

Welcome

Open House

Public Meeting

Corridor H
Wardensville To Virginia State Line

Hardy County

State Project X316-H-125.16
Federal Project NHPP-0484(117)

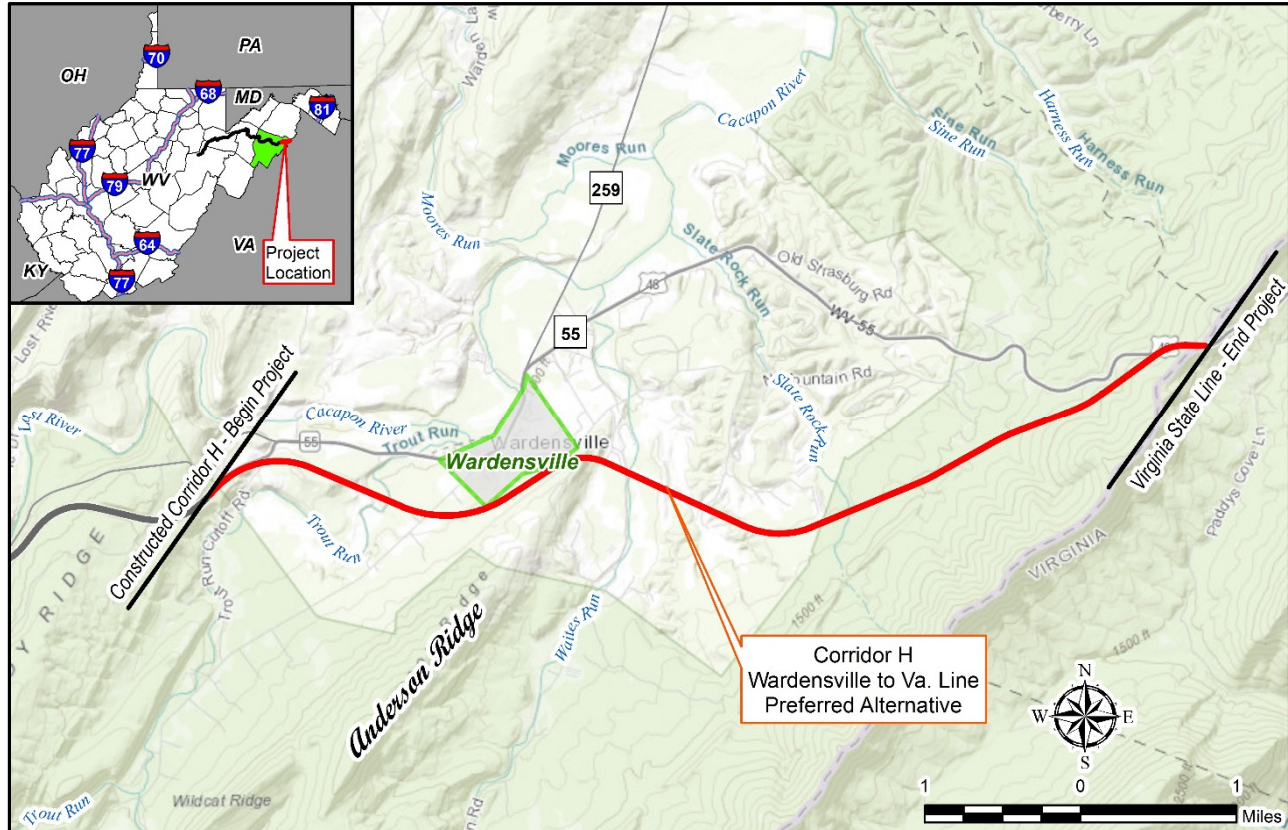
War Memorial Building
Wardensville, WV
Tuesday, May 15, 2018
4:00 to 7:00 PM



Appalachian Highway Corridor H
Wardensville To VA State Line Project

Federal Highway Administration &
West Virginia Department of Transportation
Division of Highways

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways (WVDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are updating environmental studies for the easternmost portion of Appalachian Highway Corridor H in West Virginia: the Wardensville to Virginia State Line Project. The location of the project is shown in the figure below.



Location of the Wardensville to Virginia State Line Project in Hardy County, West Virginia

The status of all the sections of Corridor H (approximately 100 miles long) is provided in the exhibits included with this handout. The exhibits are copies of the display boards shown at the public meeting.

In accordance with a U.S. Court of Appeals mediated Settlement Agreement, the Wardensville to Virginia State Line project may move to final design in 2020.¹ To prepare for final design activities, WVDOT and FHWA have begun re-evaluating the project in accordance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations. The purpose of a Re-evaluation is to assess whether any changes that may have occurred in project design, scope, affected environment or proposed mitigation since prior approval will require a supplemental environmental impact statement. The previous NEPA approval was issued in 2003 with an Amended Record of Decision (ROD).

¹ The Settlement Agreement was signed on February 7, 2000 and provided several conditions that would allow the project to move forward to final design. One of those conditions was the passage of 20 years since the agreement's effective date.

**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.*

The Preferred Alternative is an approximately 6.8-mile new location, four-lane divided highway, with partial control of access. It begins at the end of the Baker to Wardensville section of Corridor H (shown in the figure below), along US Route 48/WV Route 55 west of the Trout Run Cutoff Road (County Route 23/12). It ends at the state border along the Wardensville Pike (WV Route 55). Access points will be provided at several key locations, such as the Trout Run Cutoff Road, Trout Run Road (County Route 23/10), Waites Run Road (County Route 5/1), and near the project's eastern terminus.

Construction cost for the project is currently estimated to be \$70 million.

The Preferred Alternative centerline is shown in the exhibits provided with this handout. Please note that there are two options shown for the access at Waites Run Road. We encourage you to comment on these options.

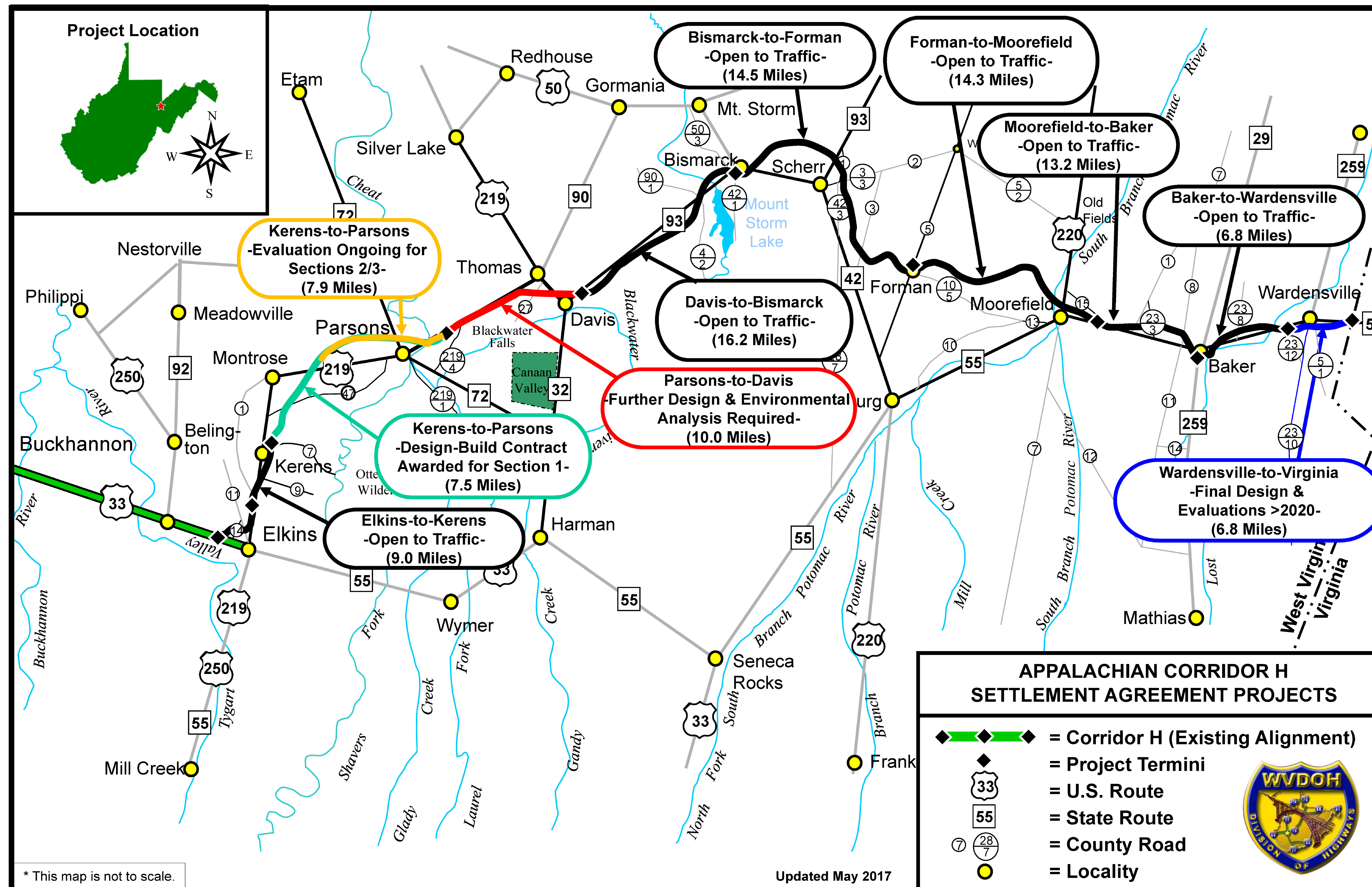
To complete the Re-evaluation, WVDOH is seeking input from the public and resource agencies. The Re-evaluation will include responses to comments and explanation of any adjustments to the design to be carried forward. The Re-evaluation will be submitted to the FHWA for approval. An estimated timeline for project milestones is shown in the exhibits provided with this handout.



End of Existing Corridor H west of Wardensville, facing northeast toward downtown (Google Earth image).

Comments on the project may be provided using the comment form at the end of this handout or online at the WVDOH Website: <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment>.

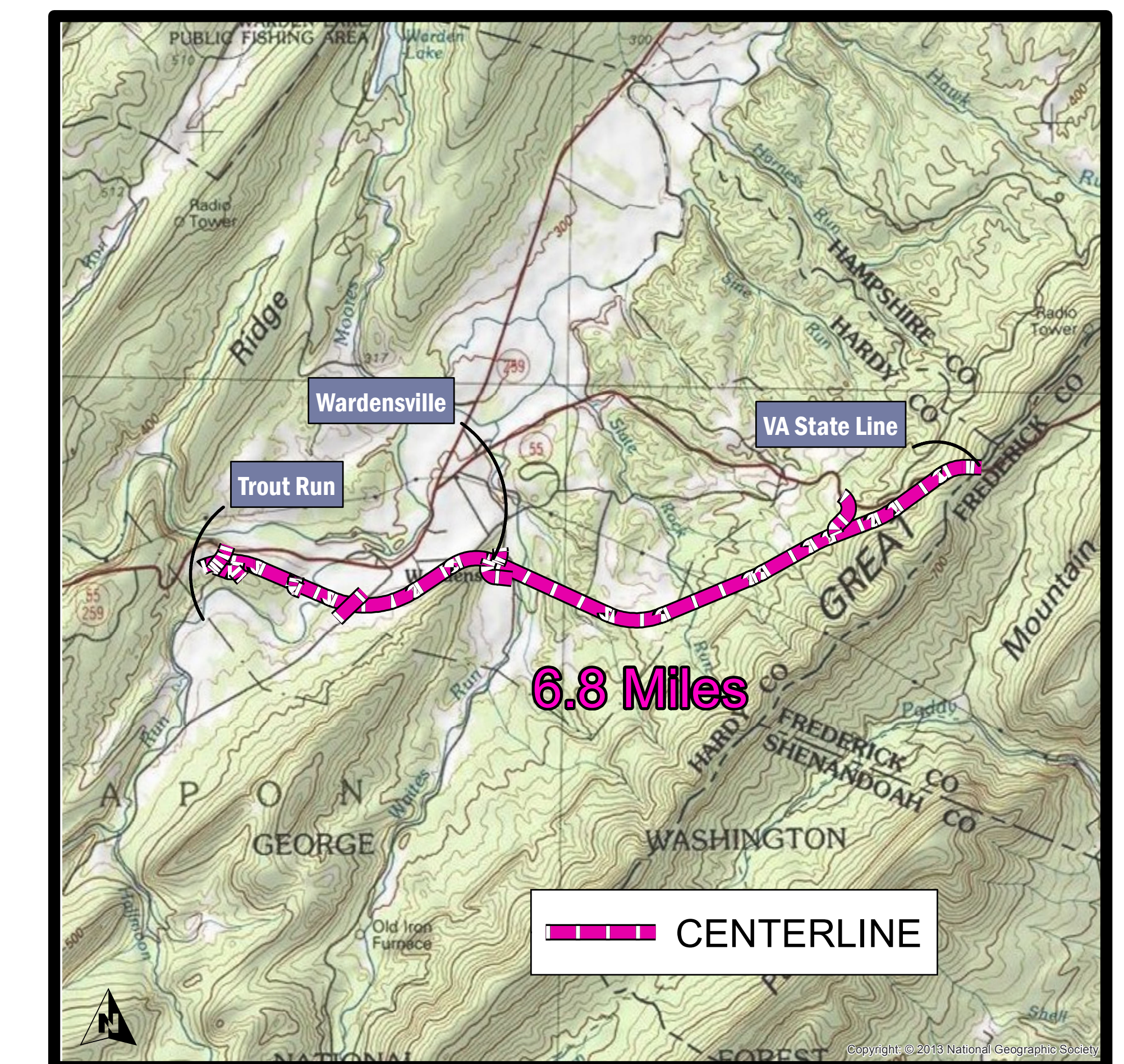
Corridor H Status



Wardensville-To-VA State Line

The Federal Highway Administration approved the Amended Record of Decision on the Wardensville-To-Virginia State Line section of Corridor H in May of 2003.

● Wardensville-To-VA State Line: approximately 6.8 Miles



Construction Status

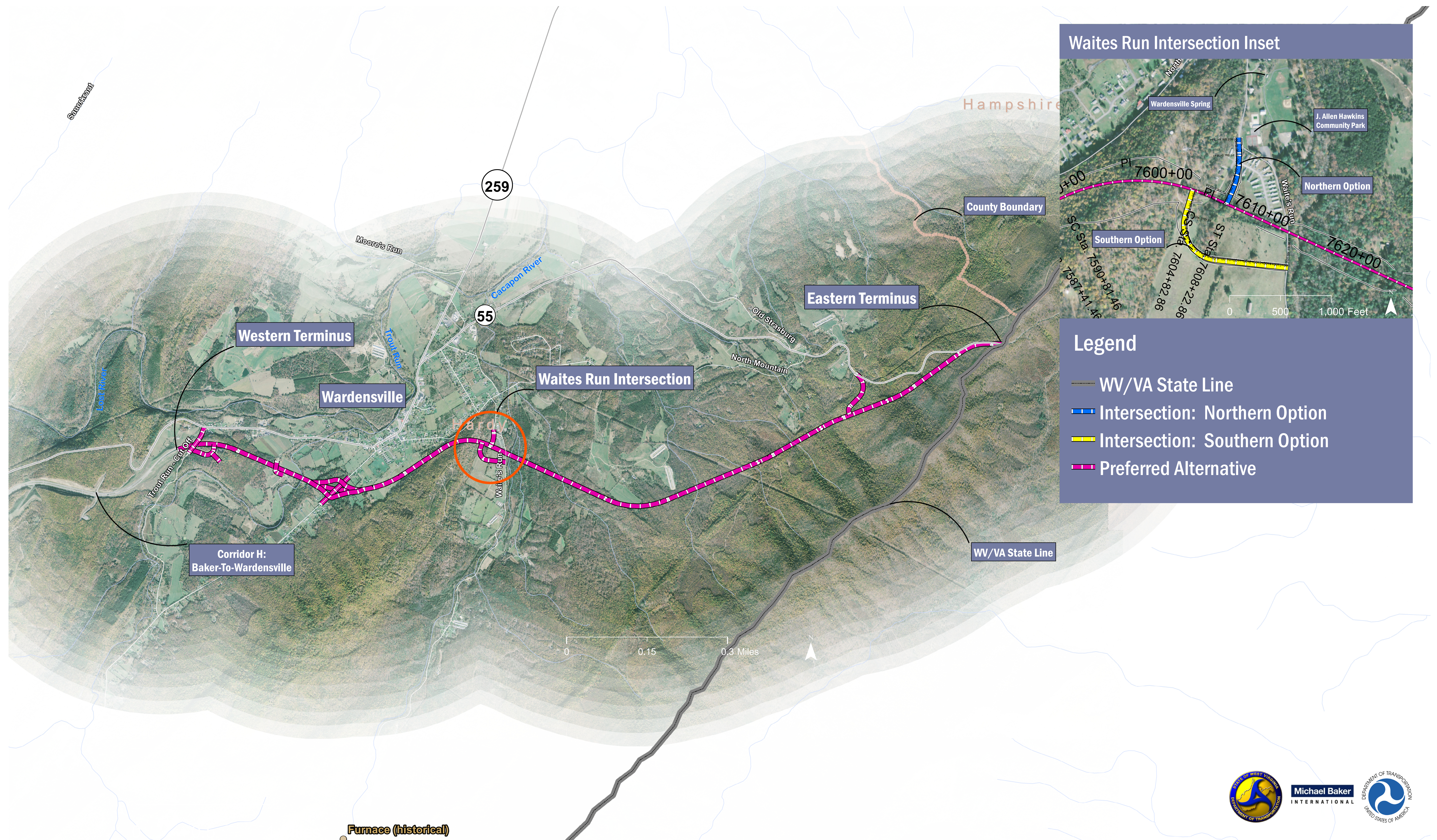
Approximately 82 miles of Corridor H between Elkins and the VA state line have been constructed. A portion of the Kerens-To-Parsons Project is under construction, and the Parsons-To-Davis Project is currently undergoing additional environmental review.



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Preferred Alternative



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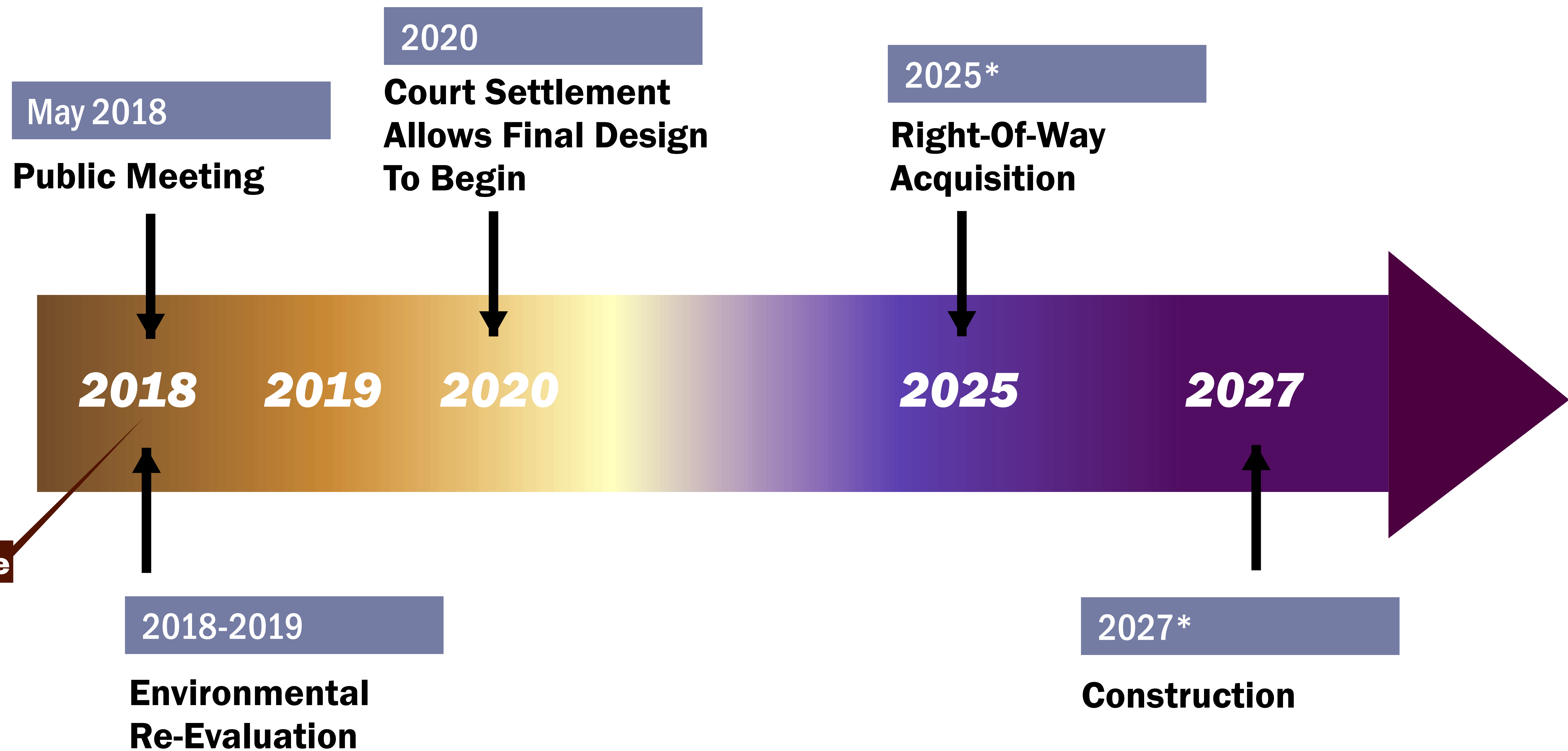
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Project Timeline



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***Dates Represent Estimate
& Are Subject To Change**

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DATE:

Mr. RJ Scites, P.E.
Director, Engineering Division
West Virginia Division of Highways
1334 Smith Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

DATE: Tuesday, May 15, 2018
LOCATION: War Memorial Building
SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP PUBLIC MEETING
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COMMENTS DUE BY Friday, June 15, 2018

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 -Wardensville to VA Line.