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# park & ride



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# What is a Park and Ride?

*Park and rides facilities are car parks with connections to public transportation that allows commuters wishing to travel into cities or other predetermined destinations to leave their personal vehicles in a designated location and transfer to a bus, rail system, or carpool for the rest of their trip. The vehicle is stored in the car park during the day and retrieved when the commuter returns.*

# Purpose of the Study:

1. *Compile a detailed inventory of the State's Park and Ride infrastructure;*
2. *Document the use and conditions of the existing facilities; and*
3. *To determine the need to expand, improve, or construct new facilities to accommodate demand.*

# Optimization of the Use of P & R

## **State of West Virginia**

- The economic situation
- The environmental situation

## **Individuals**

- SAVE \$\$ on fuel and vehicle wear
- REDUCE stressful driving
- REDUCE congestion
- REDUCE pollution
- REDUCE greenhouse gases
- REDUCE dependency on foreign oil

# Type of Park and Ride Facilities

- Designated
  - *a group of parking spaces dedicated to give individuals a place to park.*
- Impromptu
  - *a non-specified location where motorists regularly drive their cars and leave them parked along a road.*
- Opportunistic or Joint Use Lots
  - *park and ride facility that shares its use with another facility (ex. church, theater, etc.).*



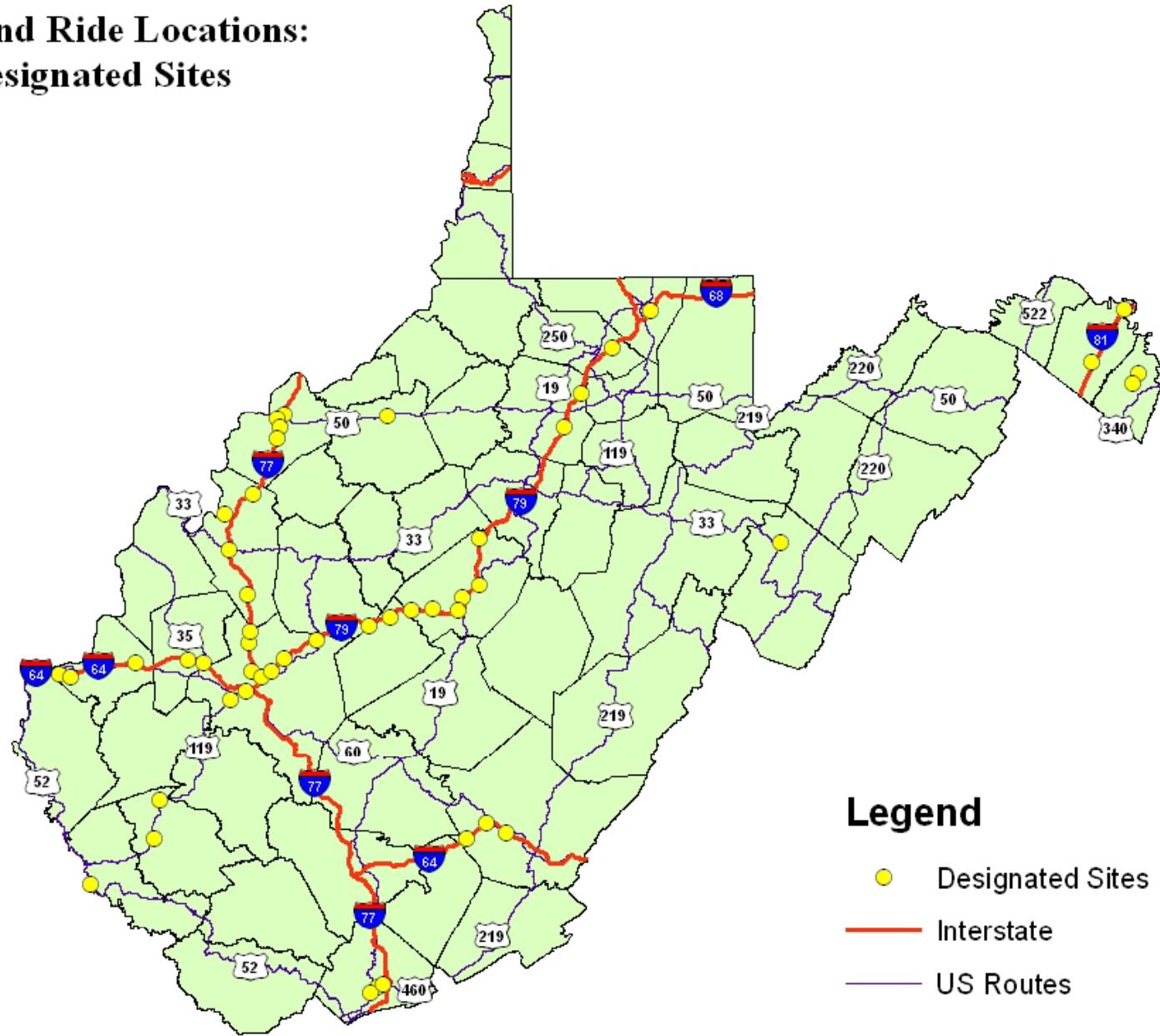
# Designated Park and Rides

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*Owned and maintained by  
the WVDOH.*



**Statewide  
Park and Ride Locations:  
Designated Sites**



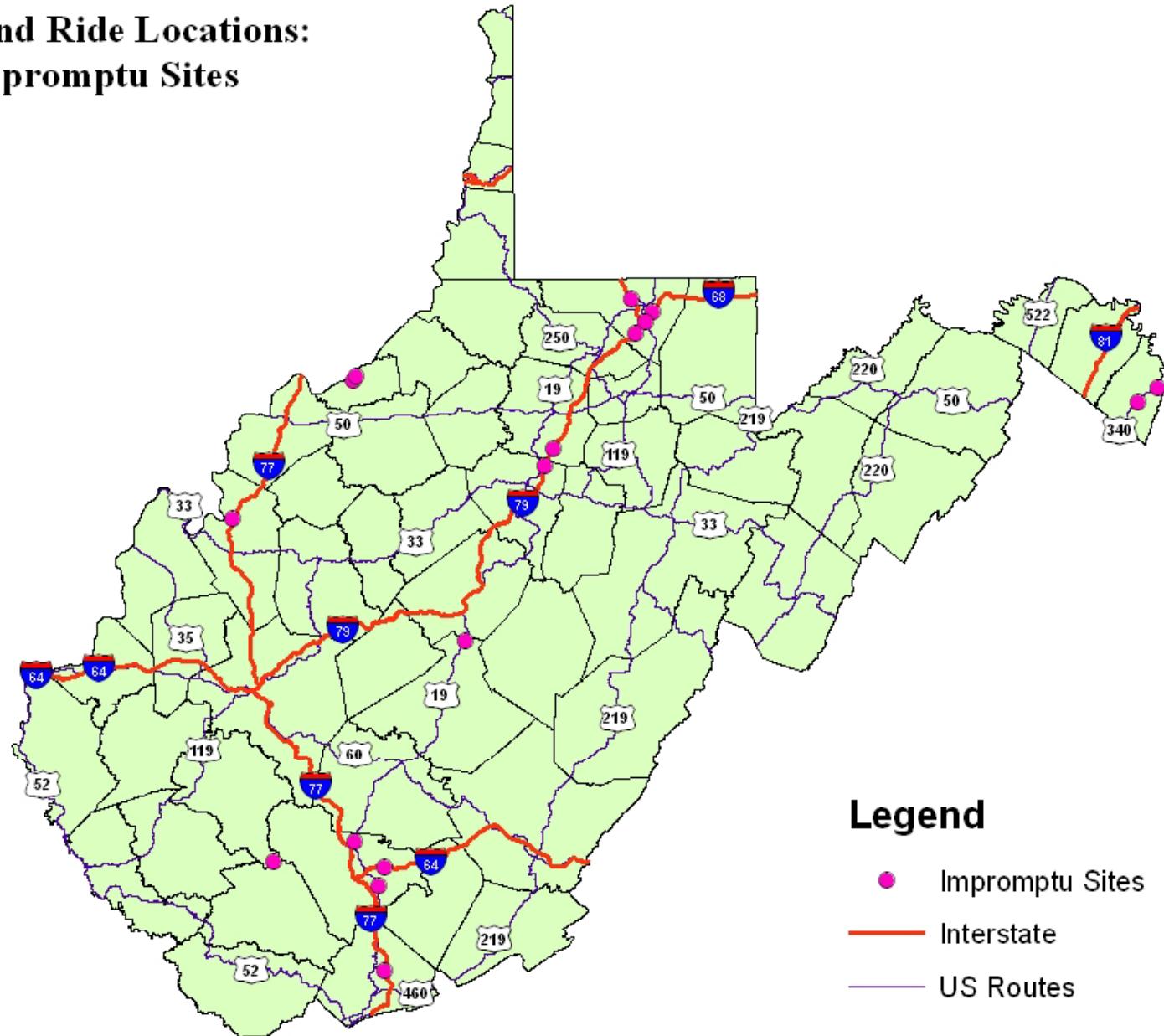
# Impromptu Park and Rides

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- \*Others exist, however, our study identified/studied these.
- \*Key to formation – convenient access.
- \*Often at I/S of major roadways or upstream congestion points or geographic barriers to travel.



**Statewide  
Park and Ride Locations:  
Impromptu Sites**



# P & R Usage Study

## SHORT-TERM

August 10 – 14, 2009

(17 P&Rs located along I-79 & I-68)

August 17 – 21, 2009

(17 P&Rs located along I-77, I-64 & US 119)

- Site Visit – *Everyday during working hours 7 am and 4 pm*

## LONG-TERM

Sept. 2009 – Feb. 2010

(all– 67 P&Rs)

- Site Visit – *Once every two weeks (on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday).*

*\*No data was collected on Mondays or Fridays to avoid long weekends or flexible work schedules.*

*Between hours of 9 am and 3 pm*

# Inventory of Existing Conditions

COMPLETED Existing Conditions Forms (and attached sketch).

Documented:

- Lot dimensions
- Surface type
- Number of parking stalls (if marked)
  - Width/length/angle of parking stalls
  - Driving aisle width
  - Single/double bay parking
  - Special use spaces
- Amenities (if any)
  - Guardrail
  - Site lighting
  - Security cameras
  - Fencing
  - Bike racks/lockers
  - Benches
  - Storm water control devices



# Observations – Day of Site Visit

(Between 9 am and 3 pm)

Record:

- Conditions of the site
  - Environmental concerns – oil spills/leaks; trash and debris
  - Safety and security issues
  - Vandalism/crime
- Number of cars
  - Type of Cars
    - Passenger cars/light trucks/SUVs
    - Heavy duty Trucks
    - Motorcycles
    - Bicycles
- License plate numbers (and States)
- Overflow parking
  - Parking demand exceeds the available capacity of the facility and individuals are left to park along the edge of the road at the entrance or in any open space they can find.



# Existing Condition Forms

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

GROUP	Planning	JOB NAME	Park and Ride Evaluation	SHEET	1	OF	3
SUBJECT	East Fairmont Prickett Fort		PREPARED BY	KWS	DATE	20-Jul-09	
Existing Conditions - Designated Park and Ride				CHECKED BY	DATE		

**EXISTING CONDITIONS**

WVDOH District:	4
Route ID:	
County:	Marion
Sign System:	CR
Route:	33
Sub Route:	
Supplemental Code:	
Mile Post:	Exit 139
Facility Name:	East Fairmont Prickett Fort
Location:	I-79 North Exit 139 East Fairmont
Year of Construction:	1990

**Park and Ride Facility**

Dimensions:	46' x 225'		
Parking Space Layout:			
Number of Parking Stalls:	NA		
Width of Parking Stalls:	NA		
Length of Parking Stalls:	NA		
Angle of Parking Stalls:	NA		
Driving Aisle Width:	NA		
Double Bay Parking:	Yes	x	No
Single Bay Parking:	Yes	x	No
Special Use Spaces:			
Compact Cars:	Yes	x	No
Motorcycles:	Yes	x	No
Surface Type:	Asphalt		
Guardrail:	x	Yes	No
Site Lighting:	Yes	x	No
Security Cameras:	Yes	x	No
Fencing:	Yes	x	No
Bike Rack/Lockers:	Yes	x	No
Storm Water Controls:	Yes	x	No

If yes, is it sufficient?

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Is Transit Service Available:  Yes  No  
If yes:  
Agency:  
Type:  
Schedule:

Is there Room for Expansion:  Yes  No 40'x50' If yes, how large of an area?

Is a Bike/Pedestrian Trail Connected:  Yes  No

Is the Facility in the WVWIDT Right-of-Way:  Yes  No  
If yes, it is a:  
Non CA RW:  Yes  No  
CA RW:  Yes  No

Last Date of Resurfacing: Never

Arc Park and Ride Signs Posted:  Yes  No  
If yes, where:

**Point of Contact**

Name, Unit & Title:	Norman Cunningham, I-79 Goshen Road Superintendent
Phone:	(304)285-3208
Email:	<a href="mailto:Norm.R.Cunningham@wv.gov">Norm.R.Cunningham@wv.gov</a>

Provide the following information

- Sketch
- Lot Dimensions
- Parking Space Layout with Dimensions
- Location of Special Use Spaces, Bike racks/lockers, Guardrail, Fencing, Lighting, Shelter, etc.
- Entrances and Exits
- Flow Pattern
- Nearby Routes
- Adjacent Properties

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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2. Digital Photos of Site  
3. Aerial Photographs (if readily available)

Comments:

# Observation Forms

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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SUBJECT	East Fairmont / Pricketts Fort		PREPARED BY	RBM	DATE	12/09/09	
Observations - Designated Park and Ride							
CHECKED BY			DATE				

**OBSERVATIONS**

WVDOT District:	4		
Facility Name:	East Fairmont / Pricketts Fort		
Location:	I-79 Exit 139 NB		
Observer			
Name, Unit & Title:	Dennis LeRoy, D-4 Design		
Phone:	304-842-1502		
Email:	dennis.leroy@wv.gov		
Date (mon/day/yr):	9-Dec-09		
Day of Week:	Wednesday		
Time:	12	:	30
	am	X	pm
Weather Conditions:	55° Sunny		
Is there Off-Site Directional Signing:	yes	X	no
If yes, is it:			
Suitable:			
Condition:			
Recommended Changes:			
Occupancy			
Total Number of Vehicles (Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, and Bicycles):	24		
Passenger Cars:	9		
Light Trucks:	15		
Heavy Duty Trucks:	-		
Motorcycles:	-		
Bicycles:	-		

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**General Site Observations**

Trash Receptacles on site:	X	yes	no
Trash Present on Ground:	X	yes	no
If yes, Type of Trash Present:	Minor Litter		
Surface Conditions:	Good		
Striping Conditions:	N/A		
On-Site Signage Conditions:	N/A		
Fencing Conditions:	N/A		
Guardrail Conditions:	Good		
Site Lighting Conditions:	N/A		
Condition of Storm Water Control Devices:	N/A		
Is the Site Mowed:	X	yes	no
Is the Site Landscaped:	X	yes	no
If yes, what is the condition of the landscaping:			
Signs of Erosion:	X	yes	no
Signs of Flooding:	X	yes	no
Signs of Ponding Water:	X	yes	no
Are there Sight Distance Obstructions:	X	yes	no
Explain:			

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Evidence of Crime and/or Vandalism: X no

Evidence of Overflow Parking: X yes no  
If yes, number of vehicles: 9

Evidence of Accidents: X no

Evidence of Environmental Concerns (i.e. vehicles leaking fluids): X yes no  
Explain: Large Oil Spots

Evidence of Broken Down Vehicles: X no

Evidence of Loitering in Lot: X no

**Comments / License Plate Numbers (and States):**

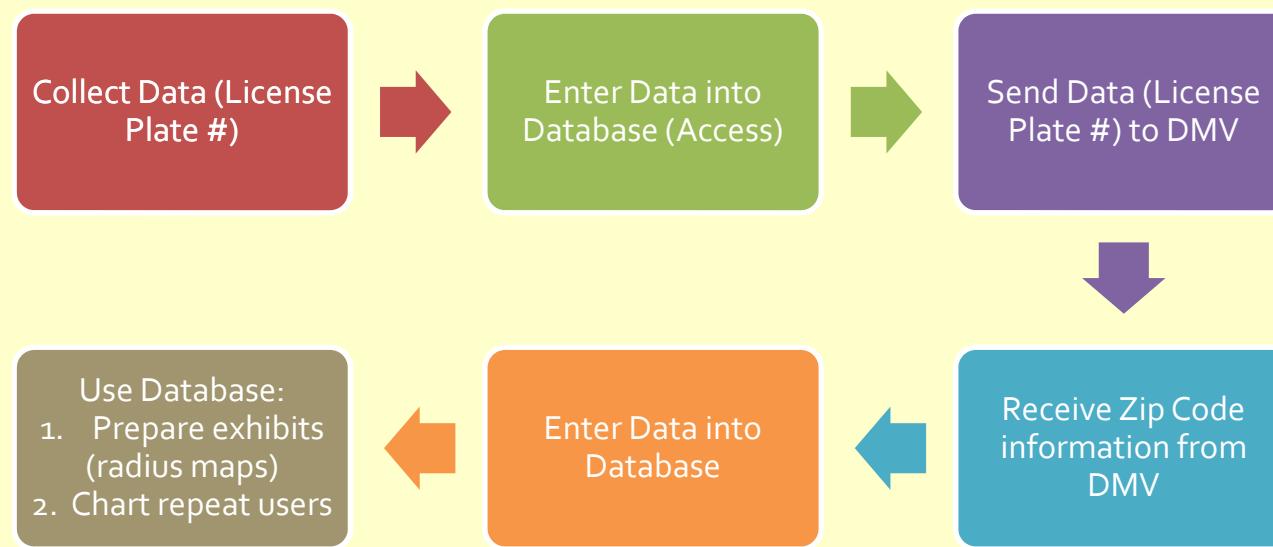
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9NK 110 (WV)	4L8 196 (WV)	4EA 705 (WV)
4NT 147 (WV)	4MW 383 (WV)	2BH 954 (WV)
OGJ 500 (WV)	BKA 529 (WV)	6GB 663 (WV)
9V 7772 (WV)	852 299 (WV)	2FP 656 (WV)
5TA 356 (WV)	7PB 352 (WV)	9GD 581 (WV)
UBLL (WV)	RG4 Z31 (TX)	3JC 171 (WV)

**OVER FLOW:**

7KW 523 (WV)	EXY 0291 (PA)	1CR 804 (WV)
OTW 266 (WV)	2EY 987 (WV)	9SM 417 (WV)
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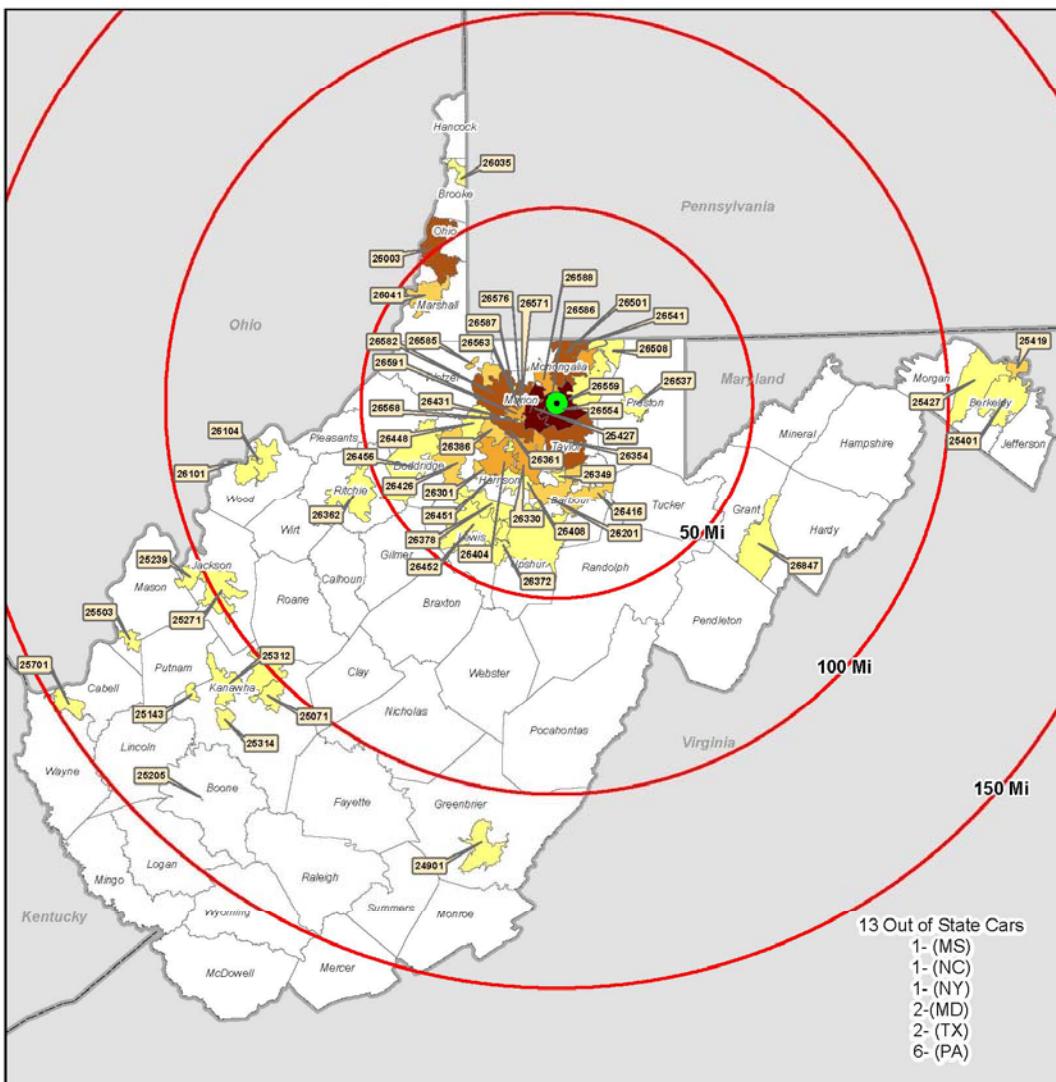
Attach:  
List of License Plate Numbers (and States)

# Data Processing



**WVDOT  
Park and Ride Study**

**I-79 Exit 139, CR 33  
East Fairmont / Pricketts Creek**



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**August 2009 to February 2010**

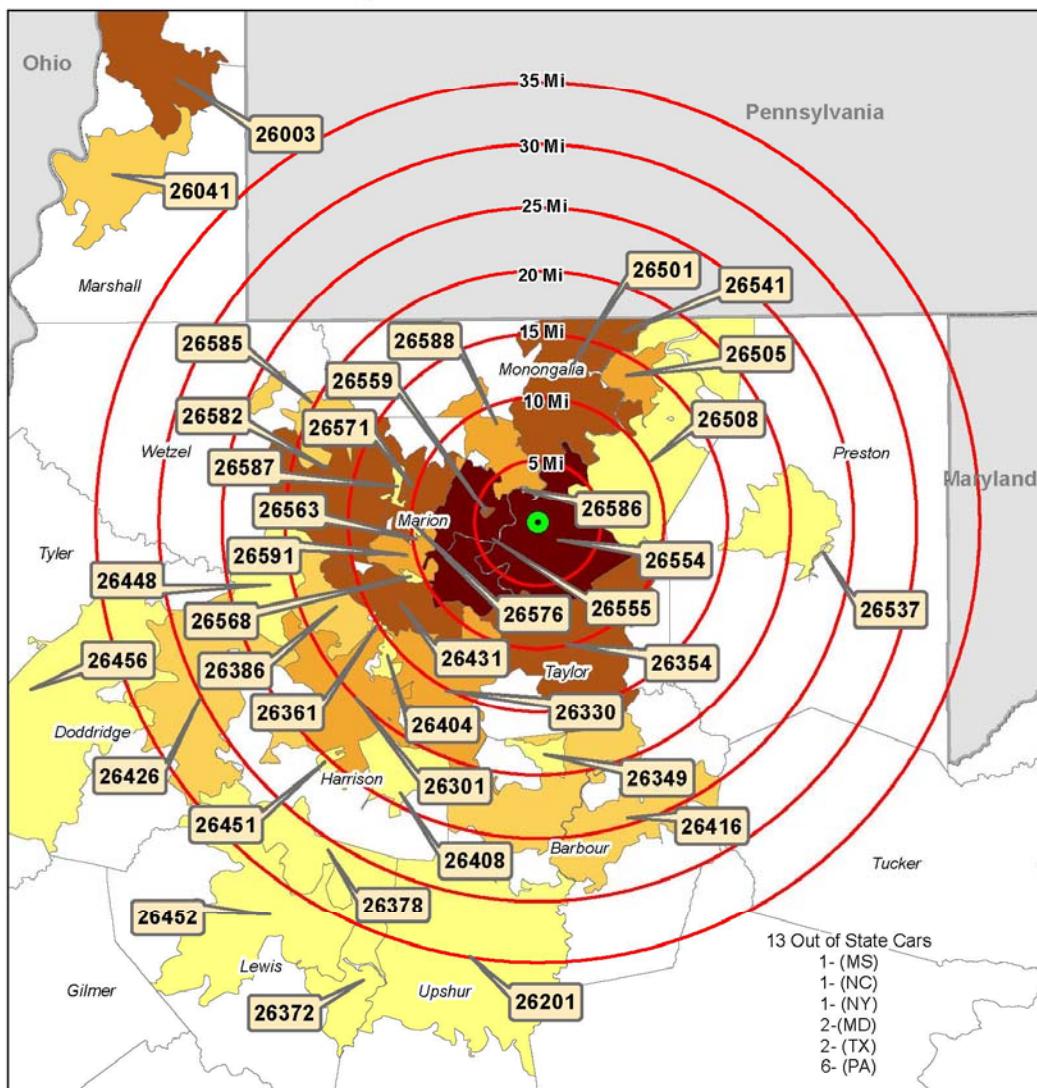
**Origin of Cars Reported at Park and Ride.\***

- Park and Ride Location
- Counties
- States
- Distance From Park and Ride

\* Repeat Users were counted each time they visited the Facility.

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Park and Ride Study**

**I-79 Exit 139, CR 33  
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0 5 10 20 Miles



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- Counties
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*Demonstration*

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## WVDOH Park And Rides

About Map Options

**Map Options**

**Map Types**

Topo Map  Street Map  Satellite

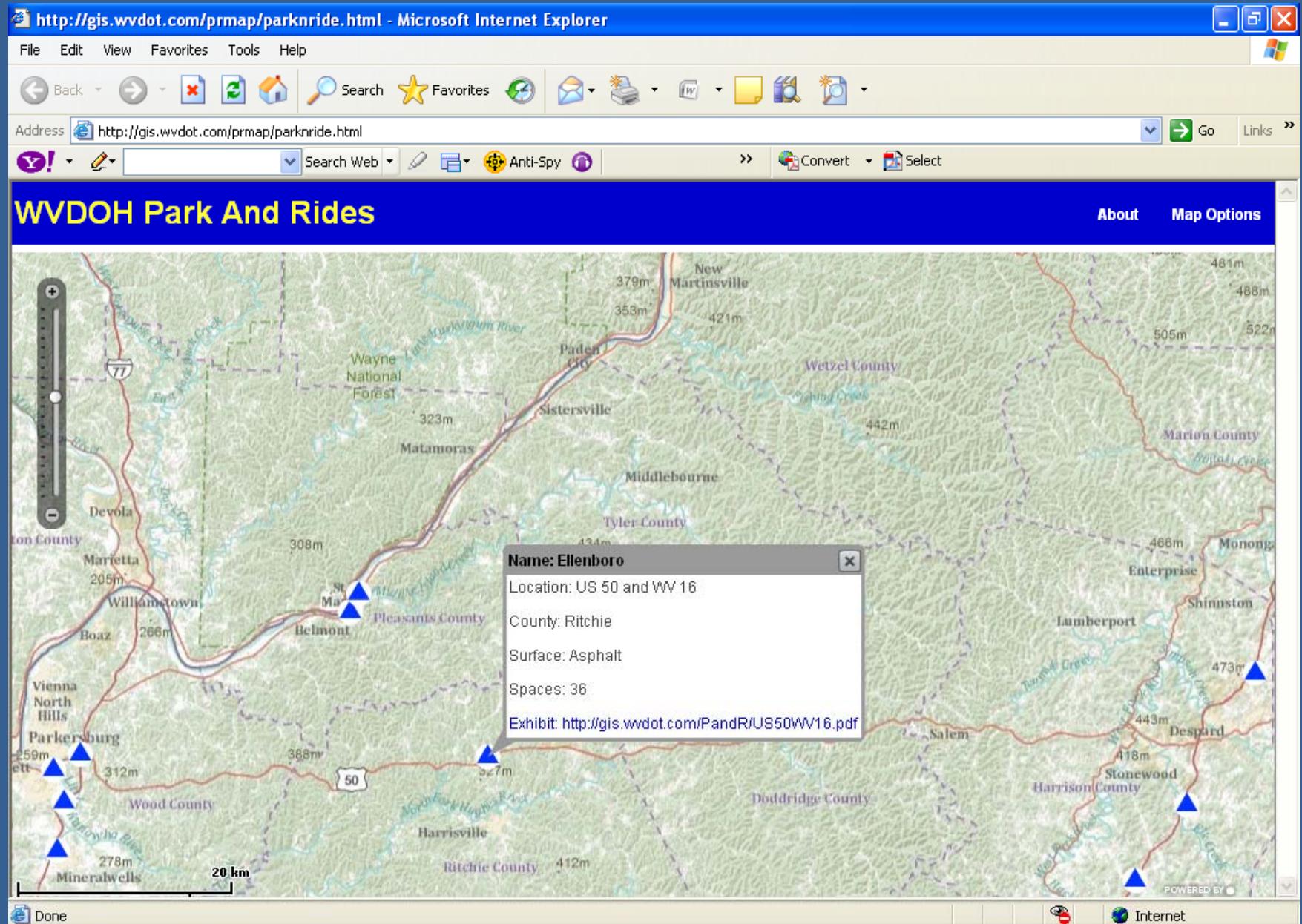
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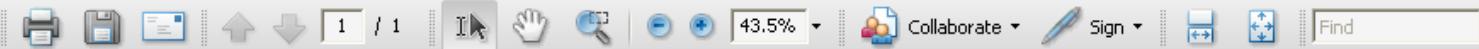
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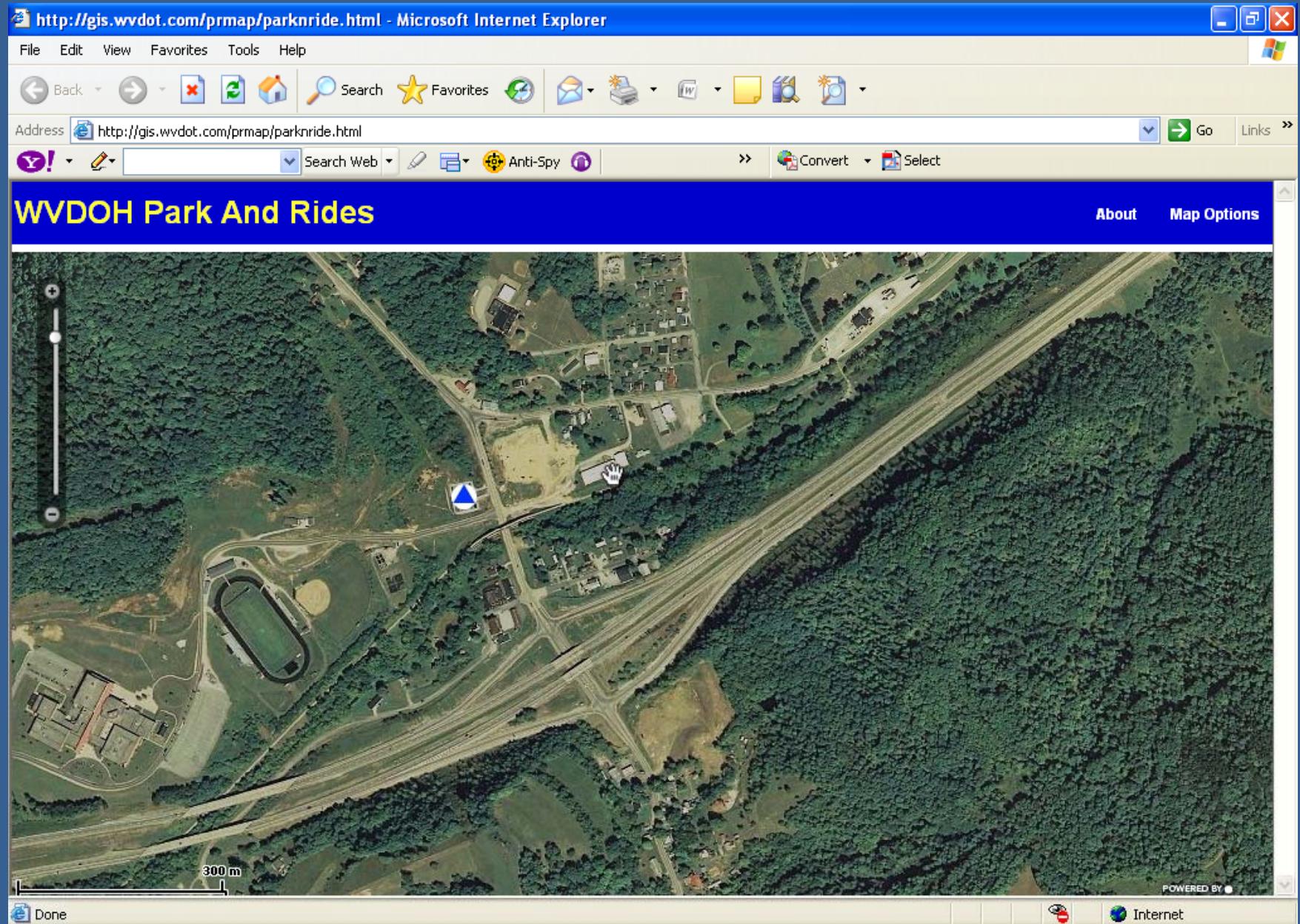
**WVDOT  
Park and Ride Study**

**US 50 and WV 16  
Ellenboro**



Done

Unknown Zone



# Conclusions – Capacity Issues

Milton

Overflow  
Parking

At or  
>95%  
Capacity

Ripley

Overflow  
Parking

At or  
>95%  
Capacity

Ellenboro

Overflow  
Parking

At or  
>95%  
Capacity

Shinnston/Saltwell

Overflow  
Parking

At or  
>95%  
Capacity

East  
Fairmont/Pricketts  
Creek

Overflow  
Parking

At or  
>95%  
Capacity

Bruceton Mills

Overflow  
Parking

At or  
>95%  
Capacity

# Conclusions – Inadequate Signage

*NO signs placed to notify potential users on their normal routes and guide them to the park and ride facilities.*

**(Majority of Park and Ride Users are REPEAT USERS!)**

# FFY 2011 STIP Improvements

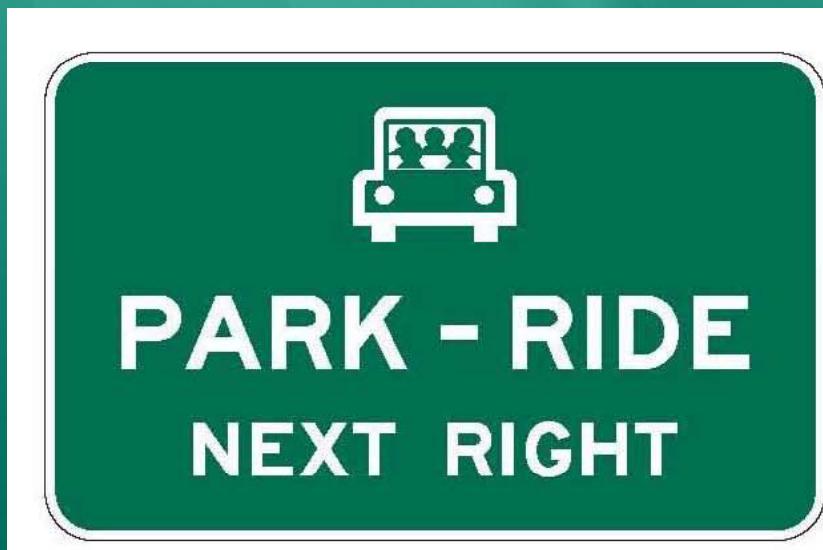
## Park and Ride Expansions:

- Milton
- East Fairmont/Pricketts Creek
- Shinnston/Saltwell



# Signage

Add Park and Ride guide signs designed in accordance with the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* (MUTCD).





# Thank you!

