



### Welcome!

### **Public Workshop**

WV 2 Improvements – New Cumberland
Madison Street and Chester Street
Intersection and Widening

**State Project: U215-2-6.20 00** 

Federal Project Number: NFA-2317(027)D

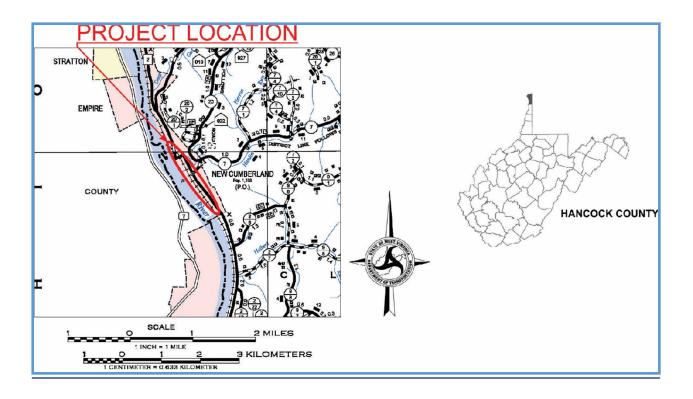
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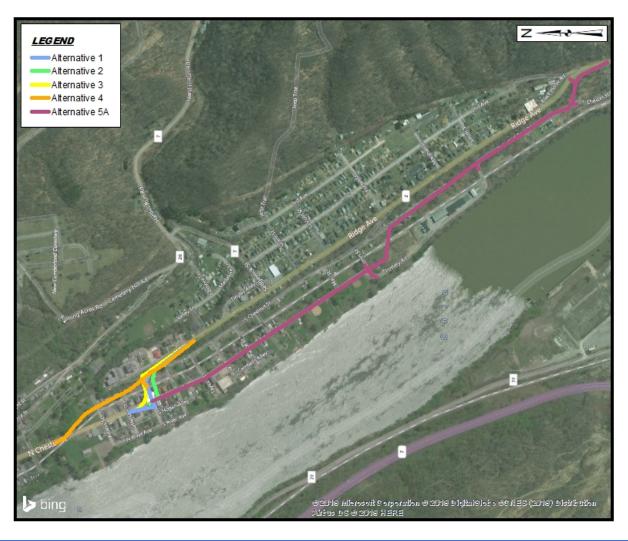
Tuesday, September 17, 2019 / 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center 80 Rockefeller Circle, New Cumberland, West Virginia

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) is conducting a Public Workshop to make available the approved Environmental Assessment (EA) for the WV 2 Improvements — New Cumberland Project (Madison Street and Chester Street Intersection and Widening). The purpose of this workshop will be to update the public on the project's status, answer questions, and listen to ideas or concerns. This workshop also complies with the public involvement requirements of the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) and Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act*. Project maps, the approved EA, and other information are on display for your review here today and are also available online. Members of the study team are available to discuss these materials.

#### **Purpose and Need**

West Virginia Route 2 carries approximately 7,000 vehicles per day through the City of New Cumberland. Over 10 percent of these vehicles are trucks, many of them tractor trailers and other types of large, over-the-road vehicles. The efficient flow of this amount of car and truck traffic is hindered by two 90-degree turns and at-grade rail crossings on Madison and Chester Streets. The steep grade and tight width on Madison Street also compound traffic movement through New Cumberland, creating an undesirable condition for motorists and pedestrians.





#### <u>Alternatives</u>

Besides a no-build alternative, WVDOH has developed five alternatives to correct the traffic problems on Route 2. All five alternatives meet the purpose and need of the project. The approved EA identifies and evaluates the potential environmental and cultural impacts of each alternative. The estimated costs provided include design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocations, and construction.

- Alternative 1: Improves the 90-degree turns by widening the existing alignment, including intersection improvements at Madison and Chester Streets. Estimated cost is \$3.9 million.
- Alternative 2: Improves the 90-degree turns by shifting the road between them approximately 70 feet south. Widening also improves the Madison and Chester Streets intersection. Estimated cost is \$4.2 million.
- Alternative 3: Similar to Alternative 1, but instead of creating a skewed intersection and widening to the south, Alternative 3 improves the inside radius at the intersection of Madison and Chester Streets. Estimated cost is \$4.9 million.
- Alternative 4: Improves the existing 90-degree turns by creating a short bypass of the existing road. This new segment begins near Hardin Run, parallels the railroad tracks, and ends on Ridge Avenue near the library. Estimated cost is \$6.9 million.
- Alternative 5A: Creates a new routing for WV 2 through New Cumberland. The new roadway begins at the intersection of Chestnut and Madison Streets and runs closer to the Ohio River than current WV 2, generally following South Chestnut Street, Pottery Road, and Industrial Park Road to Ridge Avenue. Estimated cost is \$15.9 million.

# WV 2 IMPROVEMENTS – NEW CUMBERLAND MADISON AND CHESTER STREET INTERSECTION BUILD ALTERNATIVES SUMMARY OF IMPACTS

RESOURCE OR ELEMENT	ALTERNATIVE 1	ALTERNATIVE 2	ALTERNATIVE 3	ALTERNATIVE 4	ALTERNATIVE 5A
NRHP-Listed or Eligible					
Resources	1	0	1	0	2
(Direct Adverse Effect)					
NRHP-Listed or Eligible					
Resources	1	0	1	0	1
(Indirect Adverse Effect)					
Archaeology Potential	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Publicly-owned Parks	0	0	0	1	1
Impact to 4(f) Resources	1	0	1	1	3
Public Wastewater Facilities	0	0	0	1	1
Private Recreation Facilities	0	0	0	0	3
Streams	0	0	0	0	0
Wetlands	0	0	0	0	2
Operating Businesses	0	0	0	3	1
Vacant Businesses	2	1	4	0	3
Residences (total takes)	10	1	8	8	12
Environmental Justice Impacts	No	No	No	No	Yes
Potentially Hazardous Waste Sites	4	4	4	4	12
Noise Impacts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Cost	\$3.9 million	\$4.2 million	\$4.9 million	\$6.9 million	\$15.9 million

#### **Tentative Project Schedule**

Environmental Assessment Approved	August 14, 2019		
Public Workshop	Tuesday, September 17, 2019		
Comments Due	Thursday, October 17, 2019		
Final Environmental Clearance	<b>December 31, 2019</b>		

Note: The date for Final Environmental Clearance is subject to change.

## Comments following tonight's workshop are due on October 17, 2019.

You may comment through our website: <a href="http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment">http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment</a>.

Click the blue tab: Public Comments, Engineering Projects, then the WV 2 Improvements –

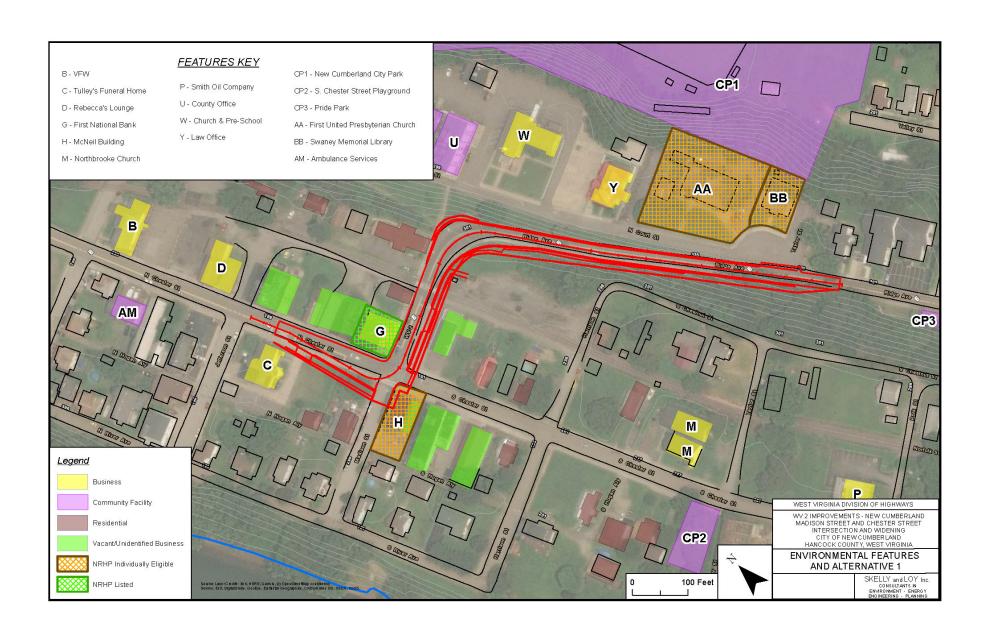
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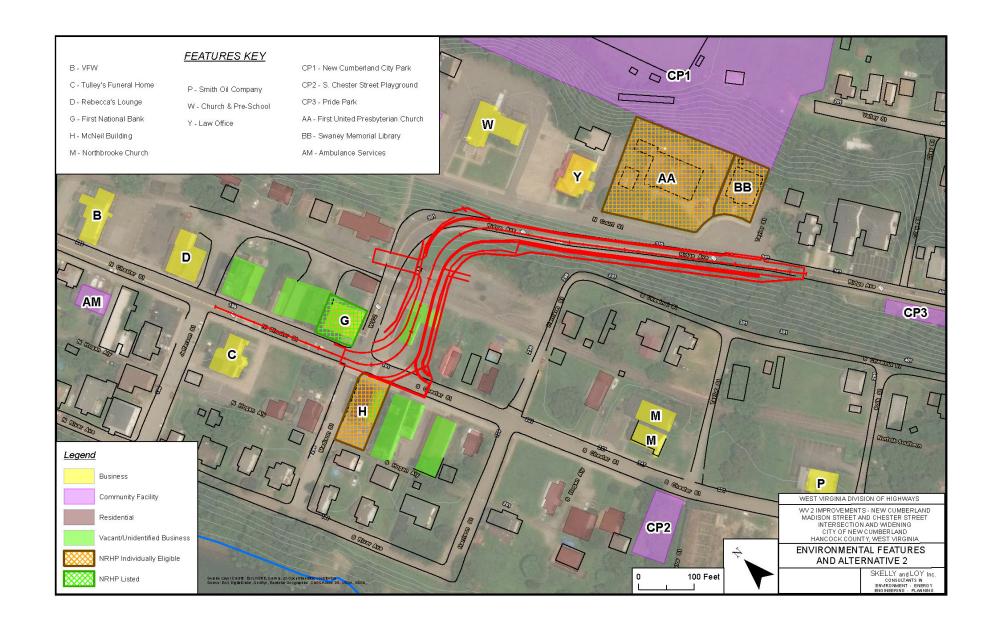
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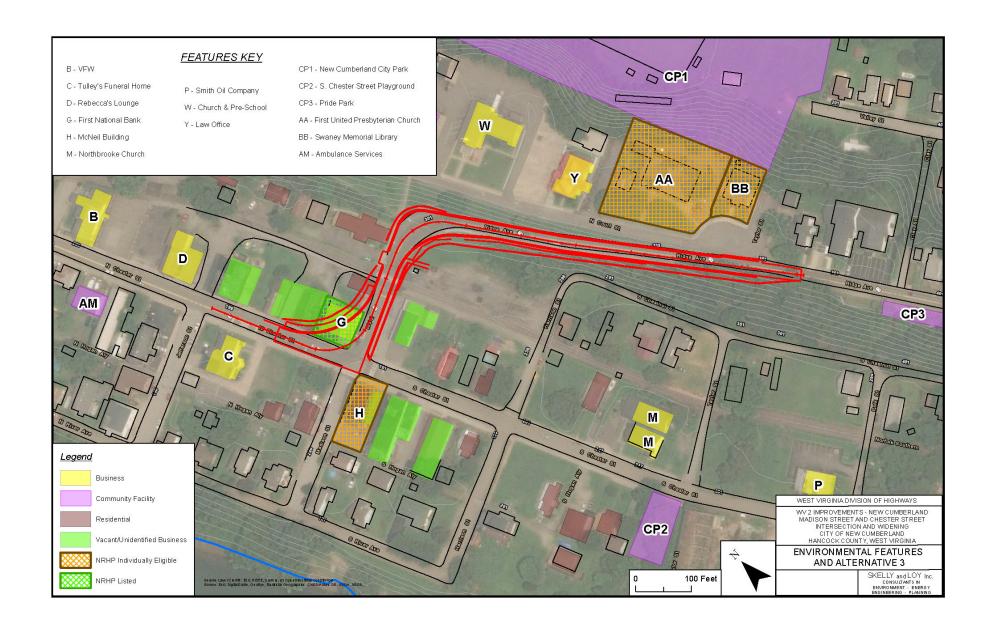
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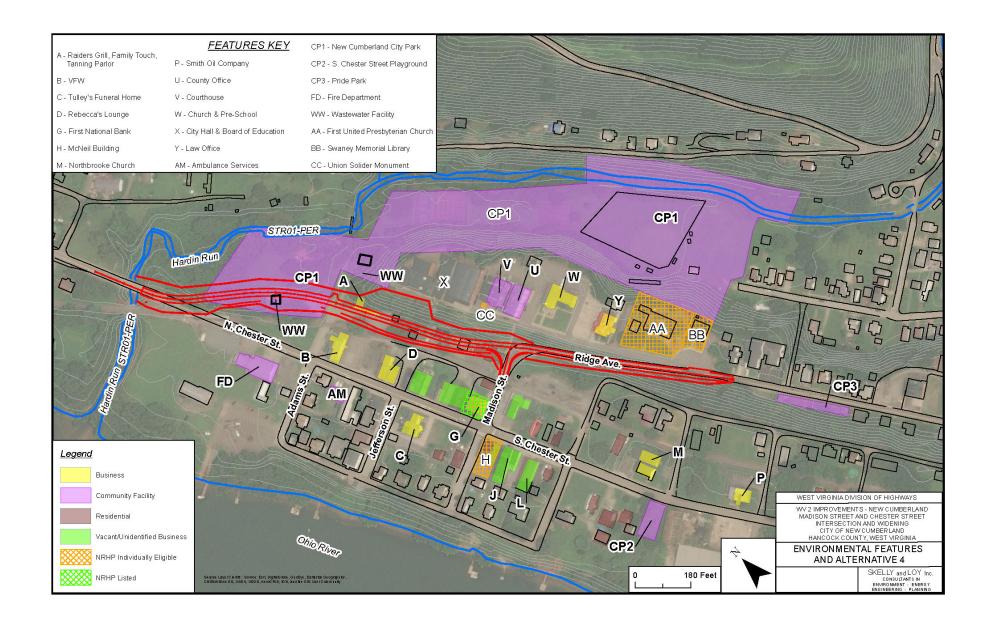
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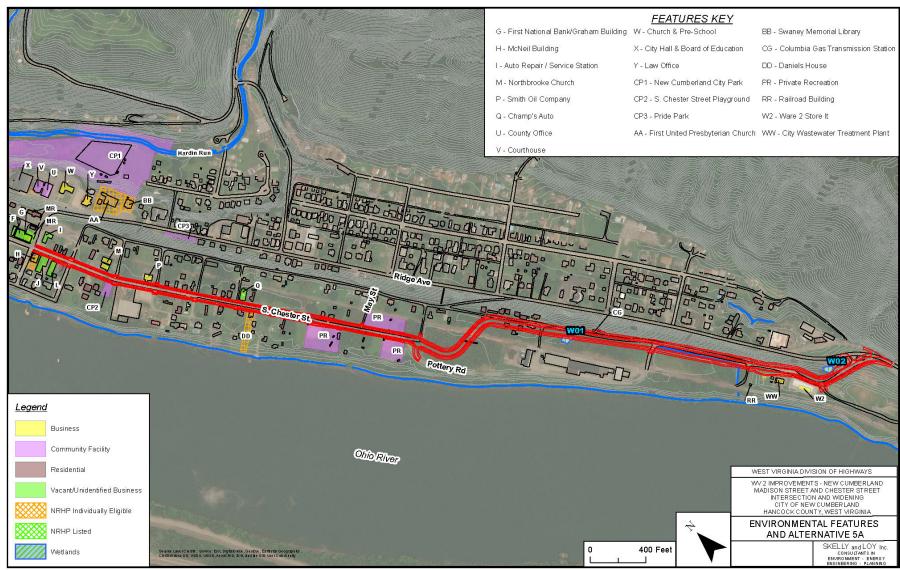
Thank you for attending our workshop! Your interest in the project is greatly appreciated.











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COMMENTS DUE BY: Thursday, October 17, 2019				
Please consider the following comments:				
(Please print the following information)				
NAME:				
ADDRESS:				
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):				
How did you hear about the Informational Public Workshop?				

Project Information and Comment Sheets

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

Under Engineering Projects, Open, and then click WV 2 – New Cumberland.