

Mr. R. J. Scites, P.E.  
Director, Engineering Division  
West Virginia Division of Highways  
1334 Smith Street  
Charleston West Virginia 25301  
February 11, 2017

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I am writing concerning the :

WV 601 ("Jefferson Road") , US 119 to US 60 Project

U320-601-0-00

STP-0601(009)D

Kanawha County

On February 8 I attended the Informational Workshop concerning the Jefferson Road Project. I was astonished to hear that a plan had been chosen that was not explained in any way at the previous two Informational Workshops that I had attended. I am opposed to this plan for a number of reasons, and ask that you reconsider this decision that was not shared with the vast majority of residents of Jefferson Park before this third meeting.

I reside on Jefferson Street. First, the alternate Park Street will be directly behind our family property. When I asked what sort of sound buffer will be used for the residents of my side of the street, I did not receive an answer. Second, traffic will increase greatly on alternate Park Street, as this will be the only way to exit the neighborhood for anyone wishing to travel to US 119. Third, the so-called green space and recreation area is unnecessary, as there is a nice playground in Jefferson Park, and is in a more private area of the neighborhood. I asked who would maintain this green space, and was told that the state would be responsible, but it would not be kept up like I would maintain my lawn. I asked who would patrol this area, and did not get an answer. I then asked about the drainage plans for the new highway, and was shown the approximate area, which is in very close proximity of Jefferson Street, and our home. The engineers stated that it may or may not go back so far down Pennsylvania.

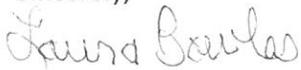
Not only am I concerned about the above issues, but I cannot understand why the state decided very quickly to take fifty- six homes, many from our neighborhood after hearing from only a tiny minority of residents who were anxious to give up their property. It was reported that residents of Park and Jefferson Road did not like the wall or the road being over their homes. The residents on Park Street, Jefferson Road, and Jefferson Street are in shock over this change. Why was there not notification of a meeting for input from all of the residents of Jefferson Park, not just a few before this plan became fact?

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During the presentation, there was no explanation of sidewalks, nor was there a plan for a traffic light for Jefferson Park residents to travel to MacCorkle Avenue, either by driving or walking. Jefferson Park has many residents who walk to the nearby businesses and community center, and it appears that these residents have received no safety consideration.

Every day we all read of the terrible financial difficulties facing West Virginia, yet a more expensive plan has now been adopted. I feel this plan places hardship not only on the residents who must give up their homes, but on the entire neighborhood. Please reconsider adoption of this plan that brings so many unanswered issues for the safety and well-being of an entire residential area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Bowles".

Laura Bowles

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Comments R.J due to the new alignment (alt. 5) my residence will now be directly affected. My residence is within the 100 yr flood plain and with the addition of a major roadway directly behind my residence this will surely cause my residence to drop significantly in value. This is not fair to the resident along Jefferson St. Due to the proximity of the road to my residence would the state consider buying my residence. Please see my comments below.

For clarity my comment are mostly related to the wrap around in Jefferson Park directly behind my residence.

Has an increase in AADT along Jefferson St. been evaluated. The new alignment will increase flow on Jefferson St. This street is very narrow with side street parking. Is remediation planned?

I saw a noise study was conducted and the project doesn't require noise barriers. However the noise make not warrant barrier it will raise and will now be constant. This will further lower property value.

What are the traffic control measures at the intersection of Penn. Ave and the wrap around? This appears to be a dangerous intersection for traffic wishing to go southbound.

What are the traffic control measures at the intersection of Wash. Ave. and the wrap around? It appears that it will be difficult for traffic leaving Jefferson Park to go southbound. This difficulty will mostly likely implore traffic to go down Jefferson St. causing an inaccurate evaluation of the ADT.

Is an acceleration lane warranted for the intersection of Wash. and northbound 601?

There is a clear issue with the proximity of the wrap around and the back of the homes along Jefferson St. What are the construction limits? What are the limits of disturbance? Will there be a controlled access fence and /or safety barrier at the rear of my property? What is the clear zone distance?  
what are the E&S controls?

I am not in agreement with the buffer zone b/w the rear of my residence and the wrap around. I feel this is going to create a safety hazard if someone is in my backyard.

The wrap around is being built in the 100 yr flood plain. Is the construction approved by FEMA?

The Bio Retention basin is being placed in the 100 yr flood plain that is frequently flooded. It historically has flooded in storm events less than the 1yr. That area is also back water controlled. I don't understand how the basin will retain storm water if it is underwater to start with?

I worry that my home will be impacted by the increase in vibration from the new road. Can the WVDOH prove that it won't be? Will a geotechnical investigation be performed due to this concern?

Will blasting be involved during construction?

Is there a map available with contours displayed? I would like to know the drainage pattern (run-off).

During construction dust control will be a concern can the WVDOH assure me that my home will not be saturated with dust? If my home is impacted by dust who is responsible for cleaning it?

I see that the R/W is now on my property line. will my 8' wood privacy fence be affected?

For the above stated comments I feel the construction of Alt. 5 will significantly lower my property value. I would like to file a formal complaint. What is the procedure to do so?

I anticipate your response to these comments.

I would also like to see a proposed grading plan to further evaluate the design?

In summary I believe the construction of Alt. 5 is a violation of my rights by significantly lowering my property value.

Sincerely,  
James Criniti

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2/3/17  
713 Jefferson St.  
S. Char. W. Va. 25309  
Re: State Project # U-  
320-601-0.00, Federal  
Project # STP-0601(009)D

Dear R. J. Scites,

It is my opinion that, the 2  
projects mentioned above should be  
cancelled.

There has been a few changes  
on Jefferson Road that have helped  
some.

It is not worth taking all of  
these middle class houses for  
this project. These houses were  
built in the 30's, 40's and 50's and  
are a part of our culture. They can't  
be replicated.

Who's idea was this anyway?

Sincerely  
Nick Crowe

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Comments	I was raised off of crescent road, up westmoreland. the interstate took a lot of those affordable houses. gone forever. That's progress, but we miss those houses, but they believe we should could have gone around. in my situation now I believe it would be much easier to go around and it would save those houses that cannot be replaced
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January 17, 2017

Thomas J. Smith, Secretary of Transportation  
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Re: Jefferson Road Improvement Project  
WV 601, US119 to US 60  
U320-601-0.00  
STP-0601(009)D  
Kanawha County

Dear Secretary Smith:

Congratulations on your new position.

Last week we heard on the local news that plans for the Jefferson Road Improvement Project have recently changed and may include tearing down additional homes. We were blind-sided by this news. At the workshop in mid-July 2016, Alternatives #1 and #5 were discussed. We were relieved to see that our house located at 720 Jefferson Road would not be affected by the proposed overpass described in Alternative #5, which we were told was the preferred alternative. Then we heard last week that additional homes were being considered for purchase by the State for green space. We hope our home isn't one of them.

We are both in our early 80s and would rather not have to move at this stage in our life. We understand the overpass will be behind our house and far enough away that we have no problem with that location as long as we can remain in our home.

It is our understanding a small contingency of neighbors on Park and Pennsylvania Streets requested the State buy their homes (in addition to the ones previously identified at at the July 2016 public meeting for Alternative #5). Unfortunately, we were not contacted by these neighbors or South Charleston Mayor Frank Mullins for our input. It is important to note that these neighbors and Mayor Mullins **DO NOT** represent the neighborhood or our interest to remain in our home.

We sympathize with our neighbors on the east side of Park Street and what will become their viewshed. However, it would be fiscally irresponsible for the State, as custodian of the funds for this Project, to spend what will most likely exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the additional properties just to create green space. The Jefferson Park neighborhood already has adequate and safe streets that neighbors use for walking and running and a playground where children play. Why not give those property owners whose properties are not critical to the planned Project the option to sell their property to the State and let the others remain?

We would appreciate receiving notice of any future meeting concerning this matter. Or, in the interim, if you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact us at the above-referenced telephone number.

Best Regards,

*Don Glazier*

*Phyllis Glazier*

Don and Phyllis Glazier

c:

Honorable James C. Justice, Jr.

Governor of the State of West Virginia

Honorable Franklin A. Mullins, Jr.

Mayor of the City of South Charleston

Mr. R. J. Scites, P.E.

Director, Engineering Division, WVDOH

February 24, 2017



Mr. R. J. Scites, P.E.  
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West Virginia Division of Highways  
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Re: Jefferson Road Improvement Project  
WV 601, US119 to US 60  
U320-601-0.00  
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Kanawha County

Dear Mr. Scites:

We were surprised to see that the plans for the Jefferson Road Improvement Project have recently changed and our home is now to be torn down for a parking lot, basketball court and playground. We are devastated.

We have lived in this neighborhood for over fifty (50) years. We have worked hard to have a nice home and take care of our property. We have always been good neighbors and had hoped to remain in our home until such time as our death.

It is hard to believe that the revised plan now includes additional funding for "green space." Is this being misrepresented simply because federal funds will pay for the supposed green space? It is fiscally irresponsible for the State, as custodian of the funds for this Project, to spend the additional money for more properties just to create green space. The Jefferson Park neighborhood already has adequate and safe streets that neighbors use for walking and running and a playground with a basketball court where children play. As for the Park & Ride, there is already one an eighth of a mile away at the intersection of MacCorkle Avenue and Jefferson Road. On a good day that lot half full. Why not give those property owners on Park and Pennsylvania Streets and Jefferson

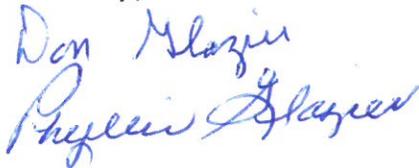
Road whose properties are not critical to the planned Project the option to sell their property to the State and let the others remain?

We applaud any type of economic development. But displacing additional residents in Jefferson Park for a basketball court, parking lot and playground because the federal government will pay for it isn't economic development, it is just plain cruel and unconscionable.

We understand the City of South Charleston wants to fill in the old FMC fly ash pond for commercial development. If that's true, why not run an overpass off of MacCorkle Avenue and the I-64 exchange and connect it to Kanawha Turnpike by the old Carbide Tech Center. There are several acres of undeveloped land behind Jefferson Park that wouldn't require displacing our neighborhood. We might not live to see this project fully developed, but at least we could remain in home.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please don't take our home.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Don and Phyllis Glazier in blue ink. The signature for Don is written above the signature for Phyllis.

Don and Phyllis Glazier  
720 Jefferson Road  
South Charleston, WV

Pam Glazier  
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South Charleston, WV 25309

February 26, 2017

Mr. R. J. Scites, P.E.  
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Re: Jefferson Road Improvement Project  
WV 601, US119 to US 60  
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Dear Mr. Scites:

Thank you for the third informational public workshop on the above-referenced planned Project. I have reviewed the materials provided at the public information workshop last month and am extremely upset with these proposed changes and the additional costs not to mention the relocation of twenty-one additional homes.

No one with the WV Department of Highways or Federal Highway Administration has ever explained why it isn't possible to come in behind the Jefferson Park neighborhood off of Route 60 and I-64 and tie into SR601. The Courtland Company, who owns the land where Bob Evans and McDonalds is located, also owns the large dirt and debris mound that runs parallel with Kanawha Turnpike on the south side of the Jefferson Road railroad tracks. I am told there are a total of thirteen acres that run parallel to the neighborhood. I understand that land was purchased in the early 80s by Courtland through a condemnation process with reinvestment dollars. I can't imagine it would cost prohibitive to run a road and overpass behind the Jefferson Park neighborhood then construct a trestle in the creek bed going over the railroad tracks and tying into SR601 coming across Courtland's

property. Courtland has been adding dirt and debris to that property for years to bring it up to grade with the Dow property. I hope this latest proposed change ISN'T for the financial benefit of a few individuals at the expense of my neighborhood, not to mention the taxpayer.

Why do these latest revisions propose a parking lot, a park & ride for a bike path, a basketball court and a playground that will require acquiring the twenty-one additional properties? The neighborhood already has a nice playground with a basketball court and there is an existing park & ride an eighth of a mile from the proposed park & ride. Why are these now being included in the project? Is it because federal monies will pay for these? According to the project materials provided at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, these additions to the project are estimated to add approximately \$2 million more to the project. This IS NOT a prudent use of funds, regardless whether federal or state. What a huge waste of federal funds that could be allocated to other projects such as the widening I-64 in Nitro/St. Albans which is desperately needed or the proposed Hobet Development Site Access Road in Boone County.

Who will maintain the green space? Will it invite mischief and crime? Overall, the proposed project, as revised, will cause our property values to go down, the neighborhood to become blighted and make it difficult to sell our homes. It will have a significant negative environmental impact on the neighborhood. That could end up being a liability for the State.

Since one of the proposed changes to the overpass is removing the vertical wall, will another noise analysis be conducted? The noise analysis provided at the second informational workshop in mid-2016 was based on a vertical wall. I would appreciate receiving a copy of any subsequent noise analysis.

I am especially interested in the flooding mitigation findings once this information is available. It was not provided at the February 2017 informational meeting. Residents of Jefferson Park have incurred a substantial increase in flood insurance premiums since the passage of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act. It is highly unlikely catch-basins will solve flooding concerns/problems.

Again, why can't the State come in behind Jefferson Park, off of MacCorkle Avenue and I-64 East, across several acres of **vacant** property and connect to Kanawha Turnpike and 601S? This would eliminate relocations, access, and flooding implications this Project will create. Just the costs of relocating all of the utilities will be enormous. Not to mention the construction will be a nightmare.

Regards,



Pam Glazier  
Jefferson Park Resident

Pam Glazier  
714 Jefferson Street  
South Charleston, WV 25309

March 25, 2017

United States Department of Transportation  
Federal Highway Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590  
Attn: Significant Impact

Re: Jefferson Road Improvement Project  
South Charleston, West Virginia  
WV 601, US119 to US 60  
U320-601-0.00  
STP-0601(009)D  
Kanawha County

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing concerning the above-proposed highway project that will have a significant negative environmental and human impact, pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.27 et seq., to the existing Jefferson Park neighborhood (the "Neighborhood") where I live (See Attachment A).

As it now stands, the current plan is to remove some fifty-six (56) homes and increase traffic around those remaining homes. This will create a negative impact on the quality of the human environment because it will create more pollution in the Neighborhood due to the excessive traffic traveling in and out of the Neighborhood by non-residents required to access the new highway and overpass through the existing Neighborhood. Pollution will also come from idling vehicles, excessive noise, and trash and debris coming from vehicles traveling through the Neighborhood. Several of the homes affected by the proposed project are occupied by individuals in their 80s and 90s creating a hardship for them to have to relocate. It will likely trigger a gradual sell-off of the unaffected real estate. This could deteriorate into a blighted neighborhood.

Recent revisions to the proposed project include a bike path to nowhere, a park and ride even though there is already an existing park and ride less than 1/8 mile away and a playground which already exists in the Neighborhood. I mention these additional non-road activities because it makes no sense to waste federal funds on these additions.

Another negative impact is that the Neighborhood is already in a flood plain. West Virginia Division of Highways (the "WVDOH") is proposing catch basins for the runoff created by the

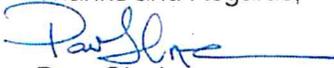
highway overpass. Those catch-basins won't alleviate flooding due to the additional run-off from the proposed highway overpass. Currently runoff drains into the Kanawha River and when the River backs-up, it causes Davis Creek, a large stream that runs along the Neighborhood, to back-up cause flooding problems in the Neighborhood. Neighborhood residents already pay costly flood insurance often times making it difficult to sale their property because a prospective purchaser can't afford the flood insurance as premiums have tripled with the passage of the Biggett-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. Catch-basins won't remedy the problem, just make it worse (See Attachment B).

This could be alleviated if an alternative for the proposed road were to come in behind the neighborhood and construct trestles over the existing creek bed tying into Kanawha Turnpike and SR 601. There are several acres of undeveloped property located behind the Neighborhood adjacent to Interstate 64 (See Attachment C). It is a mystery to Neighborhood residents why WVDOH officials will not consider this alternative. No one has ever explained why it can't be done. Currently, most of the traffic entering Jefferson Road comes from Interstate 64. If an additional span can be built across the Kanawha River between the cities of South Charleston and Dunbar for the benefit of traffic on Interstate 64 (which is adjacent to this undeveloped property) then surely a road coming off of Interstate 64 can be constructed that would tie directly into State Route 601/Jefferson Road.

Unfortunately, state officials have less incentive to use funds efficiently in reconsidering whether the current proposal is a good investment and makes economic sense. I don't deny that this area needs improvements but the current highway design is not prudent and is flawed. This project could still be fulfilled with less intrusion to existing property owners by coming in behind the Neighborhood.

The last public hearing on this project was held in February 2017 and comments were accepted until March 10<sup>th</sup>. I understand several neighbors previously submitted comments requesting the proposed highway design be change but I have no way of knowing if WVDOH passed, or will pass, those comments along to federal highway administration officials pursuant to 23 CFR § 771.111(h). Please consider requiring that this project be revised to require the proposed highway and overpass come in behind the Jefferson Park neighborhood.

Thanks and Regards,

  
Pam Glazier

Enclosures









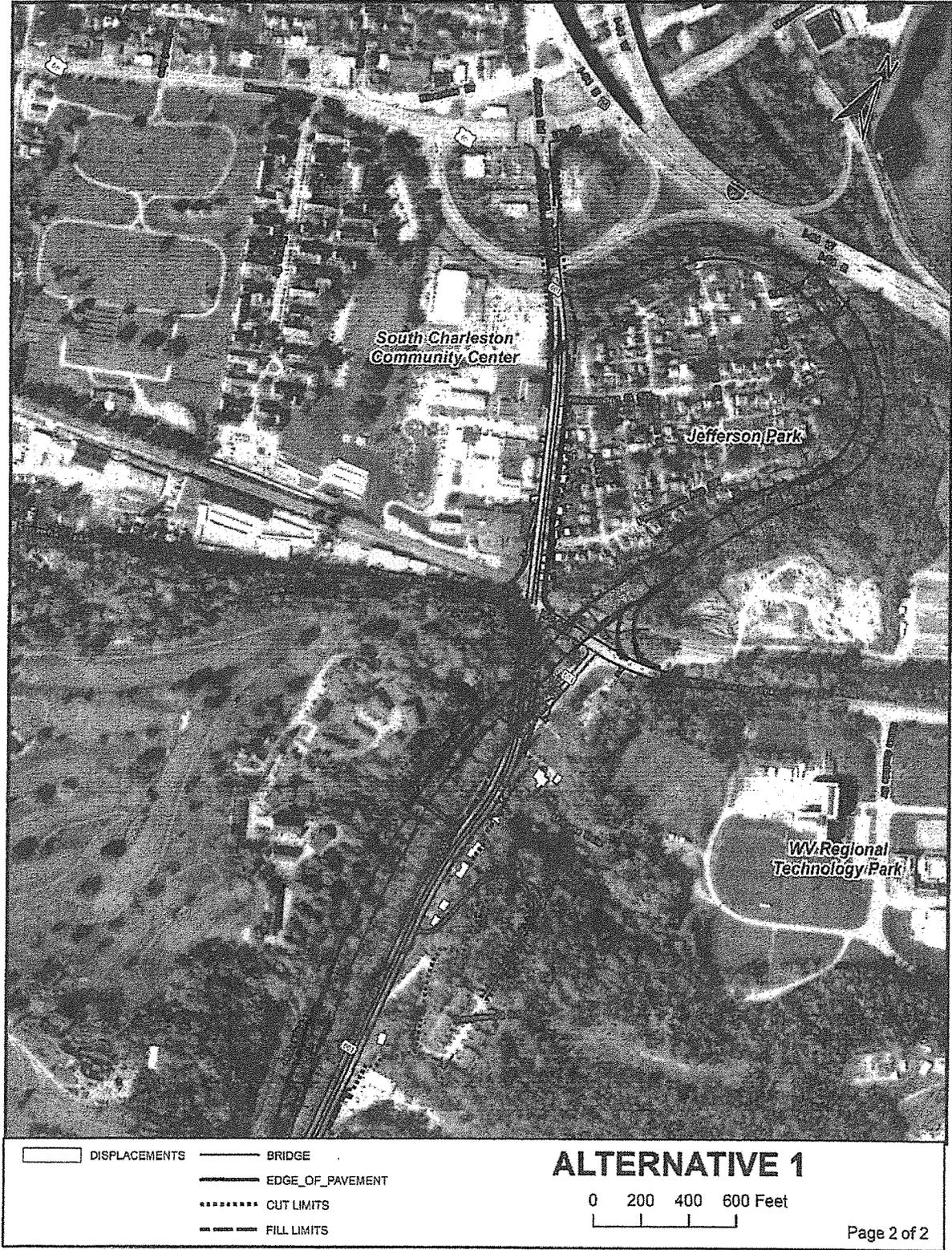


Figure 3 (continued).

## SUGGESTED ROUTING OF RT 601

I have superimposed a sketch of my proposal on a copy of Figure 3 on page 2 of Alternative 1. South bound traffic on Jefferson rd. would turn east of the south side of the I-64 ramp underpass and travel on a trestle highway through the flood plain, over the railroad and continue south directly over Davis creek to a point where Rt. 601 turns east (front of SC city works) crossing over Jefferson rd at a sufficient elevation to prevent interference with the current traffic pattern going to and from SC works and businesses.(new 601 routing would go on excavated north/east side of current 601 all the way to RT 119.)

The only other suggested change is the addition of an on-ramp permitting traffic traveling west on Kanawha Turnpike to avoid the closed RR gate. Having this choice of passage coupled with the reduced travel on the current 601 should prevent most bottlenecks especially when railroad gates are closed.

P.S.

It would be even better if the loop could be incorporated into the west I-64 on-off ramps.

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- RIGHT OF WAY IMPACTS WITH ALTERNATE 5A (PREFERRED) USING RETAINING WALLS.
- ADDITIONAL RIGHT OF WAY IMPACTS BASED ON PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS

SCALE: 1" = 50'



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THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS  
**PLAN SHEET**  
 JEFFERSON PARK SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Pam Glazier  
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June 6, 2017

Mr. Jason E. Workman, Director  
 Office of Program Development  
 United States Department of Transportation  
 Federal Highway Administration  
 West Virginia Division  
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 Attn: Significant Impact

Re:

Federal Project STP-0601(009)D  
 State Project S320-601-0.00  
 Jefferson Road Improvement Project  
 Kanawha County

Dear Mr. Workman:

Thank you for your response dated April 18, 2017 acknowledging receipt of my March 25<sup>th</sup> letter regarding the above-referenced Project.

Again, I want to express my concern that this Project will have a significant negative impact to my neighborhood being Jefferson Park ("Neighborhood").

The Neighborhood has approximately 135 single family dwellings and 2 businesses. The first homes were built beginning in the late 1920s or early 1930s and possibly built on a fly ash subsurface. Current residents include World War II veterans, elderly, some of which are widowers and have no immediate family living in the area, and families with young children. It is also an affordable neighborhood for minorities. I have no doubt once the Project begins, it will become a blighted neighborhood.

It used to be that a house in the Neighborhood didn't stay on the market very long. Now, due to flood insurance reform in 2012, houses just aren't selling like they used to. There are individuals that have either taken their house off of the market because the prospective purchaser couldn't afford the flood insurance premiums or remodeling is cost prohibitive due to lender requirements to increase flood coverage amounts.

Mr. Workman  
June 6, 2017  
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As previously mentioned in my March 25<sup>th</sup> letter, another negative impact is that the Neighborhood is already in a flood plain. West Virginia Division of Highways (the "WVDOH") is proposing catch basins for the runoff created by the highway overpass. Those catch-basins won't alleviate flooding due to the additional run-off from the proposed highway overpass. Davis Creek, a large stream that runs along the Neighborhood, already backs up after a few inches of rain causing flooding problems in the Neighborhood. With the continued development along the Corridor G highway, there is more urban runoff with less ground to absorb the runoff. Residents who live along David Creek approximately three miles south of my Neighborhood have endured more flooding due to extensive development along Corridor G. Within the past year multiple sink holes have occurred on the old Route 214 where Davis Creek eventually flows into my Neighborhood. This is a direct cause of increased flooding along Davis Creek. The "High Water" warning sign is a permanent fixture along that route.

South Charleston officials have created a South Charleston Park Place Economic Opportunity Development District which was approved by the state legislature and signed by West Virginia Governor James G. Justice, Jr. earlier this year. As a result, city officials are proposing to develop a retail shopping complex on an old abandon fly ash pond off of MacCorkle Avenue in South Charleston. That pond is located adjacent to I-64 that runs directly behind the Neighborhood.

State officials say they have determined there is not sufficient land to create a corridor between the Neighborhood and I-64. However, as part of the South Charleston Park Place Economic Opportunity Development District, city officials are also proposing cutting a road through the State-owned West Virginia Regional Technology Park (former Union Carbide Technical Center) which is adjacent to the Neighborhood and come out onto Kanawha Turnpike and SR601. If that is possible, then why the Project can't be altered to run a road adjacent to the proposed retail shopping complex behind the Neighborhood and tie that road DIRECTLY into the proposed road through the Technology Park that would exit onto SR601 is perplexing.

I just don't buy that coming in behind the Neighborhood isn't possible. Somebody is making money off of the current proposal and it isn't the tax-paying citizens of West Virginia. I think it's the real estate developers who could care less what they are doing to my Neighborhood and the families that will be displaced by this Project. I hate to think I live in a state where greedy individuals can be so ruthless and cold-hearted not to consider an alternative to displacing residents, including veterans and the elderly, and blighting my Neighborhood.

As I previously noted, state officials have less incentive to use funds efficiently in reconsidering whether the current proposal is a good investment and makes economic sense. I don't deny that this area needs improvements but the current highway design is not prudent and is flawed. This Project could still be fulfilled with less intrusion to existing property owners by coming in behind the Neighborhood.

Mr. Workman  
June 6, 2017  
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In closing, I pay annual flood insurance premium administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. If this Project proceeds as planned, I would request the federal or state government acquire my property at fair market value since it will be located approximately 200 feet from of the proposed new road and overpass and will most likely cause even more flooding than what occurs now. I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,



Pam Glazier

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Comments	<p>My name is Ben Gorby and I would like to talk about the construction on Jefferson Road. My grandmother lives in a house on Park Street. I have heard that construction could take place on her street soon and could destroy all of the houses on her street. In hearing this, I am completely against this decision. Almost every Tuesday, my family, including my grandmother and several of my cousins all gather to eat dinner at my grandmother's house. My grandmother's house has been there for a very long time and it would be terrible to have it torn down.</p> <p>Yes, I know this is for the city overall, but people losing their homes because of traffic congestion isn't fair. Getting the road built would help with congestion, but people don't deserve to lose their homes because of traffic. While stating these opinions, I really hope you don't go through with the idea of creating the road or destroying the houses on Jefferson Road and Park Street.</p>
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Comments

I am writing to you with concerns regarding the revised plans for construction of a new roadway through Jefferson Park in South Charleston. My mother currently lives on Park Street and has lived there since 1959. The home that she lives in was built by my paternal grandfather in 1937 and has been owned and lived in only by members of our family since the time it was built. Our family home is cherished by three generations. It holds our history and our memories; it is our safe haven and a place where people always feel welcome. Like many homes, there have been numerous life events that have occurred there - more birthday, anniversary, and graduation celebrations than I can count. One of my sisters was married there. My husband proposed to me there. My father passed away in our family home. This year marks the 80th anniversary of our home being built. So you can imagine the anger and sadness that resulted when we learned that, under the revised plans, our home is slated to be taken for this project. In the original proposal, our house was going to be in close proximity to the new roadway which, although not optimal, was at least acceptable. Please be clear on the fact that my family and I find the revised plans to be unacceptable and are against this roadway revision.

It is my understanding that the revision took place following a non-publicized meeting that occurred on 09/21/16 and included the mayor of South Charleston and 12 residents of Jefferson Park. Apparently, these 12 residents indicated that they would be in favor of their homes being taken for the roadway project or, to look at it another way, they were "selling out" their neighbors. I cannot fathom why the WV Department of Transportation is letting such a small number of individuals be the voice of the entire community of Jefferson Park. They clearly want a pay out, so they can just move on. They do not have the historical and emotional ties of living in this neighborhood as my mother and a number of other residents do. From my perspective, the residents who are in favor of having their homes destroyed must have been quite persuasive as their private meeting has resulted in a major roadway revision with an increased price tag of approximately two million dollars and the destruction of 21 additional homes - that's quite a lot of power to yield. When such far-reaching decisions are being made, I believe it is most prudent to hear both sides of the story. Therefore, I look forward to setting up a meeting with South Charleston city officials and the WV Secretary of Transportation to represent the residents of Jefferson Park who want their neighborhood to remain intact.

Another issue that I must comment on is the way in which my mother found out about the roadway revision. Although it would have been most appropriate to receive a letter or official explanation

from either the city of South Charleston or the Department of Transportation, that is not what happened. She learned that her home is slated to be taken from her by a television reporter that showed up on her front porch. She was both shocked and upset when she learned this information. The way it occurred was truly inexcusable. Further, she was not properly notified about the most recent public workshop on February 8th. She received no personal notification at her home as had been the case for the previous informational meetings. It was publicized in the newspaper only one time and not with the two weeks notice that is supposed to be given. I have spoken with several Jefferson Park residents about the lack of notification about the meeting and they stated they felt the notification was purposely kept to a minimum so fewer people would attend and, therefore, there would be less opposition to the new plans.

The Preferred Alternative 5 plan from 2016 has already proven that a new roadway can be built that is both less expensive and less disruptive to Jefferson Park residents. Why cause more people to uproot their lives and cause more turmoil rather than following the path of least resistance? The additional acreage in the new plan does not improve the quality of the road itself, it just means more people lose their homes. It was suggested at the February 8th meeting that the additional property in the new plan would allow for a green space, possibly including walking paths, a recreational area, and a park & ride. We already have those things: Jefferson Park has a playground, green space, a recreational area and places to walk. There is a park & ride at the Jefferson Road / MacCorkle Avenue intersection. So why expand this project when those amenities are already there and perhaps just need to be improved upon? Issues that could not be adequately addressed at the last informational meeting included: how individuals leaving Jefferson Park on foot would safely be able to cross multiple lanes of traffic, who would be responsible for maintaining the green space, where the school bus stop would be relocated, and how Jefferson Park would be able to handle increased traffic due to the right-turn-only rule. Why not consider an alternative that does not destroy this neighborhood, such as building the roadway behind Jefferson Park?

Obviously I have multiple concerns about the roadway revision and the circumstances under which it took place, ranging from poor notification to unanswered questions to "private" meetings between residents and city officials. However, my biggest concern, first and foremost, is to protect the health and well-being of my mother. Just the suggestion of this happening has already affected her emotional health. Without a shadow of a doubt, she will be devastated if her home is taken from her. She deserves to live out the remainder of her life in her home like she has always planned. As I have requested in a previous submission, I implore you to find an alternative that does not destroy Jefferson Park and force people to leave their homes. Do not let the desire of a few individuals who want to abandon their neighborhood supersede the needs of others who want to preserve it.

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Comments	Mr. Scites,

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I would like to formally voice my opinion about the Jefferson Road Improvement Project. I am a citizen of South Charleston and have lived here my entire life, nearly eighteen years. This is my community and I care what happens within it. I am concerned about the undertaking of this project because it will have an enormous impact on a family member of mine living in the Jefferson Park area.

My grandmother's house is projected to be torn down to make way for the new road and green space to be built. While other people who haven't lived in that neighborhood quite as long may not care, three generations of our family have come to know and love that house on Park Street. My grandfather lived in that house since he was a little boy and it has been in our family ever since. He passed away a few years ago, but now his four children share ownership and his widow, my grandmother, continues to live there. My grandparents' four children, one being my mother, grew up in that house. I, along with the nine other grandchildren, have spent a better part of my childhood in that house and have many great memories there. I believe it a shame for that house, along with all of the others on the street, to be torn down.

It is my understanding that a resident in the neighborhood complained about the previous roadway plans and this is what caused the decision for more houses to be torn down, including my grandmother's. I do not feel it is appropriate for an individual's complaint to affect everyone. Even if this is not the case, my grandmother's house would be taken to create a "green space". I find it absolutely appalling that these houses of citizens of South Charleston would be taken and torn down to plant grass.

I am genuinely confused as to how this possibility of demolishing more houses even arose. It doesn't make good financial sense to pay the residents for the houses - an inadequate amount of money at that - then spend more money to have them bulldozed, pay for grass to be planted, and then have no income from the green space, as it will not be used for anything productive. I am not sure this plan has been effectively thought out, nor has a study been completed by the Environmental Protection Agency. The impact on the lives of residents in the Jefferson Park area has also not been considered to the extent necessary for making such a monumental decision.

Once again, I believe it to be completely unnecessary for the houses on Park Street to be torn down. I am deeply concerned for my grandmother's living situation and health, as I know this will greatly

stress her physically and psychologically. Please realize that the new road will affect more than the traffic pattern; do not tear down our family's beloved home.

From a concerned citizen and family member, thank you,  
Maddy Gorby

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Comments I am writing to you today concerning changes that have been proposed for the Jefferson Road Expansion Project. The most recent design plans have an additional group of houses slated to be purchased by the state in order to make a "green space" around the Jeffereson Road/Kanawha Turnpike interchange. These changes will obviously affect more people than were already to be affected by the original plans for this construction project.

Many citizens of South Charleston, and at least one business, are obviously going to be displaced from their current homes, by the construction that will be taking place in order to undertake the Jefferson Road Expansion Project. While not an engineer or highway planner, I would think a consideration in such projects would be how this affects those who live in the area of the project. In the case of the most recent proposal, houses on Park Street in the Jefferson Park housing area are slated to be taken. One of the houses on Park Street belongs to my mother-in-law. She is living in the house that was her husband's childhood home. Since 1959 she has lived in this 80 year old house and called it her home. She raised four wonderful children and has also made many wonderful memories with her nine grandchildren in this house. It is a place we all find comfort in going for holidays and family events. One of her daughters had her wedding ceremony in the living room, the same living room where I proposed to my wife. My mother in law is now in her 80's and the thought of giving up her home has become a source of much stress in her life since learning about this construction project.

It is not just my mother-in-law that will be affected by the taking of additional houses. There are other families who live on Park Street who are now looking at being forced to uproot and find a new place to live. These people no doubt also cherish their homes and would hate to see something happen to them. Our state already has a problem with its citizens leaving and relocating to other states. It could be that people who are forced from their homes will decide now is the perfect time to relocate out of state rather than find another home in the immediate area. It should also be noted taking additional houses/property will be a loss of income for Kanawha County in the form of property taxes. Should we also not ask if our state, with its current projected budget shortfalls, be looking at ways to keep costs down on major projects?

It has been mentioned that the proposed "green space" that would result from taking these additional houses could include a park area, basketball court and park and ride. It should be noted that all of these things exist within a few minutes walk from Park Street already. There has been a park and basketball court three streets

back that the city of South Charleston has had since before the 1950's. At the intersection of Jefferson Road and MacCorkle Avenue, a park and ride was installed at the time the new interstate bridge was constructed crossing the Kanawha River. Is it not possible that some of the money that would be used to purchase more houses be directed toward improving the park and playground that already exists? As a parent, the thought of having children playing in a park so close to a six lane road doesn't sound as safe as one several blocks away. And is the park and ride that already exists not actually in a more convenient location since it is accessible from MacCorkle Avenue and is closer to interstate on/off ramps? The cost of acquiring the additional houses increases the budget needed for the project and the proposed green space will be an additional long term cost when considering upkeep.

I implore you to look at the option(s) that will be the most cost effective for the citizens of our great state, cause the least impact to the citizens of the Jefferson Park neighborhood, and solve the traffic problems that have plagued this area since the development of the South Ridge shopping center.

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Comments	<p>I want to be sure to comment again on this project and every level of why it is a horrible idea to continue with this project. Last year our state had a deficit of almost 90 million. After spending a ton of money staying in session too long (35,000 daily) the Governor took 193 million out of the rainy day fund as well as adding taxes to cover the budget. I like many West Virginians thought that this was for the flood damage and victims that had been ravaged as the rainy day fund is set aside for emergencies ONLY! I work in sales throughout the state and see the damage. I see that this money has not been spent in the damaged areas and victims are still waiting! The economy which was already suffering throughout many areas of the state is about gone in many areas. In Elkview the KMart was holding employee positions but finally had to cut the 500 positions because a TINY bridge to get to the Crossing Mall has never been replaced! Countless stores that were open and could be open again are empty - NO JOBS no economy moving in this area that needs it so despirately! Route 35 still not complete! Roads throughout the state are in very poor shape! There are areas that I don't travel because the roads are too bad! I had to have my new tires alligned - they said all 4 were out of allignment because of all the potholes in our roads.</p> <p>In comparison to the rest of the State the roads in South Charleston are in good shape. Even though I have lived in Jefferson Park a little over 4 years, I have lived my life in SC. Being familiar with Jefferson Road I still was completely comfortable to buy a home here because I know better than most that this is not bad traffic!!!</p>
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Comments	<p>page 2</p> <p>Even if traffic is backed all the way down Jefferson, you would still only sit in traffic at the light for less than 10 min (prob more like 6-7) to get through and even at Christmas time when it should have been the busiest this was not very common. I know I live here. Also people know that they have been given free will and there are countless different ways to get to Southridge (not just one). Its that easy! Even living in Jefferson I sometimes make the choice to go another way- Anyone could if they wanted to. Its not like Cross Lanes were there is no choice but to sit endlessly on Big Tyler until you can get out! Also there really are not too many wrecks on Jefferson heading towards Southridge. Most wrecks I see are at the light (at bottom of hill) from the other directions. It has been explained to me by the engineers that there will be a roundabout put there. I have friends been big cities that said that roundabouts there were tore down due to the high amount of wrecks in them! If people can not obey a light and maintain speed to obey speed to avoid a wreck - I really FEAR the thought of a roundabout. It will be fancy not functional!</p> <p>My daughter wanted to go out to Chinese on Saturday Feb 24th at Southridge. There where no wrecks but traffic was backed up to the ice skating rink trying to get out. I thought it would be better after we ate. Still not a wreck but it was worse now it was backed all the way getting out and people were actually sitting still on Corridor G waiting to enter that mess. Now I drive for a living and now to get to closer exits safely but it was still a good hour of sitting to get out of there and could have easily been longer! I have all of this on video as well- dont worry wasnt driving at the time. I have been told be friends that they have encounters this at Southridge as well. Now if Southridge can not handle traffic inside Mall that is currently flowing there Why are you thinking it is intelligent to spend 100 Million plus to drive more traffic out there?!?</p> <p>When Southridge opened (new stores were still going in) there was more traffic going out to these shops it was a new exciting place to shop and for some this never wore off. As I was in Adverting of over ten years and was still at this time I was working with businesses across the state. The Charleston Mall took a hit as well as many other small businesses with the Southridge craze. The Mall did a remodel and for the most part is on track - it seemed like it took a while. In spending this money that they state does not have to spend to push traffic to Southridge it is obvious that it will hurt the Malls business and hurt small businesses all over that do not plan on relocating to Southridge. Frank Mullens did run for re-election saying that he could see South Charleston/Southridge going all the way to Logan so maybe to plan is to make businesses open there if they want to compete however I would think that the Mayors of all the</p>

other Cities and the Governor would be focused on the success of business in all cities in the State and not want to spend 100 Million (plus) on boasting the success of South Charleston business ONLY! When I purchased my house here I had looked at hundreds of houses looking for the right home in just the right neighborhood to move my family into. Even though this was my first home I knew it was to be my last home as well and needed to be everything that we wanted and needed. This home is just what I wanted for my family and I love the Park! Now if I had any idea that this was a possibility I would not purchased here as no one else would (we will never be able to sell our homes for the actual value of them!) Everyone keeps saying that it should have been revealed/ told to me that this conversation had begun but I actually purchased the home from the Kanawha County Sheriffs Dept and it was withheld.

As I looked at so many homes I can say with certainty that this is the last untouched community - one that is very close to as it was when it was established. I was even told be deputy that this was the only area in the county that he would consider moving into because of the safety and just the excellent community that it is when I was in the process of purchasing (Im sure he didnt know about the plans yet either). I only found out there had been a meeting after I had remodeled the house and was moving in a new neighbor had put plans in my mailbox. I have so many concerns of how it will ruin the community it is unreal and this community should not be disturbed. Where are the buses going to pick up and drop off the children now or will it be in the bad traffic. This community is a flood zone - water does not come in my home but with construction I am concerned that it will disrupt the existing environment and leave a path to flood my home and the community! I saw homes for sale on Terry Rd years ago and every one listed had foundation issues. I thought this was odd and then I was told that this was caused from construction at Southridge. I keep hearing changes- now I am hearing there is going to be a ashpond right beside my house! When I was talking to the engineers about the noise and filth that was going to be right at my house they acted like I was silly but Im not Im real logical! Now a ashpond!REALLY! I have a daughter who is severely allergic to insect especially mosquito bites and requires prednasone shots and you want to put a stagnant filth pond to drawl mosquitos and god knows what else here to make us sick! This is not acceptable - Its not ok in the least!

So you are destroying the community, going to depreciate our homes probably at least in half, we wont be able to sell them, we wont be able to live in them either though- it would be like living in a coal mine with a ash pond there to make you sick and possibly flood you not just with river/ creek water but filth pond water!

My point is our state is in real trouble and has been under strain for a few years. We have communities in crisis- not just need but still in crisis. We have countless roads that need to be finished and need to be fixed. There are communities begging to help with their roads and are being ignored! Elkview needs to have the bridge/ property issue resolved now. People need to work-the economy needs to get flowing there! Southridge at many times has far worse traffic issues than some other places sited as having bad traffic issues! Pushing/ Encouraging customers and traffic to flow to Southridge will hurt the Mall and businesses and other Cities- these businesses deserve better and should not worry that they have to be located at Southridge to stay open! They Governor said in his speech that he had seen how West Virginians were hurting and he wants to ensure to get West Virginia back on track. Continuing with this project would not be the correct way to get all of West Virginia back on track for economic growth!

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PROJECT: WV 601 ("Jefferson Road"), US 119 to US 60 Project  
U320-601-0.00  
STP-0601(009)D  
Kanawha County

COMMENTS DUE BY: Friday, March 10, 2017

Please consider the following comments:

We are very pleased with the new plan. This is less danger for our children.

Great Job!

We are very pleased that the state listened to our concerns

(Please print the following information.)

NAME: Misty Keeney Hill  
ADDRESS: 4007 Pennsylvania Ave SW  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Informational Workshop Public Meeting? Letter

Project Information and Comment Sheets can be found online at our WVDOH Website:

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Click "Comment on Engineering Projects," "Open," and then "Jefferson Road Improvements."

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Please consider the following comments:

I am very pleased with the new  
plans it with will be so much better

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Please consider the following comments:

- ① Very concerned with a park and ride directly beside my home.  
not safe for me being widowed (alone). Invitation for a meeting  
place for drug dealers, or unwanted activity.
- ② Not thrilled about my home being a peninsula.  
Three sides, Front side and back have been  
or will be removed.
- ③ Please if you leave my home please do not put  
a park and ride beside me

(Please print the following information.) 304-3423691

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ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Informational Workshop Public Meeting?

Neighbors, Paper and flyer

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Please consider the following comments:

TO INSURE THAT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE LEFT IN THE JEFFERSON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD, STATE POLICE, AND THE S.C. REC CENTER CAN ENTER ~~THE~~ JEFFERSON RD, WHY NOT PUT A THRU LANE ON THE INSIDE LANE AND USING A TRIP LIGHT TO STOP TRAFFIC FOR THOSE ENTERING FROM JEFFERSON PARK, STATE POLICE AND REC CENTER. I REALIZE THAT YOU DONT WANT A STOP LIGHT, BUT IF WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY, WAITING FOR A BREAK IN TRAFFIC COULD MEAN A MATTER OF LIFE & DEATH FOR THOSE EFFECTED. PLEASE CONSIDER THOSE THAT ARE LEFT TO LIVE WITH YOUR DECISION.

(Please print the following information.)

NAME: PATRICIA J MCDANIEL

ADDRESS: 709 JEFFERSON ST  
SO. CHAS. WV 25309

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Informational Workshop Public Meeting? FLYER LEFT ON HOUSE.

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Comments	<p>I am a senior citizen and I'm concerned that the dust will have a negative impact on my health. I already am handicapped due to breathing issues and am on oxygen. My doctors have told me to avoid smoke and dust when possible. I'm also concerned that with the heavy trucks and drilling that it could damage the foundation on my house. This will make unmarketable The existing plan puts, the access road right next to the back of my house and will make it difficult to enter and exit my garage. Due to these reasons, I'm requesting that you buy my property also.</p> <p>Sincerely, Patricia McDaniel</p>
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Please consider the following comments:

My NAME IS MARK MORRISON and I LIVE  
AT 708 Jefferson Rd. I purchased this  
house 6 or 7 yrs ago and had the whole  
house renovated. New Roof, Heat and Air,  
new driveway. All Drywall and Exterior and  
Interior Doors and trim, New Kitchen and Bath,  
Decks, Windows and siding and Gutters. Redone  
Hardwood floors and new tile. Please consider  
this when appraisal is done Thank you

(Please print the following information.)

NAME: Mark Morrison  
ADDRESS: 708 Jefferson Rd.

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Informational Workshop Public Meeting?

Perry Keller

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State	WV
ZipCode	25309
Comments	<p>We are so glad the plan has been revised. The expansion of Jefferson Road has been needed for a long time. We own 2 homes on Park street and they are affected by the plan and it was what we wanted. Our issue is if we are willing to sell our houses now then why do we have to file for a hardship to get it bought. We were told they have money to buy houses then just do it. We are tired of being on hold and are ready to go. We hate to think you are going to wait and buy all the houses at one time. That is 56 homes trying to find placement. We want to stay in South Charleston and have found a few houses to buy but can't because the state won't buy houses with out a stipulation.. BUY OUR HOUSE NOW!!!!!!</p>
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Comments	we were told that you have money to buy houses now...then buy the houses. we are willing to sell now but we have to fill out information on a hardship. why make it harder on people than it already is. we have kids and summer is the best time to move. why make 56 homes leave at the same time. thanks, james
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DATE OF COMMENT: February 27, 2017

Mr. R.J. Scites, P.E.  
Director, Engineering Division  
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DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2017  
LOCATION: South Charleston Community Center  
SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP PUBLIC MEETING  
PROJECT: WV 601 ("Jefferson Road"), US 119 to US 60 Project  
U320-601-0.00  
STP-0601(009)D  
Kanawha County

COMMENTS DUE BY: Friday, March 10, 2017

Please consider the following comments:

*(Please print the following information.)*

*The attached sketch, along with a separate explanation, is being submitted to present a possible alternative to minimize disruption of real estate in Jefferson Park and allow Jefferson Road to remain in its present configuration. The current plan to remove some 50 homes and increase traffic around those remaining homes would likely trigger a gradual sell-off of the unaffected real estate. This could deteriorate into a blighted neighborhood (think: some parts of Charleston's West Side).*

NAME: Jerry Roy 

ADDRESS: 1204 Shelter Way, South Charleston, WV 25309

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Informational Workshop Public Meeting? Friends who live in Jefferson Park

- Project Information and Comment Sheets can be found online at our WVDOH Website: <http://go.wv.gov/plotcomment>.

Click "Comment on Engineering Projects," "Open," and then "Jefferson Road Improvements."

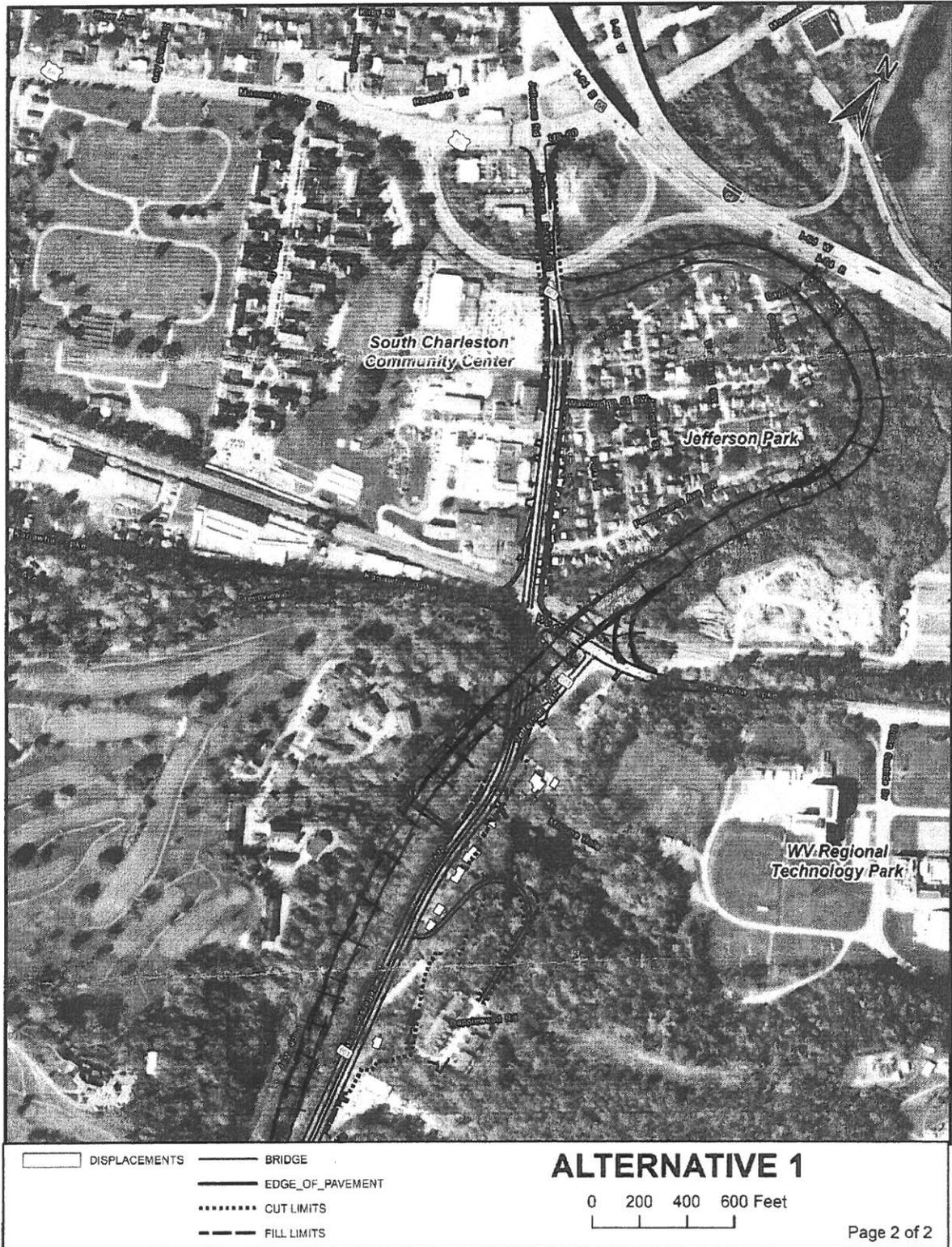


Figure 3 (continued).

## SUGGESTED ROUTING OF RT 601

I have superimposed a sketch of my proposal on a copy of Figure 3 on page 2 of Alternative 1. South bound traffic on Jefferson rd. would turn east of the south side of the I-64 ramp underpass and travel on a trestle highway through the flood plain, over the railroad and continue south directly over Davis creek to a point where Rt. 601 turns east (front of SC city works) crossing over Jefferson rd at a sufficient elevation to prevent interference with the current traffic pattern going to and from SC works and businesses. (new 601 routing would go on excavated north/east side of current 601 all the way to RT 119.)

The only other suggested change is the addition of an on-ramp permitting traffic traveling west on Kanawha Turnpike to avoid the closed RR gate. Having this choice of passage coupled with the reduced travel on the current 601 should prevent most bottlenecks especially when railroad gates are closed.

P.S.

It would be even better if the loop could be incorporated into the west I-64 on-off ramps.

JBR

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Comments	<p>I attended the last meeting in February 2017 that was held at the SCCC. At the meeting I was advised that an entrance/exit could be closed up to 15 minutes at a time or longer. This will cause an extreme hardship on those of us that live in this neighborhood. I request that one of the two entrances be open and available at all times. If this is not possible, I request that at least Washington Street have a set time that it will be open, especially in the mornings.</p> <p>Monday - Friday mornings can be very hectic, especially with the children waiting to get on the school bus (the bus picks them up at the corner of Jefferson Road and Washington Street) and everyone trying to get to work. I beg that a specific time be set in the morning that this street will be open for children going to school and for those going to work to have some idea when they should reasonably expect to get to there destinations.</p> <p>A few of us agree, that if a specific time is set during the morning hours for an entrance/exit to be open, we would have this advanced notice to help us to plan our mornings.</p> <p>I would suggest 7:30 to 8:30am, 7:45 to 8:15am or something like this (there is a school bus that picks up the children at approx. 8:05am). I do request that we have at least 1/2 hour to 45 minute window that entrance/exit will be open in morning. This should help keep tempers in check in the mornings, not only helping the neighbors but also the construction crews.</p> <p>Please consider this request.</p> <p>Thank you, Michelle Smith</p>	
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Comments	<p>I was recently informed about the WV 601 Jefferson Road construction project. I have reviewed a few documents, but they provide very little detail as to what, if any, the impact will be to McDonald's.</p> <p>I am the corporate contact person that will discuss any impact and negotiate any settlement. I would like the Right of Way Agent assigned to this project to contact me so we discuss impact and concerns.</p> <p>Thank you,                      Todd Sorg, CPM                      Regional Property Manager                      McDonald's USA, LLC                      260-271-3093</p>
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Comments	<p>I have been reviewing the plans, but there is not much focused on the end of the project where our McDonald's restaurant is located. I have been told that a raised median will be installed on Jefferson Rd in front of our restaurant limiting our customers to a Right In Right out Only. I have not seen any details on the plans to confirm that. I am hoping that is just a rumor and not fact, as that would cripple the function of our property, change the highest and best use of it, and severely damage the value of our property with the change in highest and best use. I would like to talk to someone associated with this project as soon as possible. Please call me at 260-271-3093.</p> <p>Thank you, Todd Sorg Regional Property Manager McDonald's Corporation</p>
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Comments	<p>In 1937 my grandfather Hubert West built our family home at 714 Park Street in Jefferson Park, it was the fifth home built in the park. My grandparents, Hubert and Mary, lived on Park Street until my parents, Tom and Sally West, bought the house in 1959, my mother who is now eighty three still resides in the family home. Through rumor and indirect means we have learned that the plan to reroute Jefferson Road has been revised and that our family home will be taken. Our understanding is that our home is being taken to provide a green space, including a playground, basketball court, and park-and-go. Jefferson Park already has a green space that includes a playground and basketball court and there is already a park-and-go within 1/8th of a mile of Jefferson Park. We have received no direct communication or information nor were we notified about the meeting that took place on February 8th. We were not contacted prior to the revision that was made concerning the homes on Park Street and we were given no voice in those changes. In the information that we have gathered since hearing of the revision it was stated that "many" of the residents requested this change, however we as homeowners were not consulted nor were "many" of our neighbors that we have spoken to since learning of this change. It seems unfair that a few residents that do not have an emotional tie or history in the neighborhood are making a decision for those of us that do. Whereas having a wall in front of our home is not ideal it is preferable to having our family home torn down.</p>
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Comments	<p>My grandmother’s home is on 714 Park Street in South Charleston, WV in an area that is called Jefferson Park. I have just recently been told of a plan to take up to twenty-one more homes in this area in order to create a “green space” for people to come to and play basketball, walk their dogs, throw Frisbee, etc. This space is supposed to cost in the many millions of dollars; purportedly about twenty million dollars. The taking of my grandmother’s home, a place that holds many memories for me and continues to this day to allow me to create more memories, seems a harsh action in light of the fact that a play area already exists in Jefferson Park.</p> <p>My cousins and I have frequented the “park” or play area within Jefferson Park for all the years that I can remember. We go down and play basketball, climb, swing, and run, have tossed Frisbee, passed football and baseball in the “park”, and even walk our dogs. It would seem to me that some monies could be devoted to enhancing and expanding the existing “park” in that area and this would save WV millions upon millions of dollars and save twenty some homes in Jefferson Park, including my grandmother’s home!</p> <p>Why possibly waste expenditures in the millions on a “green space” when there is not even any conclusive evidence that it will be used? My families use of the “park” over the last thirty years (that is just for my generation) seems to have been fairly exclusive to just my family making use of the playground. Of all the times we have frequented that play area, there was almost never another individual down there. The amount of times I encountered another person in the “park” over the course of my lifetime can be counted on my two hands.</p> <p>I think consideration has to be given to the people who have created a lifetime of memories in Jefferson Park and in the homes you want to take. None of us wants this to happen and the monetary and emotional cost is much too high for something that, potentially, might never be used and that actually already exists!</p>
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Comments	<p>My grandmother's home at 714 Park Street has been a second home for me over the course of my life. Growing up, my family spent many weekends, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other holidays at my grandparents in Jefferson Park. It is as I have grown up and graduated college that I have come to really appreciate all of the time with family and memories created in this home. Further, having grown up in a very rural town that did not have job availability it became necessary for me to find work outside of my home town. The doors of my grandmother's home were thrown open to me and a place to live made available so that I could work and gain experience. Following graduation from WVU, I again found myself needing a temporary place to live prior to finding an apartment and a job. My grandmother, allowing me to live in her home, gave me the opportunity to find work and a living space for my fiancé and myself. The actions of my grandmother has kept two young adults, who would have most likely left the state, in the state of West Virginia to live and work. Given the mass exodus out of WV by my generation to find good jobs and decent places to live it seems unethical to take the homes of those who give us our connection to this area. In my opinion, it is only with this type of history and through these types of connections that you will keep young people in WV right now.</p>
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Looking at numbers: my Mom has lived in her home for 58 years as of this Fall, my Dad lived in this home for 64 of his 83 years on this Earth, our family home was built in 1937 by my paternal grandfather and at the time of its completion was the 5th home in Jefferson Park, my 3 siblings and I were raised in this home and continue to return to it, 10 grandchildren have also been partially raised in this home and continue to return to it for numerous reasons and events but especially for family happenings (birthdays, holidays, weddings) and regularly for Tuesday dinner night with Granny!

Looking at what could be a potential cost for a "green space" that would be in the several millions it seems that any opposition to this venture was ignored and one wonders if such a space would even be used. A "play space"/ "park" exists already within Jefferson Park. This "park" that I and my children have frequented for our entire lives contains a basketball court, play area for young people, swings, and open land suitable for pickup baseball and football games. In all of the years that my family has frequented the "park area" we have been nearly alone in this with the occasional finding of 1-4 other people using this space but this was ever so rarely. It feels that 21 more houses would be destroyed in order to accommodate a "green space" that will either not be used or perhaps will be most used by individuals outside of the Jefferson Park residents. It is a concern as to what type of individuals will come into this area; just who will frequent this "space" and what type of activities will it engender? This expansion was decided at a meeting that appeared to be only offered to those in favor of an agenda to take more homes. The residents in Jefferson Park were not notified of this meeting according to the guidelines in place or were not notified at all. There is no doubt that had all of the residents of the area been contacted that there would have been a large presence of those opposed to this "alternative plan"! It looks as though the voices of 1 to 2 residents of Jefferson Park have been labeled as being the "voice of many" and this is disappointing and hurtful. The true feelings and voice of the residents of this area needs to be heard and accounted for because the taking of more homes is not what is desired. While construction, expanded roads, and a wall is not preferable either, the options need to be discussed and presented to all residents with allowance given to the true majority input so that an outcome favorable to the accurate "many" can be reached!

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**Subject:** The Jefferson Road Expansion Project concerns!

**Message:** To: The Honorable Jim Justice  
1900 Kanawha Street  
Charleston, WV 25305

I immediately direct you to my concern regarding a road project involving Jefferson Park in South Charleston, WV. The original project was slated to remove a number of homes on Jefferson Road and Park Street to expand the Jefferson Road feed to Corridor G. While this was never a desirable project to many living in Jefferson Park it would still have allowed many homes to have remained standing. An expanded project was then outlined in what could and should be considered an unauthorized meeting as the meeting was never properly publicized to all residents of Jefferson Park. What little advertising of the meeting that did occur was without the two weeks' notice required of such a gathering.

The expanded project calls for an additional twenty-one family homes to be taken in order to develop a "green space" with the cost of said development being initially placed at approximately two million dollars. The unbelievable irony is that such a space already exists and with monies totaling approximately 10,000 dollars or less could be improved upon and continued in service as such a "green space". The playground area in Jefferson Park has been in existence for at least the last sixty years. Changes and improvements were made to this area within the last 20 years and there is a small basketball court, swings, and a climbing/sliding apparatus for children. Improvements could include a full-size basketball court with backboards and hoops, new swings, a new climbing apparatus, a marked off area to play baseball and/or football, and perhaps some ground treatment under the swings and climbing structure.

Development of a "green space" beside what will become a major thoroughfare seems counter to the safety of pedestrians and drivers. The state police will also have to "drive through" Jefferson Park often as they will be prevented from turning left out of the barracks once the new road is in place. The constraints of an additional two million dollars to fund this project also seems counterintuitive to the budget deficit in the state of WV.

As it stands now, taking additional homes from Jefferson Park will be driving individuals and families from their homes. In so doing, the subsequent generations, who we are working so hard to keep in WV, are also being driven away because they are losing their connections to the people, homes, and memories that provide strong attachments.

I urge you to look into this matter with expediency. Please favor me with a reply.

Sincerely,

Virginia E. West Stewart

714 Park Street  
South Charleston, WV 25309  
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Comments	<p>My life and my family have revolved around our home on Park Street and I had certainly planned to spend the rest of my life here. Although I moved here in 1959 as a young wife and mother, my mother-in-law and father-in-law had this house built in 1937 (80 years ago) - so it has always been our "family home."</p> <p>My husband was 7 years old when he moved into this house with his parents, two sisters, and his brother. The eldest of his sisters is now 92 years old; we have not told her of the possible fate of her childhood home for fear of how much it will upset her. Our four children also grew up here and, now, my 10 grandchildren visit quite often in the home built by their great-grandparents. You wouldn't be just taking a house - you would be taking a home and all of the memories that are tied to it! Where am I supposed to go??</p>
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