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Public Informational Workshop

King Coal Highway

MONTCALM (CR 11/4) TO LITTLESBURG (WV 20) PROJECT

State Project X328-52-5.00

Federal Project STBG 2025(034)D

Mercer County, WV



Thursday, August 29, 2024

Montcalm Elementary School, 838 Rock Road

Rock, WV

4:00-7:00 PM

Hosted by the

West Virginia Department of Transportation,

Division of Highways

& Federal Highway Administration

Overview:

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways (WVDOH) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are pleased to host this informational workshop to provide updates and answer questions on the Montcalm (CR 11/4) to Littleburg (WV 20) Project. Detailed mapping, projected schedule, and other materials are available to review in person as well as online at the link provided at the bottom of this page. This meeting complies with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requirements.

The project is a 4.337-mile, four-lane divided highway, with partial control of access. The project is part of the King Coal Highway. It extends from Montcalm (CR 11/4) in the North to Littleburg (WV 20) in the south where it connects to Littleburg to Mercer County Airport portion of the King Coal Highway. It includes connections to New Hope Road, Surface Hill Road, Rock Road and Browning Lambert Mountain Road. This project will help fulfill the goals of the overall King Coal Highway by minimizing conflict between truck traffic and local traffic, residential areas, and towns. Additionally, it will support the goals of improving access to emergency services, supporting economic development, and providing safe and efficient access to the regional roadway network. A Record of Decision (ROD) for the entire King Coal Highway that begins in the north in the vicinity of Williamson, WV and ends in the south in the vicinity of Bluefield, WV was approved by FHWA on June 6, 2000. WVDOH is currently updating environmental studies, coordinating with resource agencies, and advancing the design for the Montcalm (CR 11/4) to Littleburg (WV 20) section of the project.

Please review the project information and plans and provide any comments or concerns you may have about the project.

Project History:

- 1991: The U.S. Congress determined that a National Highway System corridor was needed to connect the Great Lakes and the coast of the Carolinas. Known as the Interstate 73–Interstate 74 North–South Corridor, the roadway stretches from northern Michigan to South Carolina, passing through several states, including West Virginia (WV)
- 1995: The multilane corridor was listed as a high priority and the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways (WVDOH) was tasked with constructing a portion.
- 2000: Environmental & engineering studies for the entire king coal highway project was completed
- June 26, 2000: A Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was approved for the entire King Coal Highway Project
- August 24, 2000: A Record of Decision (ROD) was approved for the entire King Coal Highway Project
- January 3, 2001, March 29, 2018, and May 23, 2023: FHWA approved the operationally independent sections and project priorities for the King Coal Highway

Recent Developments and Future Schedule:

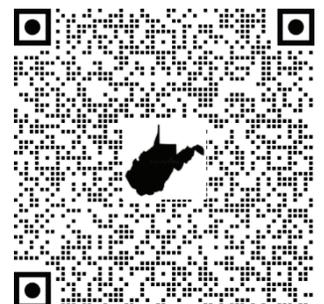
- 2024: Final Design, core boring activities, additional environmental field work, and agency coordination is ongoing for the Montcalm (CO RT 11/4) to Littleburg (WV20) section of the project.
 - August 29, 2024: Informational Public Meeting
 - September 30, 2024: Public Comment period Ends
 - *Late 2024: Right of Way activities begin
 - *Late 2024: FHWA approves the Reevaluation
 - *2026: Construction Anticipated
- *Dates are subject to change*

Additional information including the meeting materials and preliminary plans are available online at the WVDOH's Public Meeting website:

<https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/TechnicalSupport/CommentsOnProjects/Pages/King-Coal-Highway.aspx> (linked through code at right).

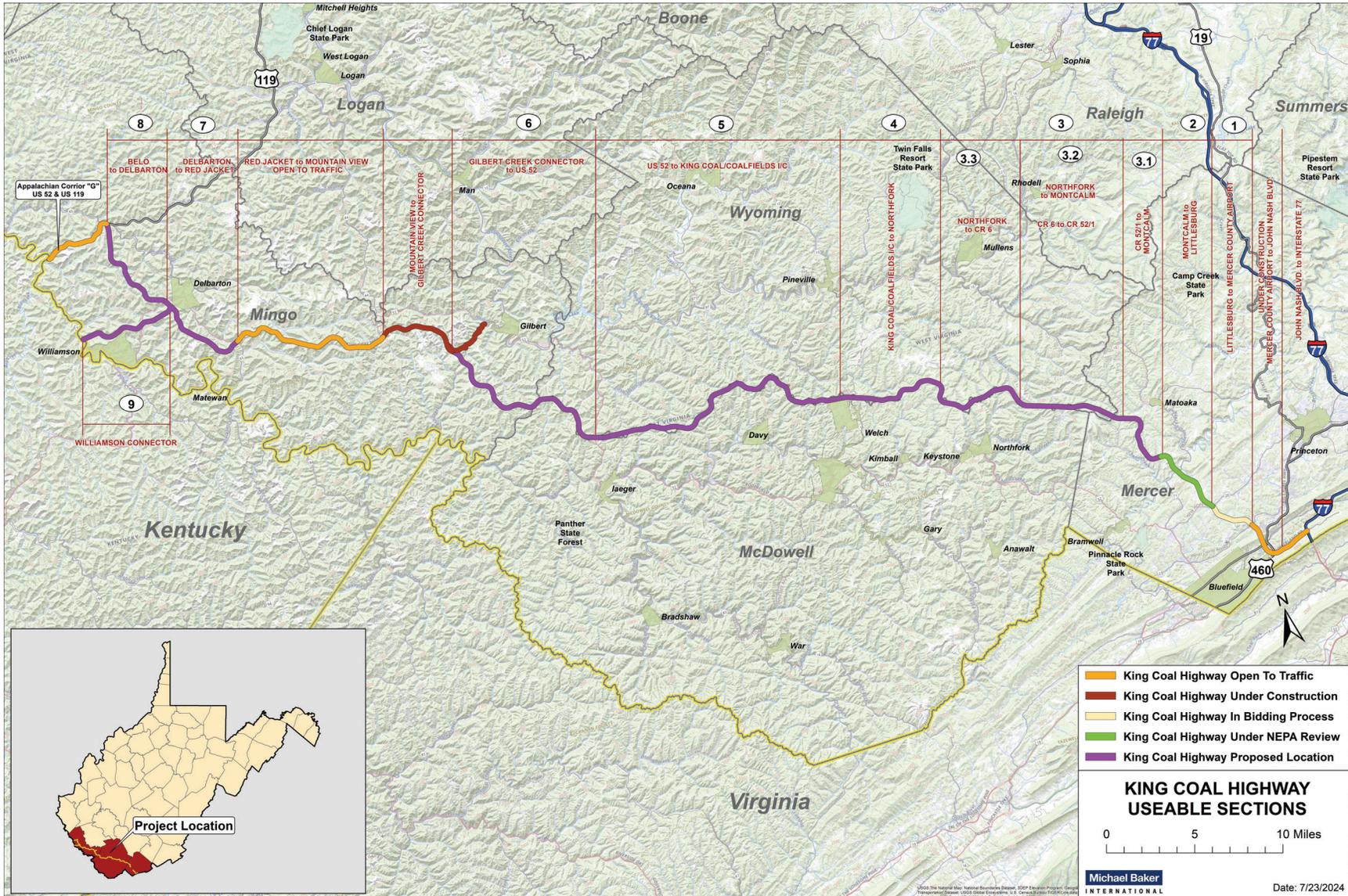
Comments are due Monday, September 30, 2024 and may be submitted using the comment form provided at the meeting or printed from the website. Additionally, comments may be submitted digitally through the website. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting!



KING COAL HIGHWAY OVERVIEW & STATUS

Purpose and Need for the King Coal Highway: To minimize conflict between truck traffic and local traffic, residential areas, and towns, improve access to emergency services, support economic development, and to provide safe and efficient access to the regional roadway network.



Timeline:

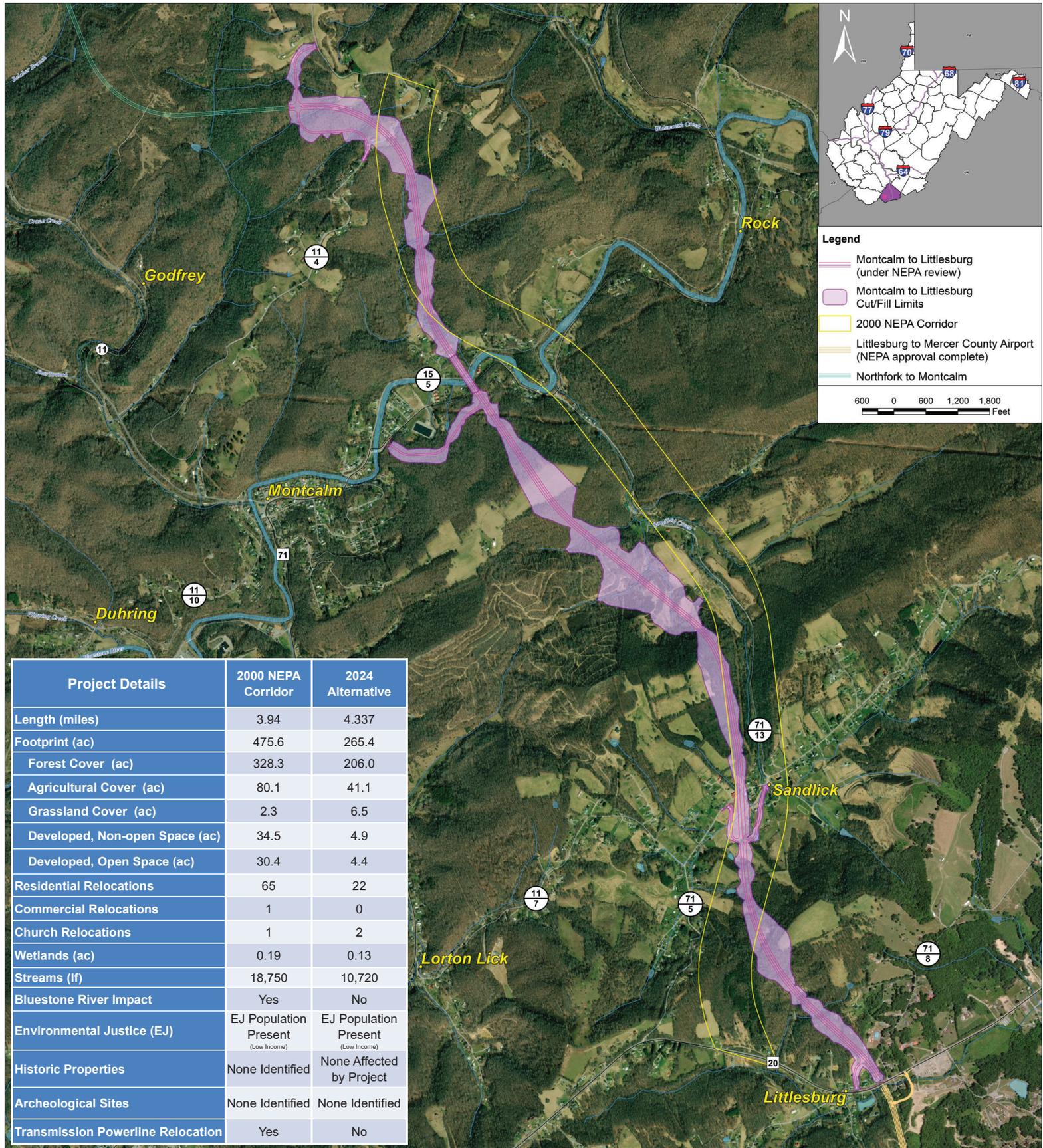
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- 1995: The multilane corridor was listed as a high priority and the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways (WVDOH) was tasked with constructing a portion.
- 2000: Environmental & engineering studies for the king coal highway was completed and a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a Record of Decision (ROD) was approved.
- 2024-Present: Final design, additional field work & agency coordination is ongoing for the Montcalm (CR11/4) to Littleburg (WV 20) Project.



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PRELIMINARY ALIGNMENT



| Project Details | 2000 NEPA Corridor | 2024 Alternative |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Length (miles) | 3.94 | 4.337 |
| Footprint (ac) | 475.6 | 265.4 |
| Forest Cover (ac) | 328.3 | 206.0 |
| Agricultural Cover (ac) | 80.1 | 41.1 |
| Grassland Cover (ac) | 2.3 | 6.5 |
| Developed, Non-open Space (ac) | 34.5 | 4.9 |
| Developed, Open Space (ac) | 30.4 | 4.4 |
| Residential Relocations | 65 | 22 |
| Commercial Relocations | 1 | 0 |
| Church Relocations | 1 | 2 |
| Wetlands (ac) | 0.19 | 0.13 |
| Streams (lf) | 18,750 | 10,720 |
| Bluestone River Impact | Yes | No |
| Environmental Justice (EJ) | EJ Population Present (Low Income) | EJ Population Present (Low Income) |
| Historic Properties | None Identified | None Affected by Project |
| Archeological Sites | None Identified | None Identified |
| Transmission Powerline Relocation | Yes | No |



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TIMELINE & COMMENTING

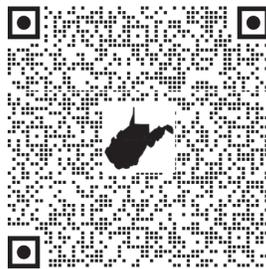
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- 2001, 2018, and 2023:** FHWA approved the operationally independent sections and project priorities for the King Coal Highway
- Spring 2024:** Final Design, Core Borings, and additional Environmental Studies began for the Montcalm to Littleburg Project
- August 29, 2024:** Public meeting held for Montcalm to Littleburg Project
- September 30, 2024:** Public Comment period ends
- * **Late 2024:** Right-of-Way activities begin
- * **Late 2024:** NEPA reevaluation approved
- * **2026:** Construction Anticipated

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PLEASE SHARE YOUR COMMENTS! **THE COMMENT PERIOD ENDS:** **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

Mail comments to:

Mr. Travis Long
Director, Technical Support Division,
WVDOH
Building 5 Room 820,
1900 Kanawha Blvd E, Charleston,
West Virginia 25305



Comments may also be submitted

using the form included with tonight's handout or online at the WVDOH website link below and through QR code:

<https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/TechnicalSupport/CommentsOnProjects/Pages/King-Coal-Highway.aspx>

DATE:

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1900 Kanawha Blvd E
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

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COMMENTS DUE BY: Monday, September 30, 2024

Please consider the following comments:

(Please print the following information)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Public Informational Workshop?

Project Information and Comment forms can be found online at our WVDOH Website at <https://transportation.wv.gov/comments>. Under Engineering Projects, Open, and then click King Coal Highway. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.