Workshop Public Meeting

Woodrow Wilson High School, Beckley, WV

WV Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
State Project U314-19-14.47
Federal Project STP-0019(190)EQ

East Beckley Bypass
Raleigh County
Monday, February 27, 2012
4:00 to 7:00 PM
Project Description

The East Beckley Bypass is being constructed in segments as funds become available. There are two construction contracts currently funded for the near future which is the focus of today’s workshop public meeting. The Stanaford Road to Industrial Drive (Contract 5) US19/WV 16 segment is scheduled to begin construction in Spring 2013 whereas the Stanaford Road Improvements (Contract 7) will begin in 2012. As funding becomes available in the future, additional construction projects will be identified. The East Beckley Bypass eventually will connect I-64 to an interchange with US19/ WV 16 in the vicinity of Bradley, WV, approximately 4 miles north of Stanaford Road. Please see the attached location map.

Project Summary and Construction Schedule

- Contract 05 (from Stanaford Road to Industrial Drive Connector) Construction to start Spring 2013
- Contract 07 (Stanaford Road Improvements) Construction to start in 2012

Purpose and Need

The primary purpose and need of the project is to “facilitate the safe and efficient movement of people and goods along the eastern boundary of Beckley, to provide congestion relief along existing US 19 (Eisenhower Drive) and to support economic development with the project area. The improvement is needed because of the following short-comings of US 19 (Eisenhower Drive) that are prohibitively expensive to correct;

- Numerous Geometric Deficiencies
- Lack of Access Control
- Over Capacity Intersections
Accident Rates Exceed Statewide Average

**Environmental Assessment (EA)**

An EA was approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on March 15, 2001. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), this EA contains discussions of the project purpose and need; alternatives development process; impacts of each alternative; mitigation measures; public involvement and agency coordination; and recommendation of a Preferred Alternative. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was approved by FHWA March 15, 2001. A reevaluation of the FONSI is currently underway.

**Alternatives**

The EA evaluated the No Build and Build Alternatives for the proposed East Beckley Bypass location. Based on the analysis presented the alignment that is being constructed today is the preferred alternative.

The Stanaford Road Improvements (Contract 7) will provide additional capacity for traffic using the Bypass to the South. These improvements will provide better access to Woodrow Wilson High School and Beckley Regional Appalachian Hospital to the east as well as better access towards US 19 (Eisenhower Drive ). The intersection capacity with Eisenhower Drive will also be increased because of the reconfiguration.

The Bypass segment from Stanaford to Industrial Drive (Contract 5) will provide a continuous parallel route from I-64 to the Industrial Drive/US 19/WV 16 intersection. The alignment of this segment was modified to allow the connection at Industrial Drive. The location of this connection to US 19/WV16 will also minimize impacts to Ragland Road, which would have needed substantial widening to handle the traffic.
**Informational Meeting**

The purpose of this informational workshop public meeting is to afford participants an opportunity to ask questions and state their views and opinions on the project. Your **comments are important**: comment sheets will be provided at the workshop; your comments can be dropped in a comment box at the workshop, or mailed to:

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Any additional questions or comments can be sent to Sondra Mullins (Sondra.L.Mullins@wv.gov) or Traci Cummings (Traci.L.Cummings@wv.gov) or visit the WVDOH Website at [www.transportation.wv.gov](http://www.transportation.wv.gov) for project information and the opportunity to comment on the project. **Comments are due by March 27, 2012**
East Beckley Bypass
Industrial Drive Connector
Future Construction

AEP 345kV Transmission Power Line

Legend
Section 07
East Beckley Bypass
Raleigh County, West Virginia

- R/W - Right of Way
- TCE - Temporary Construction Easement
- TSRE - Temporary Structural Removal Easement

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SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP PUBLIC MEETING
PROJECT: East Beckley Bypass
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ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Informational Workshop Public Meeting?

Project Information and Comment Sheets
Can be found online at our web page www.transportation.wv.gov.
Click on Comment on projects, Open, and then click on East Beckley Bypass Project.