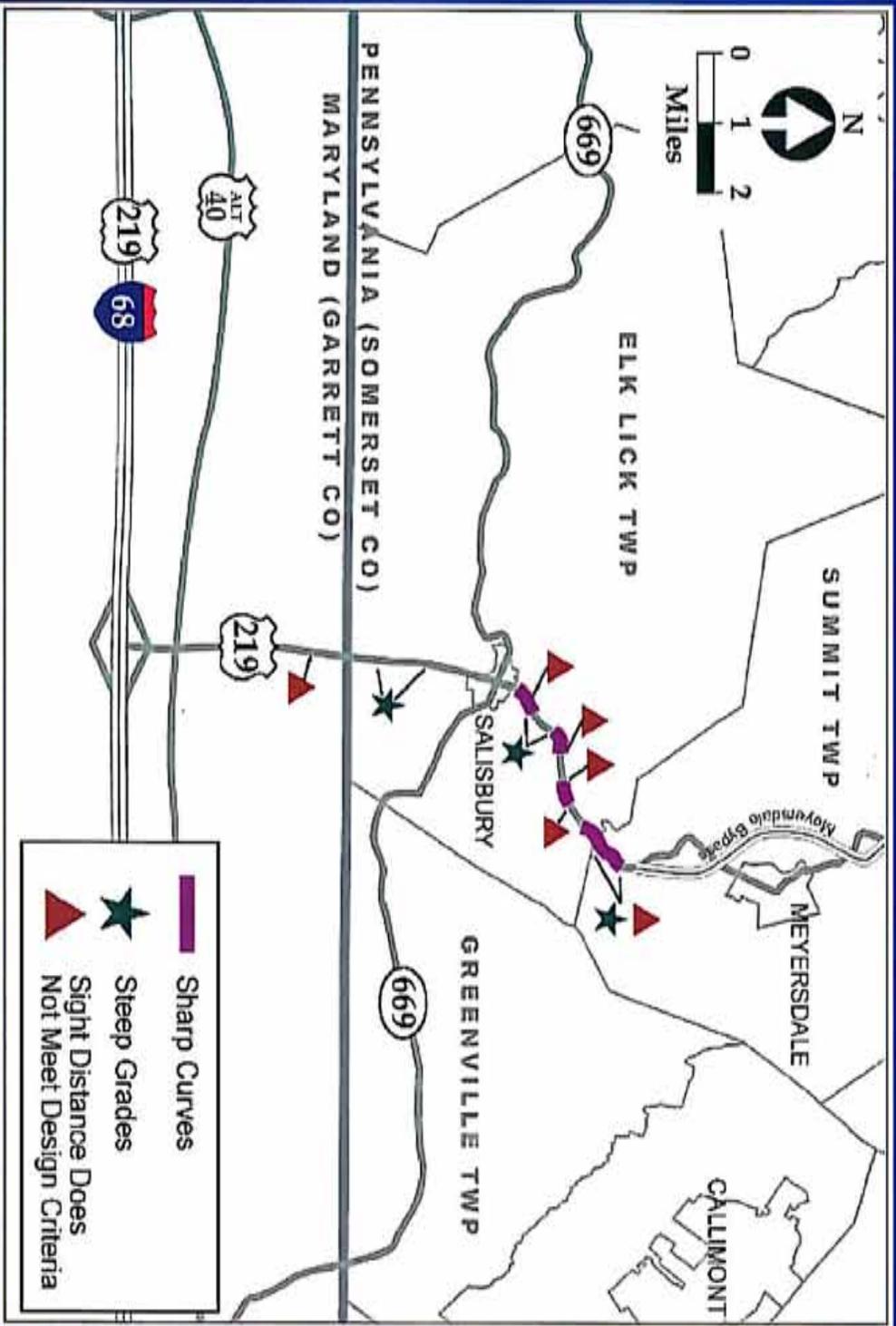


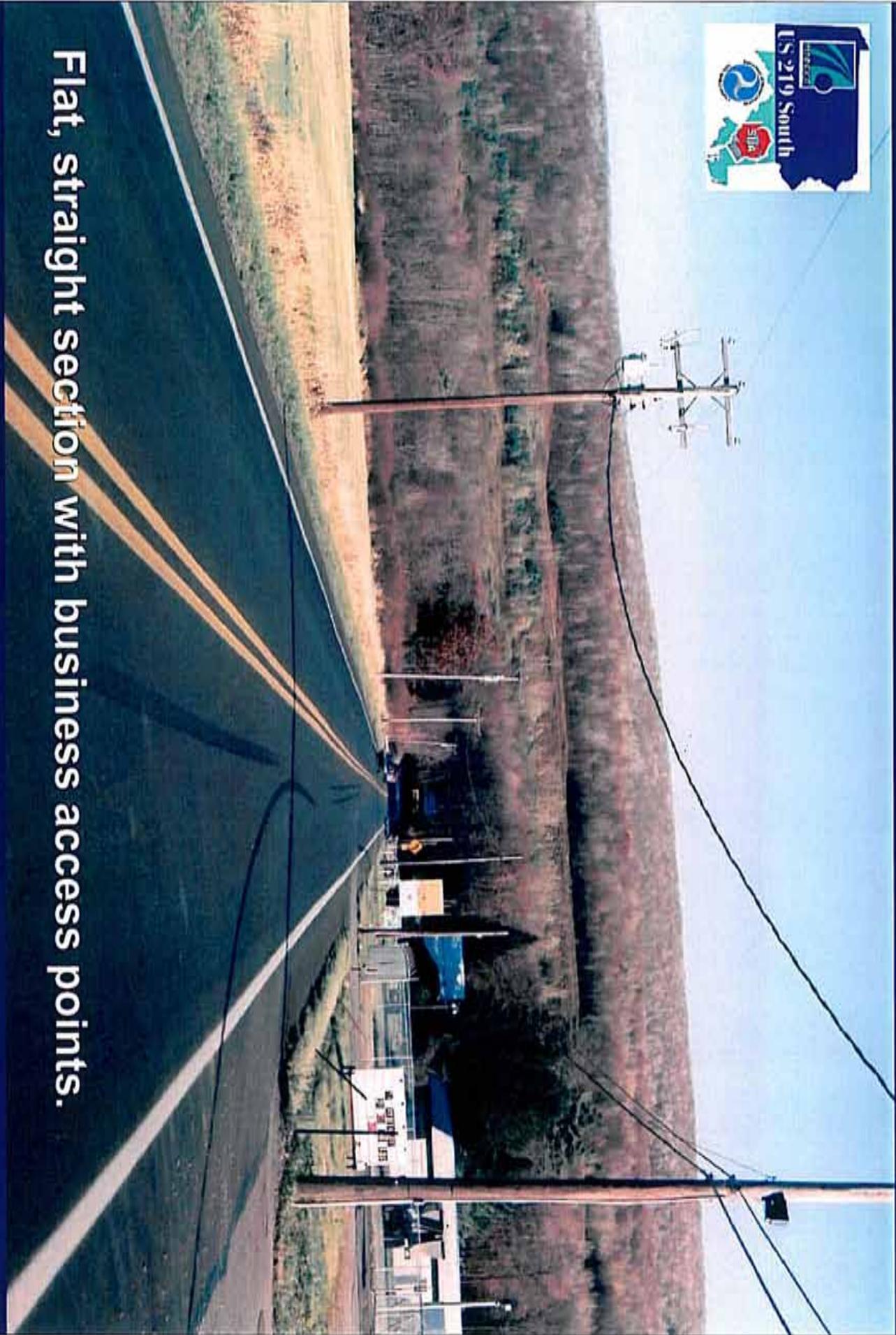
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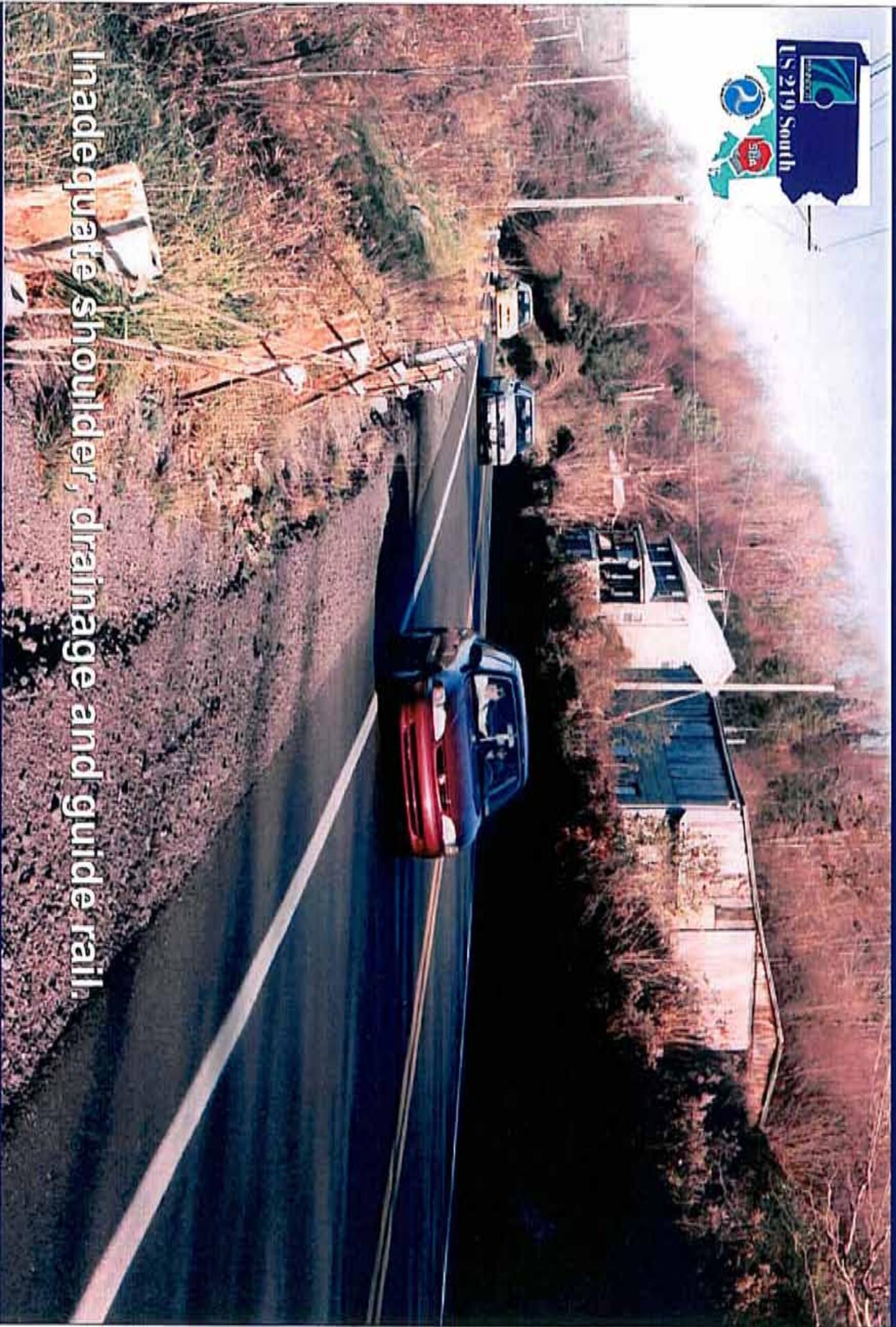


Roadway Geometry





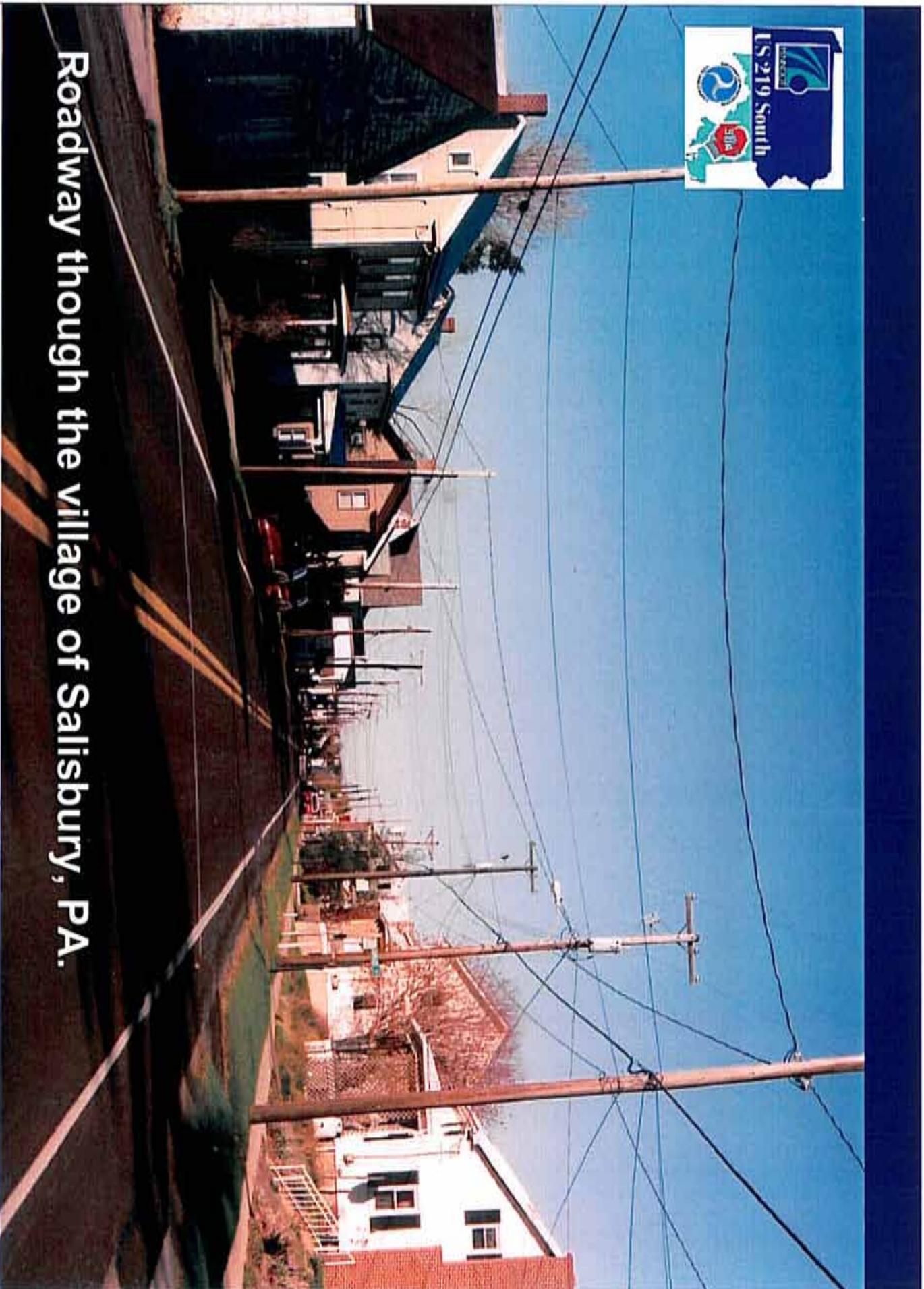
Flat, straight section with business access points.



Inadequate shoulder, drainage and guide rail.

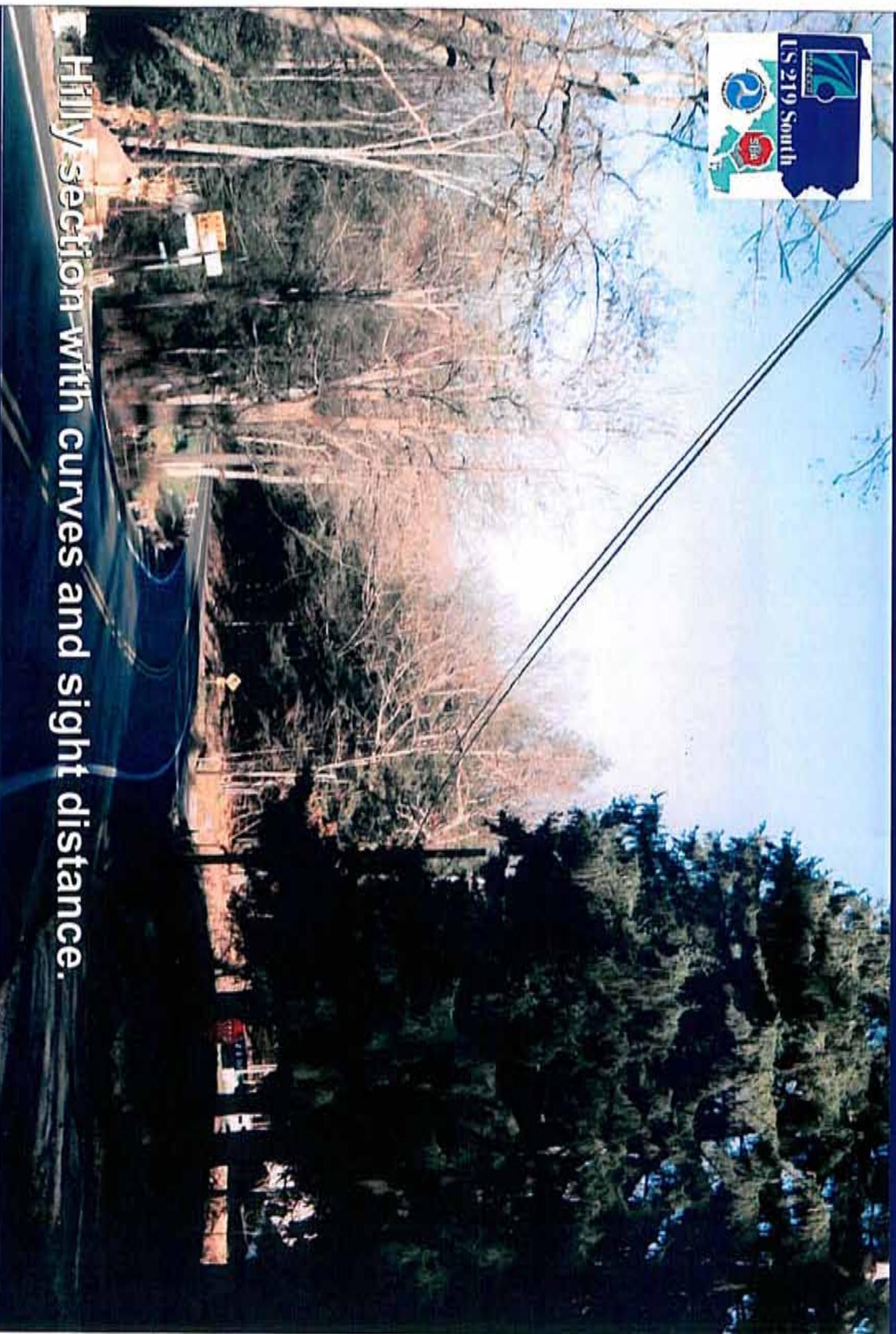


Roadway through the village of Salisbury, PA.



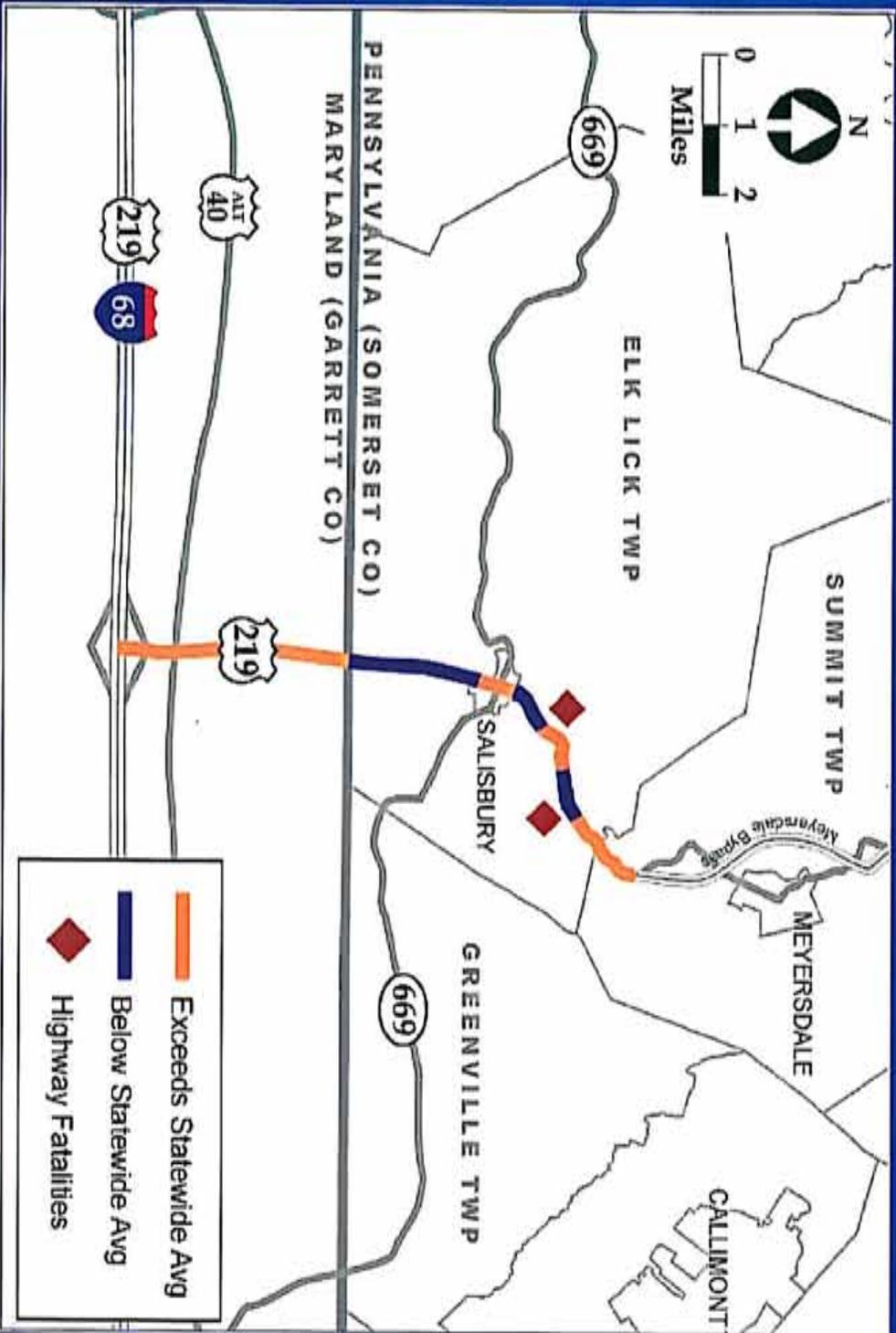


Hilly section with curves and sight distance.



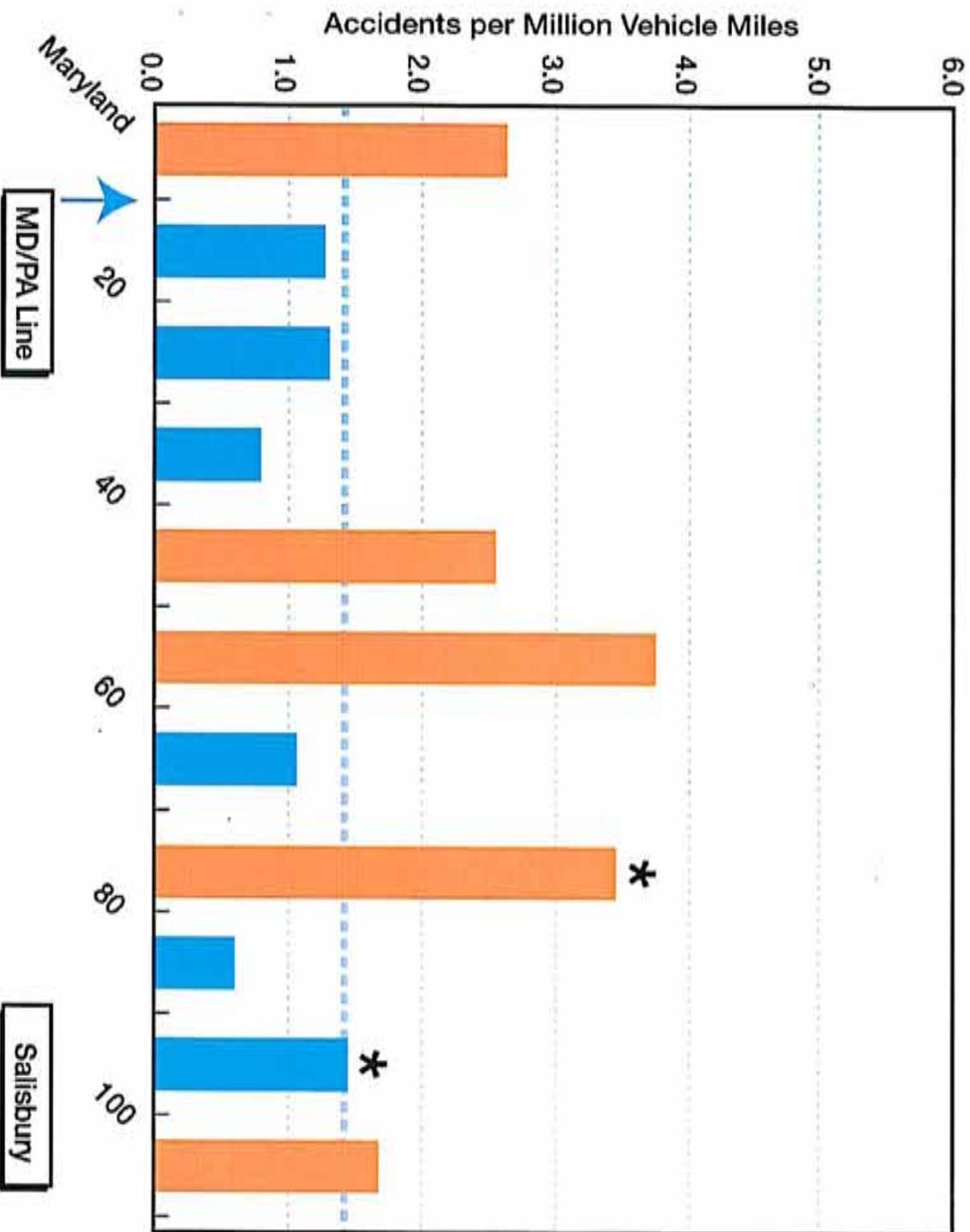


Accident / Crash Analysis





US-219, South Accident Rate by Road Segment 1992-1997

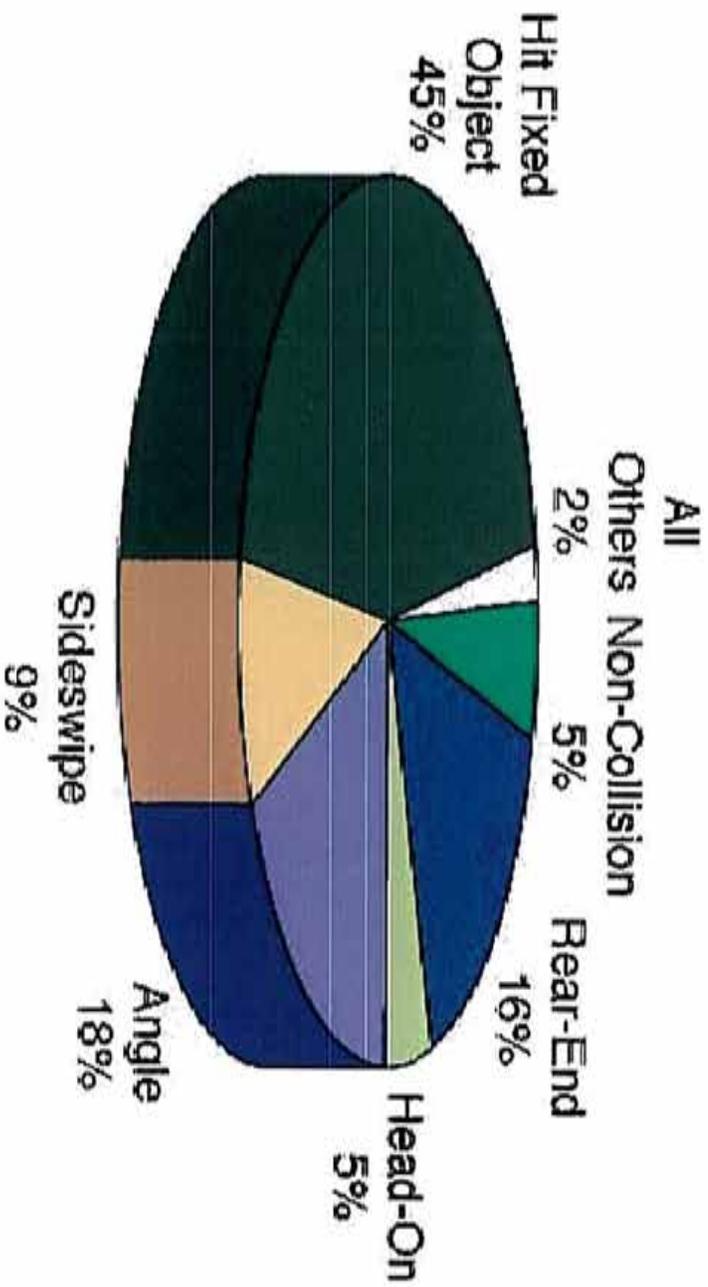


Statewide Average:
Rural Principal Arterial
1.4 Acc./MVM

* fatalities



US 219: Accident Type





Project Purpose and Needs

- **Capacity**
 - Level of Service E in 2020
- **Safety**
 - Accident Rates Higher Than Statewide Average
- **Substandard Roadway Geometry For:**
 - Lane and Shoulder Width
 - Vertical Grade
 - Horizontal Curves
 - Sight Distance

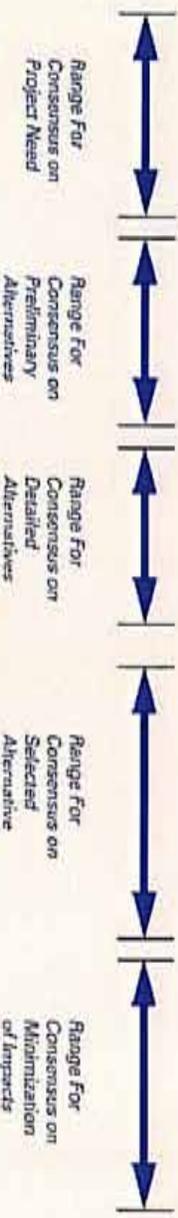


Project Purpose and Needs

- **Lack of Passing Zones**
- **System Continuity**
- **Land Use Planning / Economic Development**



Comparison of PA and MD Project Development Steps

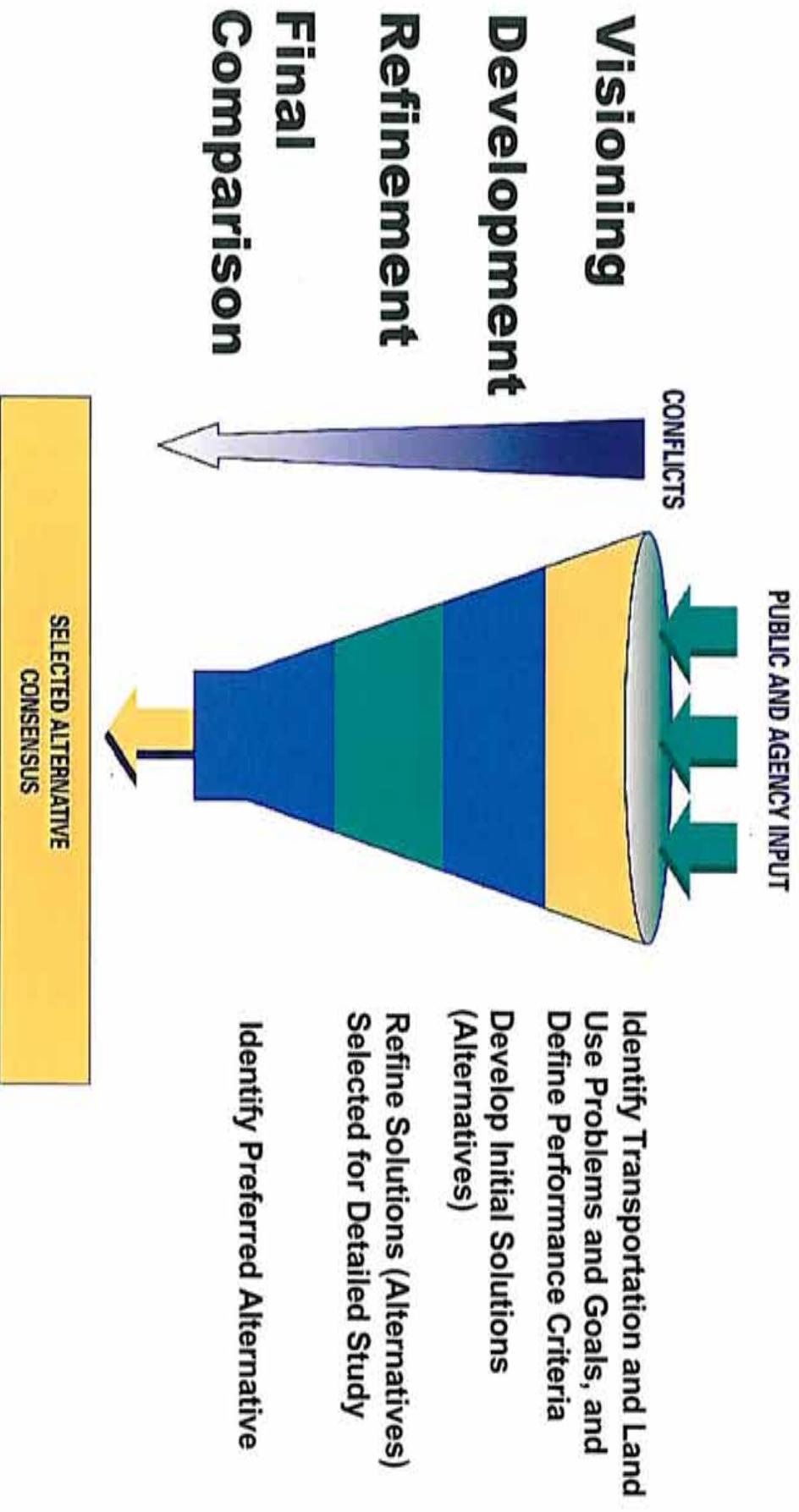


PA "10 Step"		MD "Streamlined"	
Step	Description	Step	Description
1	Administrative	1	Project Planning Initiation
2	Scoping	2	Purpose and Needs Statement
3	Needs	3	Concurrence
4	Preliminary Alternatives	4	Develop Preliminary Alternatives
5	Detailed Alternatives	5	Concurrence
6	Draft EIS	6	Identify Alternatives for Detailed Study
7	Public/Agency Comments	7	Concurrence
8	Final EIS	8	Draft EIS Public Hearing
9	Record of Decision	9	SHA Selected Alternative
10	Mitigation	10	Final EIS
		11	Concurrence
		12	Further Environmental Mitigation and Mitigation





Project Planning / Development Four-Phase Approach





Alternatives

- **No Build**
- **TSM / Upgrade Existing**
- **Relocation Alternatives**
- **Combination Alternatives**



Environmental Studies / Sensitive Features

- Residential Areas / Neighborhoods
- Community Facilities
- Farming Operations / Access
- Cultural Resources
- Land Use / Development Plans
- Quality of Life
 - Noise
 - Visual



US Laws / Regulations

- **NEPA of 1969**
- **Section 4(f) of USDOT Act**
- **Section 106 of National Historic Preservation Act**
- **Endangered Species Act**
- **Section 404 of Clean Water Act**
- **Environmental Justice**



Specific State Requirements and Procedures

- **Pennsylvania**
 - PA Act 100 (ALCAB) / Act 43 (ASA)
- **Maryland**
 - SCIA (Secondary and Cumulative Impact Assessment)
 - Smart Growth (Priority Funding Areas)



Engineering Studies

- Traffic Forecasts and Analysis
- Safety
- Roadway Geometry / Alignments
- Bridges / Structures



- Geology and Soils
- Utilities
- Interchange Designs / Locations



Public Involvement

- Public Meetings / Workshops
- Joint Public / Agency Workshops
- Newsletters
- Web Page: www.us219.com
- Informational Outposts
- Speakers Bureau
- Toll Free Hotline



Public / Agency Workshops





Early Project Activities / Next Steps

- Mapping of Features / Data Collection
- Traffic Forecast Update
- Website / Newsletter
- Introductory Public Meeting
- Initial Agency Coordination
- Preliminary Alternatives



Anticipated Schedule

- Public Meeting #1
- Preliminary Corridors / Alternatives
- Public Meeting #2
- Detailed Studies
- Public Meeting #3
- Draft EIS / Hearing
- Final EIS
- Spring 2002
- Fall 2002
- Winter 2002
- Spring 2003
- Fall 2003
- Summer 2004
- Winter 2004

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Thank You!



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