

WELCOME

Informational Workshop Public Meeting for the Appalachian Corridor H Parsons to Davis Project



**Tuesday, August 20, 2019
Blackwater Falls State Park
Davis, WV
4:00-7:00 PM**



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The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways (WVDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are hosting this meeting to provide updates and invite comment on the Parsons to Davis Project in Tucker County, West Virginia (Figure 1).

WVDOT and FHWA are updating environmental studies for the project, which is a portion of the more than 100-mile Appalachian Highway Corridor H in West Virginia (Figure 2). We are re-starting this project which was paused after a Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (SFEIS) was approved in 2007. Changes in the project area and environmental concerns are being assessed.

PURPOSE AND NEED
FOR APPALACHIAN HIGHWAY CORRIDOR H

- Improving east-west transportation through northeastern West Virginia.
- Promoting economic development in the region and preserving or improving the quality of life in the region.

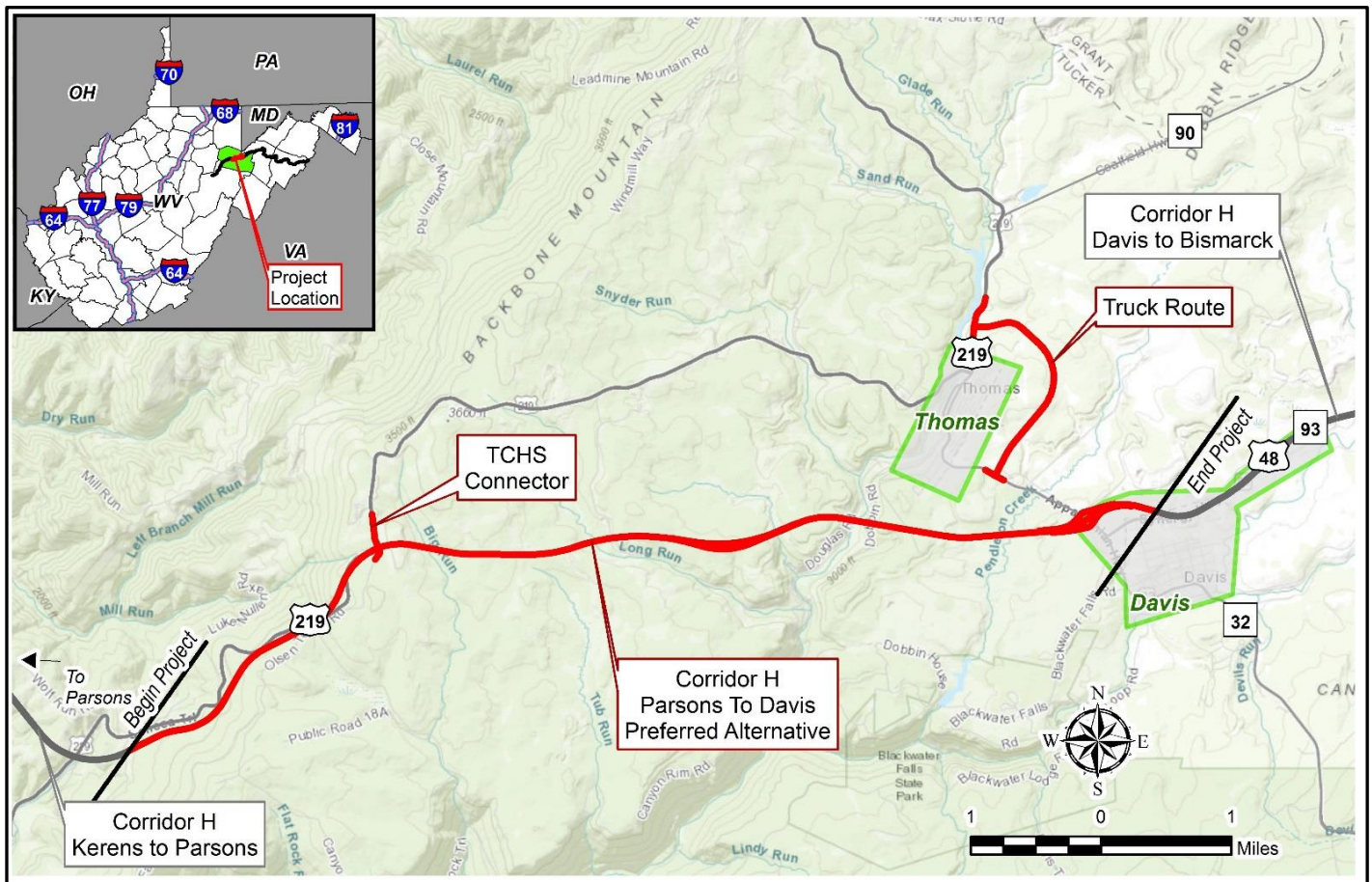


Figure 1. Location of the Parsons to Davis Project in Tucker County, West Virginia

The Parsons to Davis Project is an approximately 10-mile, new location, four-lane, divided highway, with partial control of access. The Project begins east of Parsons, 0.2 mile north of the intersection of Tucker County Route 219/4 (Mackeyville Road) and United States Route 219, which is also the eastern terminus of the Kerens to Parsons Project. The Project ends north of downtown Davis along WV State Route 93, where it will tie into a completed section of Corridor H. The project includes a connector to Tucker County High School and a two-lane truck bypass of downtown Thomas. Figure 3 shows more detail of the 2007 Preferred Alternative.

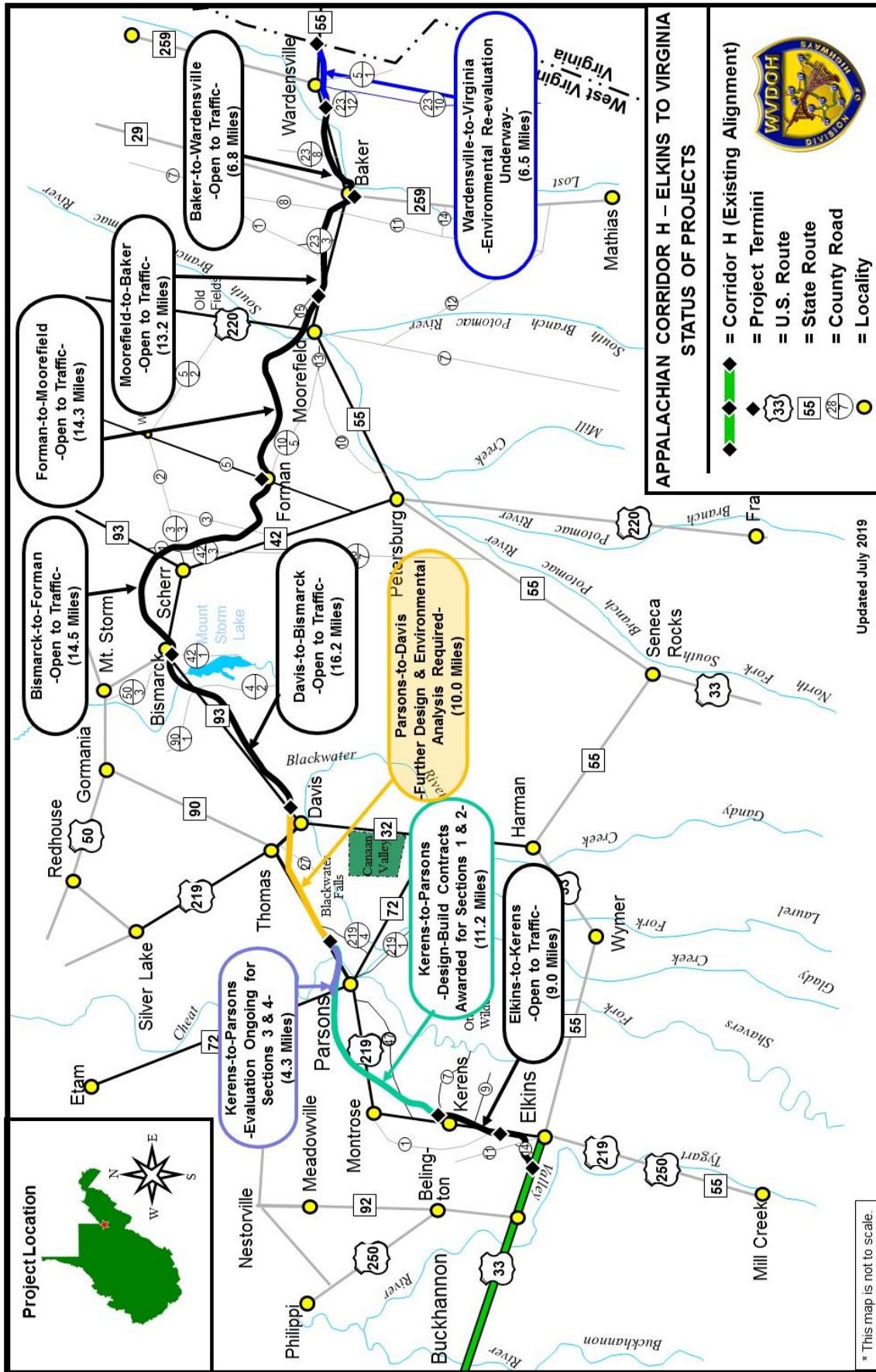
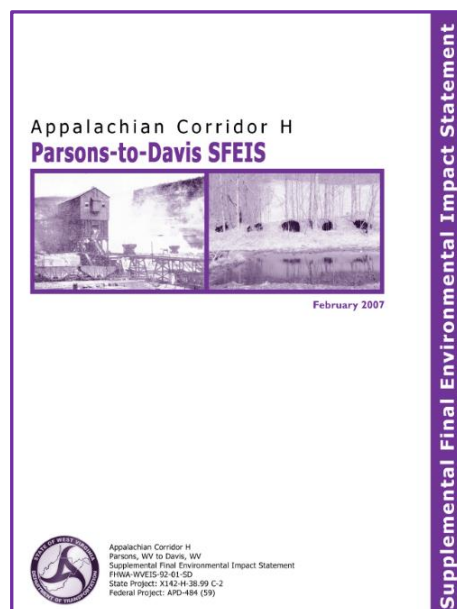


Figure 2. Status of Appalachian Highway Corridor H Projects

Project History

- 1990-1996: Required environmental and engineering studies for Corridor H between Elkins, WV and the Virginia State Line were completed, and an alignment was approved.
- 1996- 2000: Legal challenges resulted in a court settlement in which the 100-mile alignment was divided into nine projects. Each project was operationally independent and could be constructed separately as funding became available. Currently, seven of the nine projects are either open to traffic or under construction (Figure 2).
- 2000-2002: For the Parsons to Davis Project, environmental studies and alternatives analyses were performed, and two public meetings were held in 2001.
- 2002-2003: Supplemental Draft EIS was approved and circulated for comment, and an additional public meeting was held.
- 2003-2004: Additional engineering and environmental studies were performed, and two Preferred Alternative Reports were produced.
- 2000-2006: Endangered Species Act informal and formal consultation activities were completed with the US Fish and Wildlife Service concerning the project's potential impact on the WV Northern Flying Squirrel.
- 2007: Final Supplemental EIS was approved and circulated. The Preferred Alternative of 2007 is shown in Figure 3.
- 2008: Project was put on hold.



Current Project Status

- WVDOH and FHWA are re-starting the project.
- Additional environmental and engineering studies are required.
- Coordination with environmental agencies has begun.
- Final design is anticipated to begin in 2025, and construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2031.

Comments on changes in the project area and any environmental concerns may be submitted using the form included with tonight's handout or online at the WVDOH website:

<http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment>.

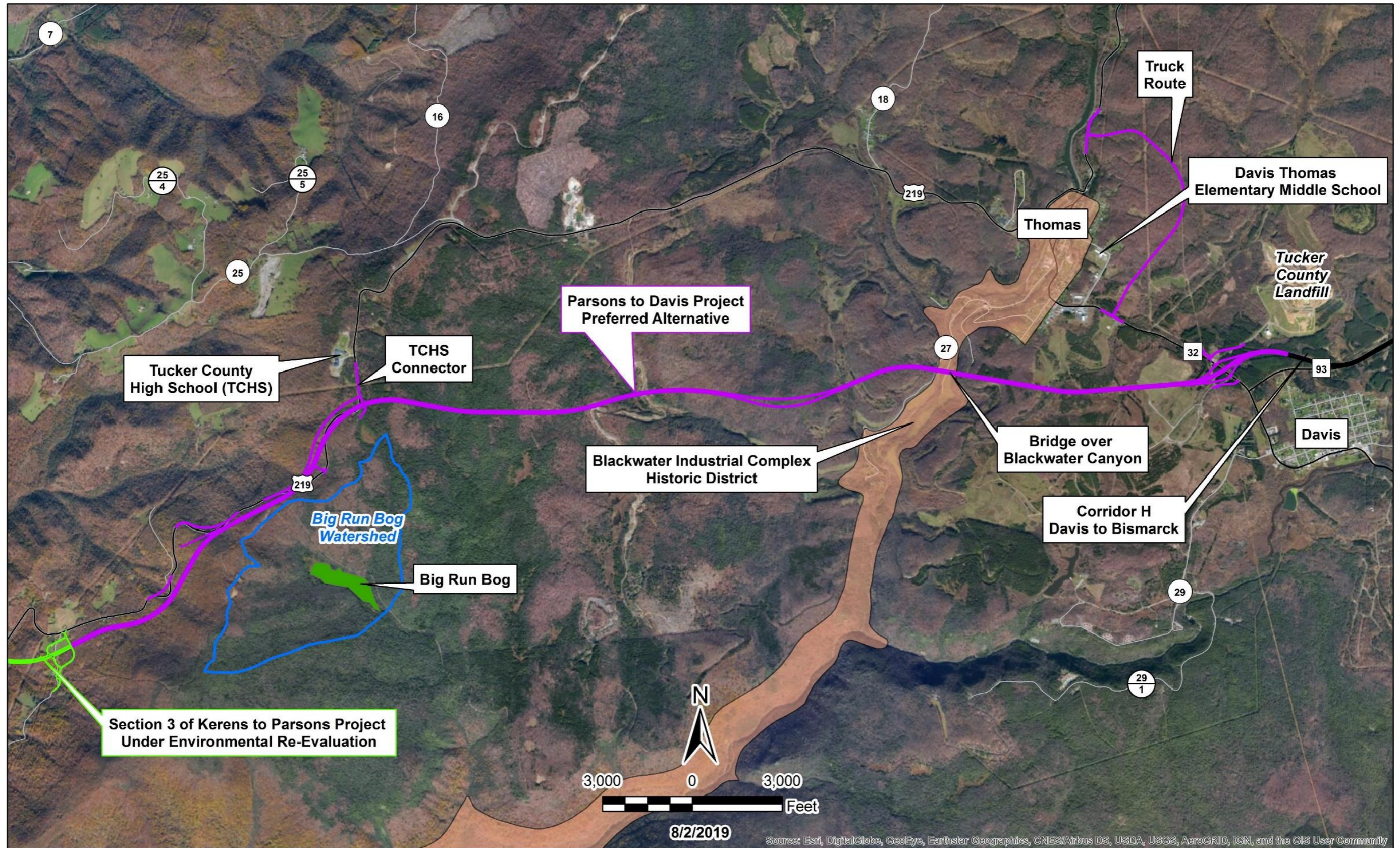


Figure 3. 2007 SFEIS Preferred Alternative

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DATE: Tuesday, August 20, 2019
LOCATION: Blackwater Falls State Park
SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP PUBLIC MEETING
PROJECT: Corridor H – Parsons to Davis
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Tucker County

COMMENTS DUE BY Friday, September 20, 2019

Please consider the following comments:

(Please print the following information)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Informational Workshop Public Meeting?

Project Information and Comment Sheets

Can be found online at our WVDOH Website at <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment>.

Under Engineering Projects, Open, and then click Corridor H - Parsons to Davis.