

WELCOME

Public Informational Workshop

Appalachian Corridor H
PARSONS TO DAVIS PROJECT
State Project X347-H-55.68 00
Federal Project ACNH-0484(290)
Tucker County, WV



February 27, 2024
4:00-7:00 PM
Tucker County High School
116 Mountain Lion Way



Hosted by the
**West Virginia Department of
Transportation, Division of Highways
& Federal Highway Administration**



Summary of Workshop

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways (WVDOH) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are pleased to host this informational public workshop to provide updates and answer questions on the Parson to Davis Project. No formal presentation is planned. This meeting complies with the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requirements.

Summary of Project

The Parsons to Davis Project of Corridor H is an approximately 9-mile, new location, four-lane, divided highway, with partial control of access. The Project begins east of Parsons, at Tucker County Route 219/4 (Mackeyville Road) 0.2 mile south of United States Route (US) 219, which is also the eastern terminus of the Kerens to Parsons Project. The Project ends north of Davis along WV State Route (WV) 93, 1.3 miles east of WV 32, which is also the western terminus of the Davis to Bismarck Project. The proposed project will help fulfill the goals of improving east-west travel and promoting economic development in the region.

The FHWA has issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the project. This SEIS will evaluate two alignment alternatives developed within each of two 1500-foot-wide study corridors. Study corridor one (the ROPA corridor) will include the 2007 SFEIS identified preferred alternative. The alternative alignment developed in this corridor will be referred to as the Refined ROPA (R-ROPA). Study corridor two (the Blackwater Avoidance Corridor) will be developed north of the Blackwater Avoidance corridor identified in the 2007 SFEIS. The alignment developed within this corridor will be referred to as Blackwater Avoidance Alternative 2 (BAA 2).

Each of these two alignment alternatives will be developed to a similar level of design detail to compare impacts with respect to cost, excavation quantities, network connectivity, constructability, and ability to meet general and project area purpose and need. Comparisons will also be made on each of the alignment alternatives' potential impacts to the natural, cultural, and social environs. The No Action Alternative assumes no improvements besides those planned by others or implemented as part of routine roadway maintenance. Following this review, a preferred alternative will be selected and identified in the SDEIS.

Additional Information

Copies of meeting materials are attached to this handout and are available online at the WVDOH's Public Meeting website: <https://transportation.wv.gov/highways/engineering/comment/Pages/Parsons-to-Davis.aspx> (linked through code at right).

Information can also be found online at the federal website: <https://www.regulations.gov/search?filter=FHWA-2024-0007>.

Commenting

Comments are welcome and are due Wednesday, March 27, 2024. They may be submitted using the comment form provided at the meeting or printed from the website. Additionally, comments may be submitted digitally through the WVDOH website or the Federal website. Both are listed above. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.



Thank you for attending tonight's workshop!

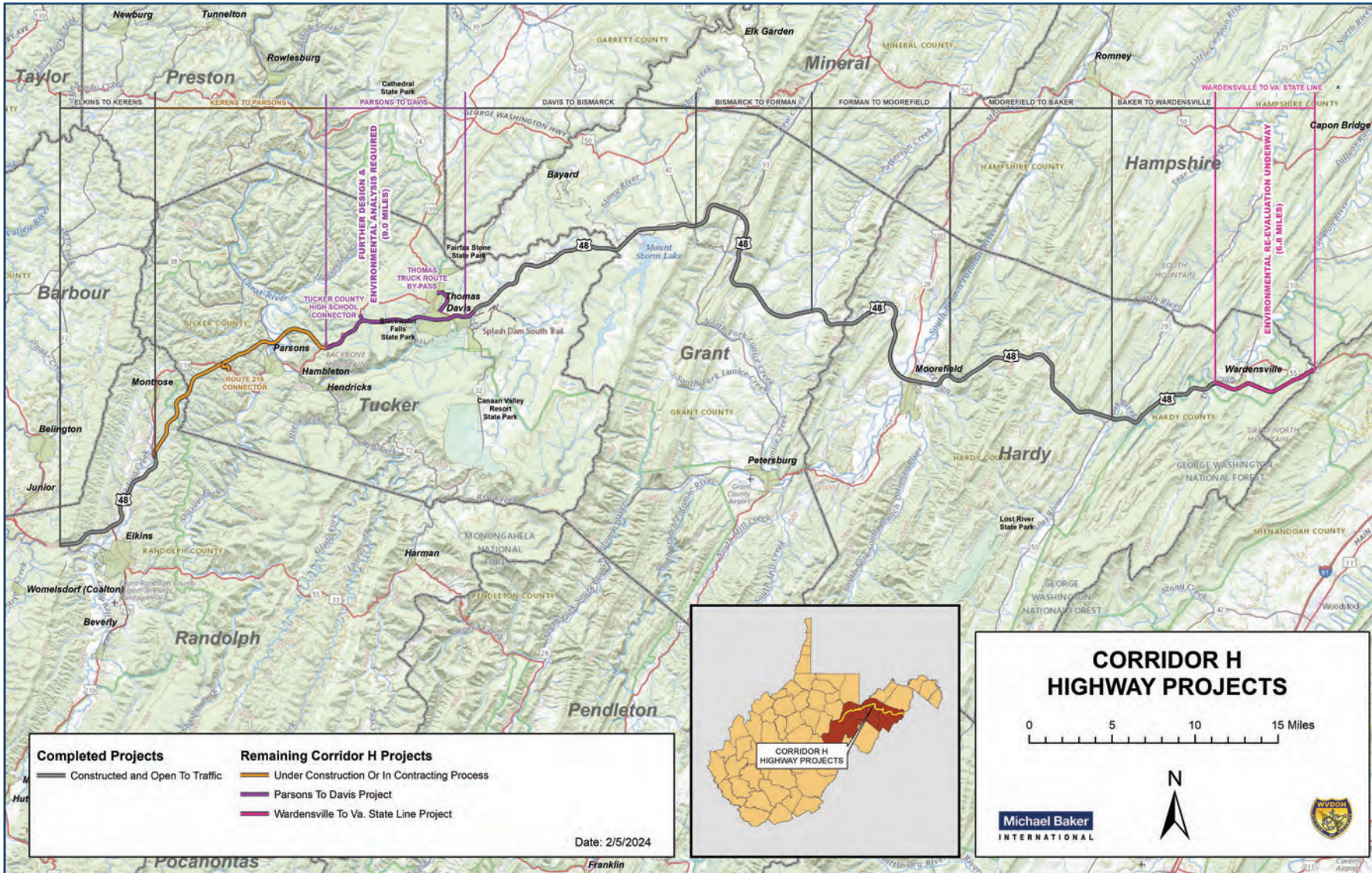
CORRIDOR H OVERVIEW

Purpose and Need:

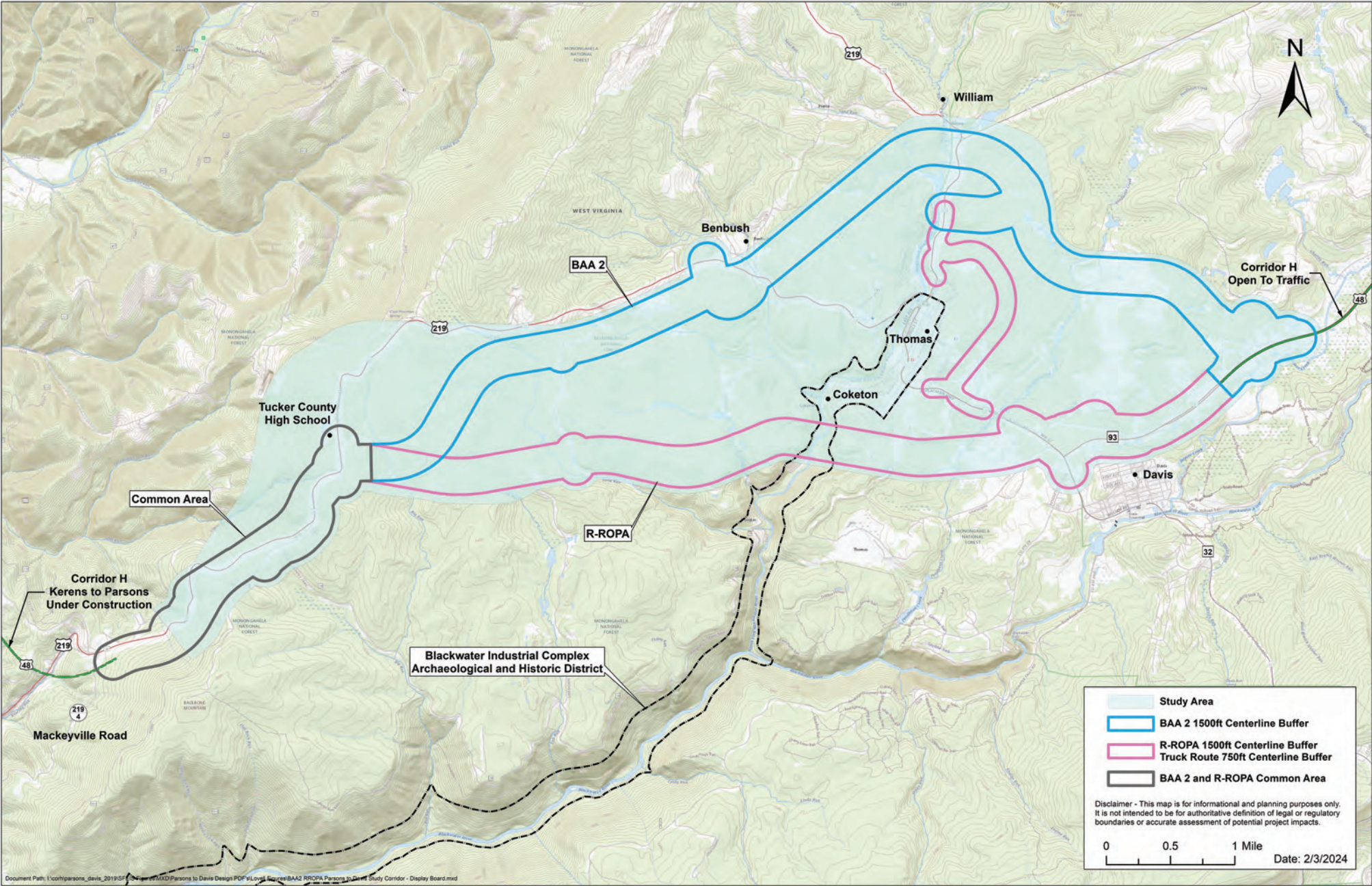
To improve east-west transportation, to promote economic development in the region, and to preserve or improve quality of life.

Timeline:

- 1992-1994: Corridor & Alignment Selection Draft Environmental Impact Statements (EISs)
- 1996: Final EIS & Record of Decision (ROD) issued, identifying a 300-foot wide build alignment as the Preferred Alternative
- 1996- 2000: Legal challenges resulted in a court-mediated Settlement Agreement which divided the Preferred Alternative into nine (9) separate projects & dismissed the Improved Roadway Alternative from further consideration
- 2000-2002: Construction began on the western end of the Corridor, & Supplemental EISs began on the Kerens to Parsons & Parsons to Davis Projects
- *Present Status:* Only two (2) projects are not currently open to traffic or under construction, as shown at left: the Parsons to Davis Project & the Wardsville to Virginia State Line Project



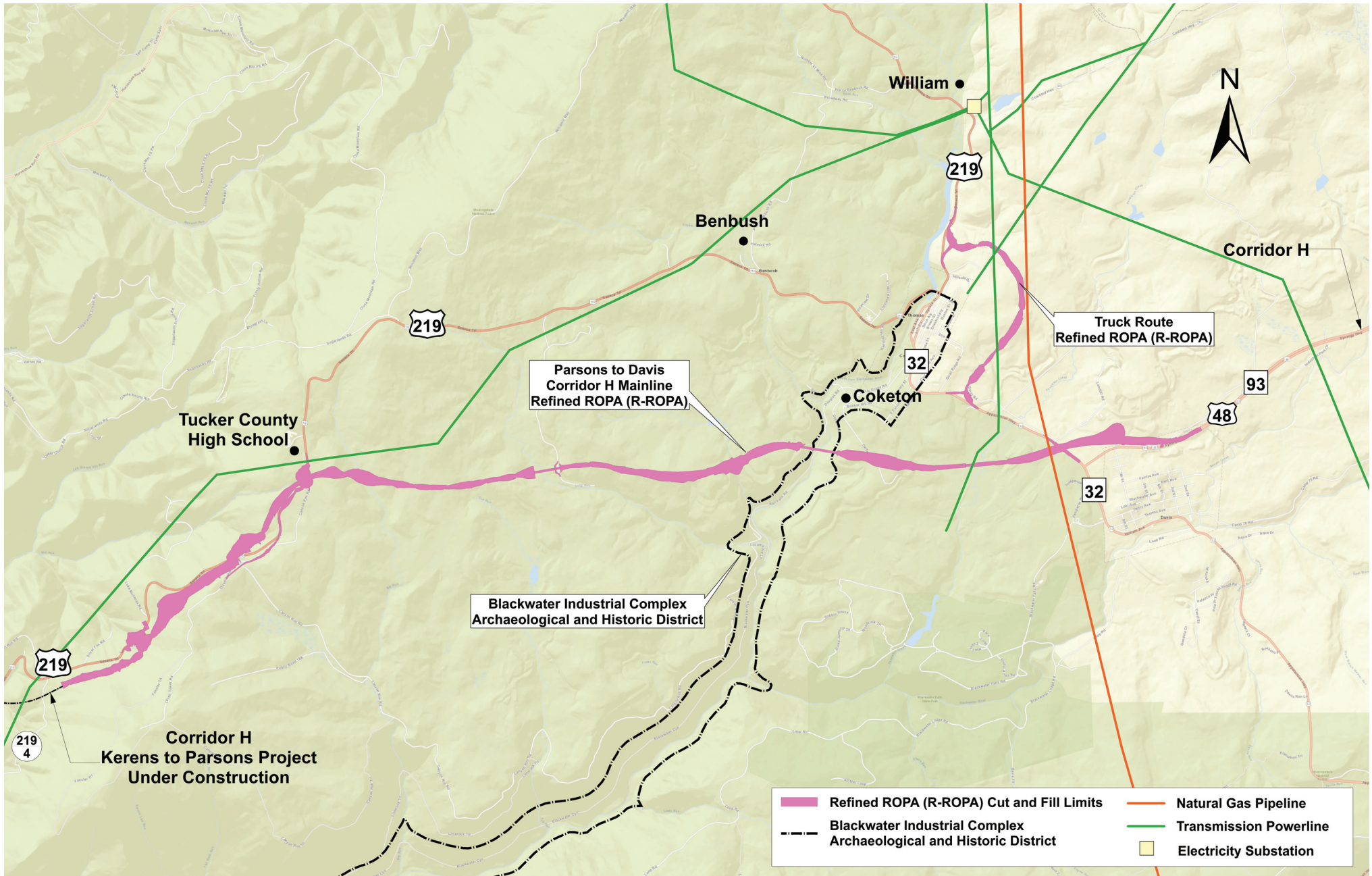
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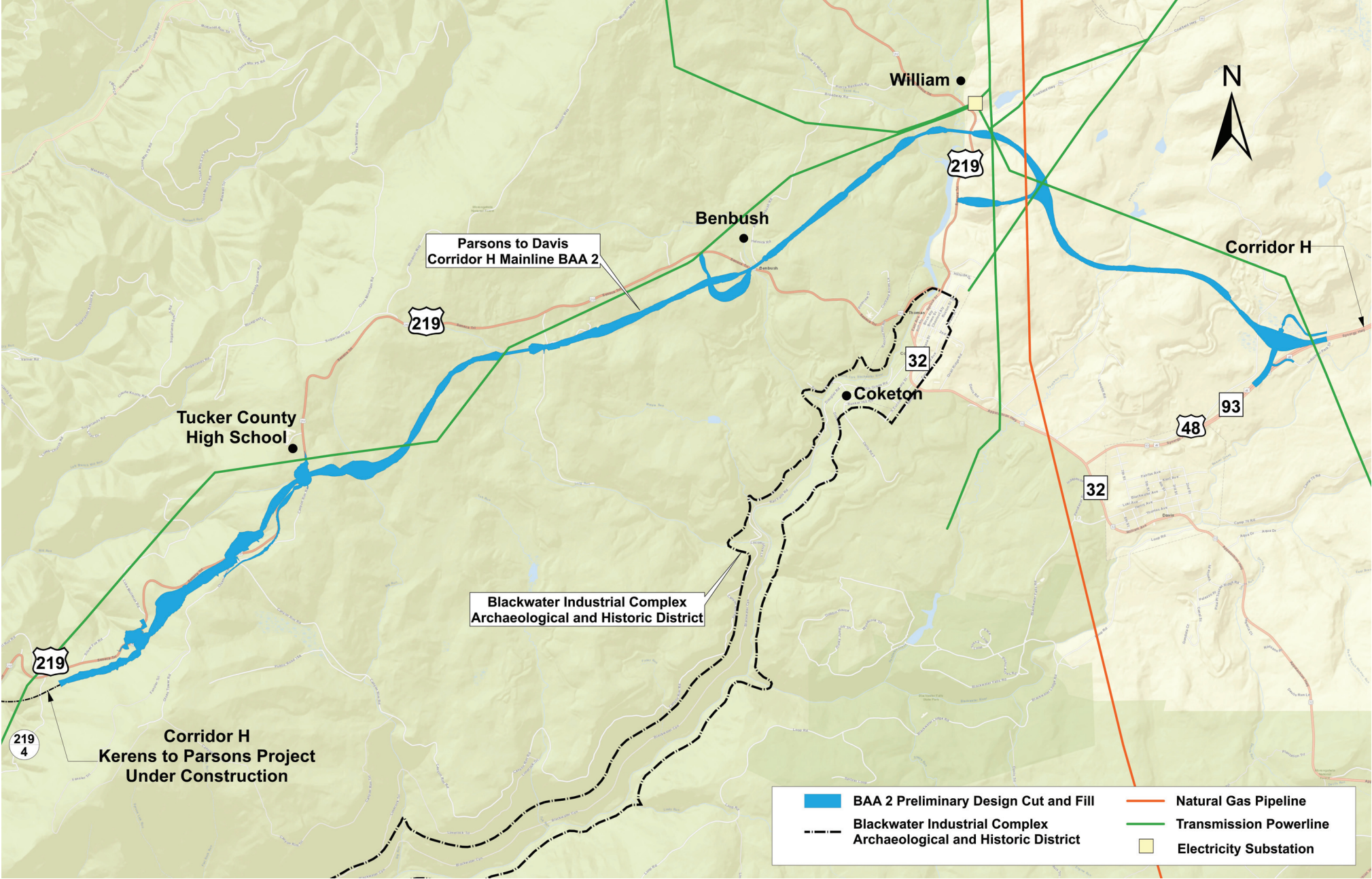
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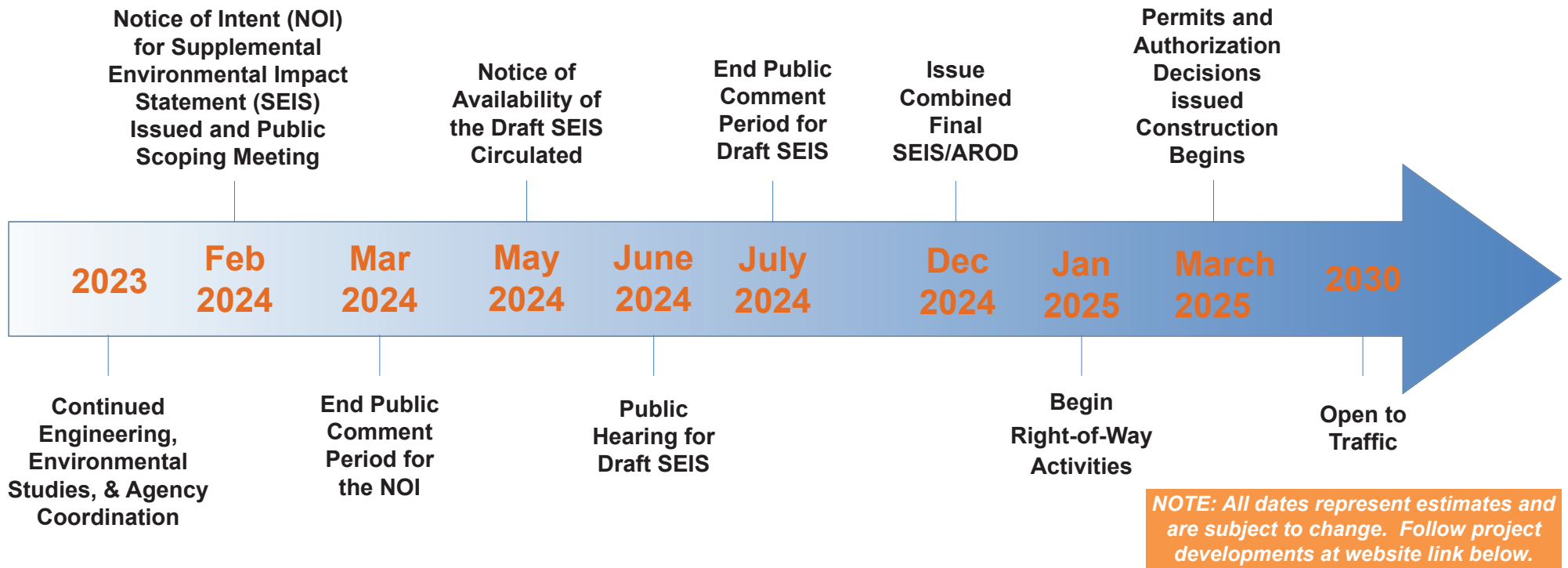
CORRIDOR H REFINED ROPA ALTERNATIVE



CORRIDOR H BAA 2 ALTERNATIVE



TIMELINE & COMMENTING



PLEASE SHARE YOUR COMMENTS! THE COMMENT PERIOD ENDS: MARCH 27, 2024

Mail comments to:

Mr. Travis Long
 Director Technical Support Division
 West Virginia Division of Highways
 1334 Smith Street
 Charleston, West Virginia 25301

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Please consider the following comments:

(Please print the following information)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Public Informational Workshop?

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