

GREENBAG ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

State Project U331-857-0.67
Federal Project NFA-2317 (022) D
Monongalia County, West Virginia

PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

WELCOME!



Thank you for participating in the public informational workshop for the Greenbag Road Improvement Project in Morgantown, WV. This meeting is being hosted by the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) to present the preliminary designs for the project and to collect public opinion and comments on the plans. We invite you to browse the displays and encourage discussions with the project team. There is a comment sheet available on the final page of this handout. Please submit your comments at the meeting, by mail, or via the WVDOH website at <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment>.

This meeting complies with the public involvement requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. There will be **no formal presentation**.

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE / NEED

The project is based on a study by the Morgantown Monongalia MPO (MMMPO) Unified Working Program (FY2014-2015). The overall goal of the study was to identify ways to improve Greenbag Road (CR 857) as an alternative truck route to reduce and/or eliminate trucks from traveling through downtown Morgantown by providing a safer, continuous route from WV 7 to US 119. The study reviewed the roadway from the intersection with WV 7 to the intersection with US 119. Recommendations from the study included roadway improvements, intersection improvements, multi-modal improvements, and on-going monitoring of safety and development. Specific proposed projects were to widen and resurface Greenbag Road and provide shoulders along both sides; adding turn lanes and optimizing signals at the Dorsey Ave/Greenbag Road intersection and the US119/Greenbag Road intersection; and provide a sidewalk along the north side of Greenbag Road to increase pedestrian safety.

The current project will improve and upgrade the Dorsey Ave/Greenbag Road intersection, widen and resurface Greenbag Road from just west of Mississippi Street to Jonathan Lane, and provide a sidewalk and shoulders along Greenbag Road, as identified in the MMMPO study. These improvements will address several of the major issues identified in the study including: inadequate turning radii and intersection delays at Dorsey Ave/Greenbag Road, limited sight distance at Mississippi Street/Greenbag Road, and the lack of safe non-motorized facilities connecting the neighborhoods along the corridor.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION



The current project extends approximately 1.28 miles along Greenbag Road (CR 857) from $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of the Mississippi Street intersection to the intersection with Jonathan Lane, approximately $\frac{1}{10}$ mile east of Luckey Lane and includes intersection improvements at Mississippi Street (CR 857/1) and at Dorsey Avenue/Kingwood Pike (CR 81). These intersection improvements will increase the overall traffic capacity of Greenbag Road (CR 857) between WV 7 and US 119.

The overall roadway improvements include wider lanes and shoulders along with a dedicated center turn lane

prior to the Mississippi Avenue intersection. A curb and gutter will be installed along the west side of Greenbag Road to help address drainage issues and to provide a sidewalk along the entire route to the Dorsey Avenue/Kingwood Pike intersection. In addition, the west side shoulder will be utilized as a bike lane for the corridor between the commercial district and the residential areas. The sidewalks and crosswalks will provide a safer route for pedestrian traffic from the current commercial area to the numerous residential areas located along Greenbag Road.

The two major intersections will be reconstructed as single lane roundabouts to provide for continuous traffic flow and to increase the safety of the traveling public as they enter each intersection. The roundabouts have been selected instead of signalized intersections based on traffic analysis and level of service (LOS). The roundabouts will also be developed to allow the safe movement of pedestrians along the sidewalk on the west side of Greenbag Road and will include lighting on each approach to the roundabout.

The roadway improvements incorporate 2-11' travel lanes, 1-12' center turn lane and curb and gutter on each side up to Mississippi Street. Between Mississippi Street and Dorsey Avenue/Kingwood Pike, the roadway will be improved to 2-12' travel lanes and a 4' paved shoulder on the east side. A 3' paved shoulder with a 2' curb and gutter will be on the west side. The 5' concrete sidewalk will be located on the west side of Greenbag Road (CR 857).



Maintenance of Traffic during Construction

Current traffic patterns will be temporarily impacted. A maintenance of traffic (MOT) plan will be in place to minimize delays, maintain access to residences and businesses, and maintain safety for travelers and construction workers. The proposed MOT plan will include either the use of a detour on existing roads, temporary signals, or flaggers.

The Mississippi Street roundabout will be constructed adjacent to Greenbag Road. When the northern portion of the roundabout is complete, traffic will shift to the newly created approaches and through the constructed portion of the roundabout while the southern portion is being constructed. Mississippi Street will remain open to traffic throughout the duration of construction of the roundabout.

For the roundabout at Greenbag Road and Dorsey Ave/Kingwood Pike, construction will be completed in multiple stages to allow for continued access. The **proposed stages** are:

Stage 1 will widen the existing Greenbag Road between the entrance to Bluegrass Village and the intersection at CR 81 (Dorsey Ave/Kingwood Pike). The widening will take place on the north side of Greenbag Road. When complete, westbound traffic will shift onto the newly constructed roadway and eastbound traffic will utilize the existing westbound lanes.

Stage 2 will close Kingwood Pike and construct the southern approach and half of the east/west approaches to the roundabout. This will include the construction of the proposed retaining wall on the eastern approach.

Stage 3 will shift traffic to the newly created east/west approaches and through the constructed portion of the roundabout, then re-open Kingwood Pike. Dorsey Avenue will be closed and traffic will utilize Luckey Lane using temporary lights at both the Luckey Lane/Greenbag Road intersection and at Kingwood Pike and the re-aligned Greenbag Road.

Stage 4 will construct the north approach and the remaining east/west approach legs.

Stage 5 will open to traffic and install the islands while under traffic.

During Stage 2 when Kingwood Pike is closed, two detours will be posted. The **car detour** is 3.2 miles in length and requires approximately 10 minutes. When traveling north on Kingwood Pike (CR 81), turn right onto Aarons Creek Road (CR 70). Make a left turn onto Lower Aarons Creek Road (CR 64/1). Turn left onto Greenbag Road (CR 857) and continue until the Dorsey Ave/Kingwood Pike intersection. The same detour will exist for southbound traffic with directions reversed.

The **truck detour** is 10.6 miles and requires approximately 25 minutes. When traveling north on Kingwood Pike (CR 81), turn right onto Summers School Road (CR 72). Continue on Summers School Road (CR 72) when it becomes CR 70/1. Continue right on Summers School Road where it joins with CR 70 (Aarons Creek Road) and bear left onto 70/3 when CR 70 splits to the right. Turn left onto Earl Core Road (WV 7) and continue into Sabraton. Make a left turn onto Greenbag Road (CR 857) and continue until the Dorsey Ave/Kingwood Pike intersection. The same detour will exist for southbound traffic with directions reversed.



PROJECT IMPACTS AND SCHEDULE

Preliminary right-of-way impacts are approximately 9 acres from 24 properties/parcels. Utilities will be relocated to eliminate conflicts with the proposed roadway upgrade and close coordination with the utility companies will be conducted.

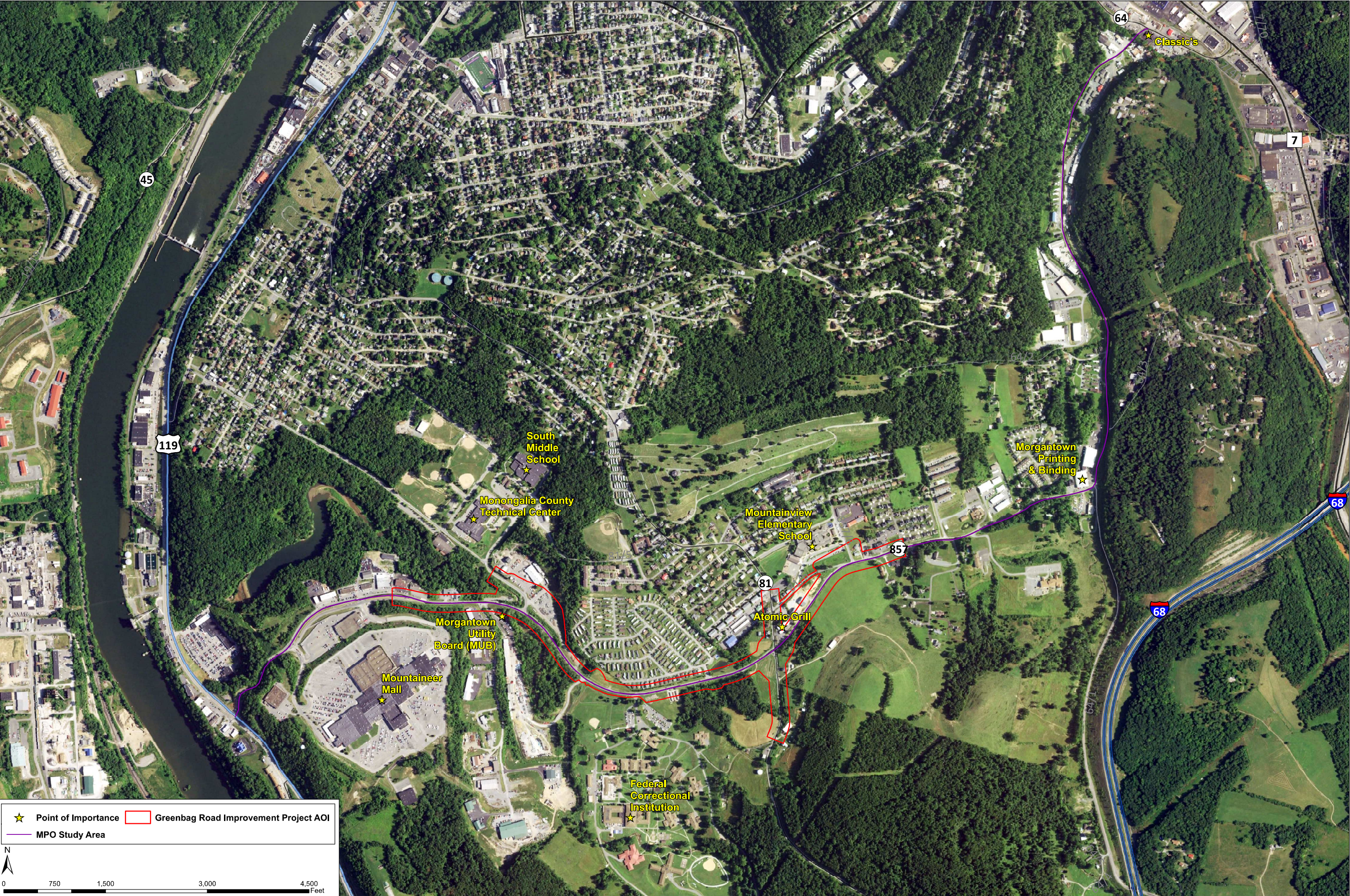
PROJECT SCHEDULE (All dates are approximate)

April 16, 2019	Public Meeting
May 16, 2019	Public comments due to the WVDOH
July 1, 2019	Environmental Clearance
Fall 2019	Project Letting
Spring 2020	Right-of-Way Acquired
Summer 2020	Construction Begins

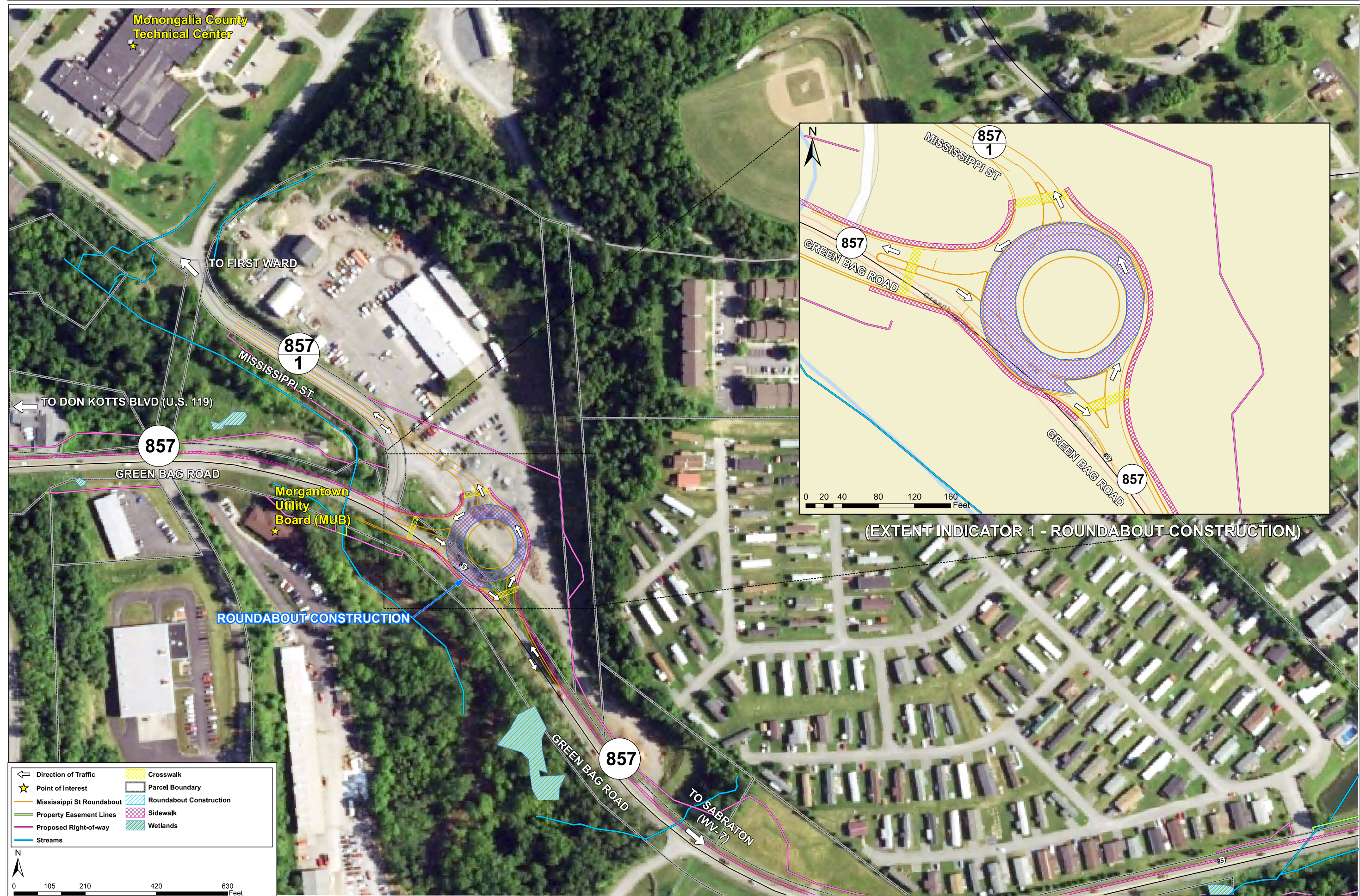
Comments are due May 16, 2019 and should be sent to the following:

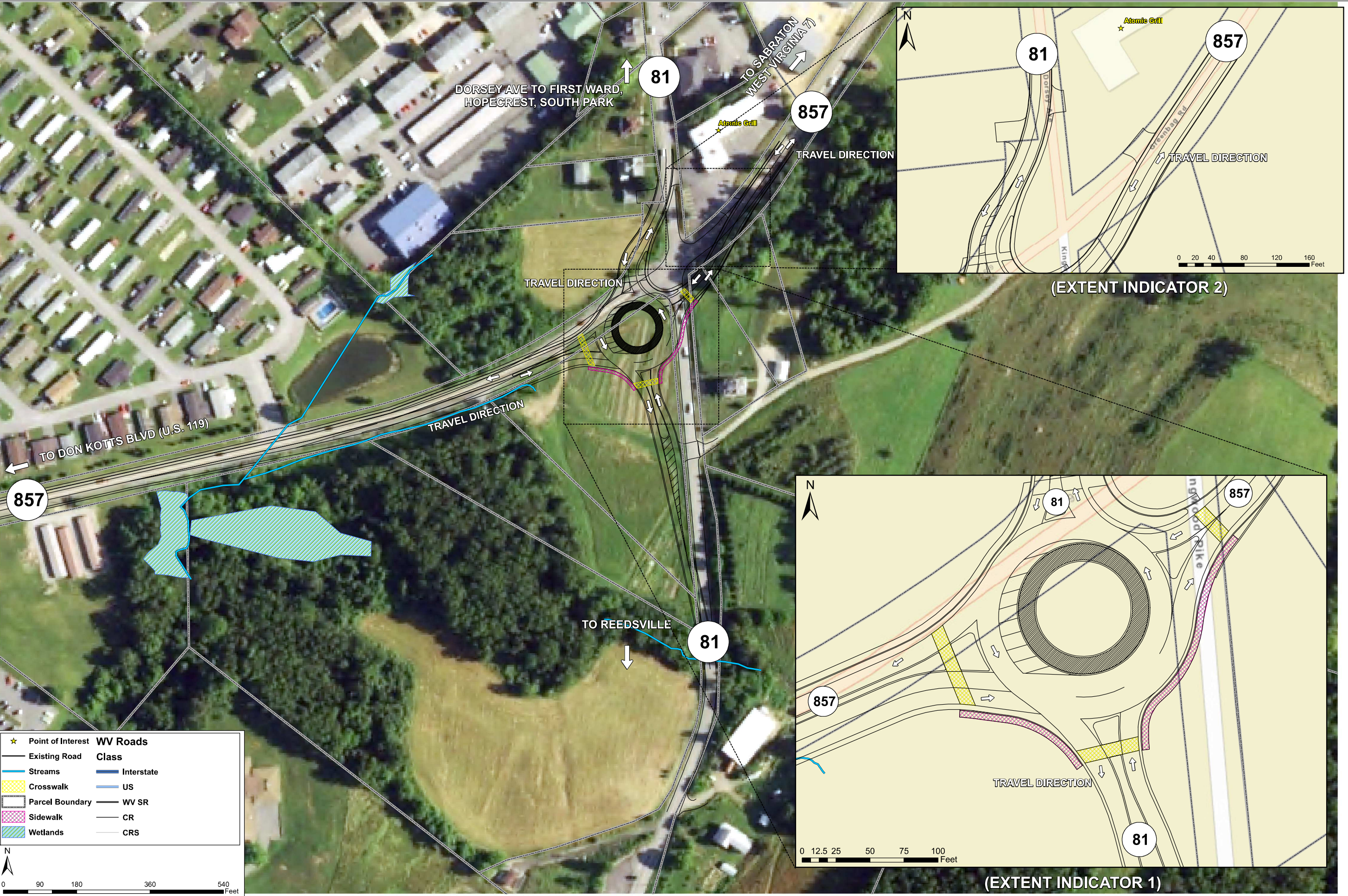
Mr. RJ Scites, P.E., Director Engineering Division
West Virginia Division of Highways
1334 Smith Street
Charleston, West Virginia 25301
Or electronically at <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment>



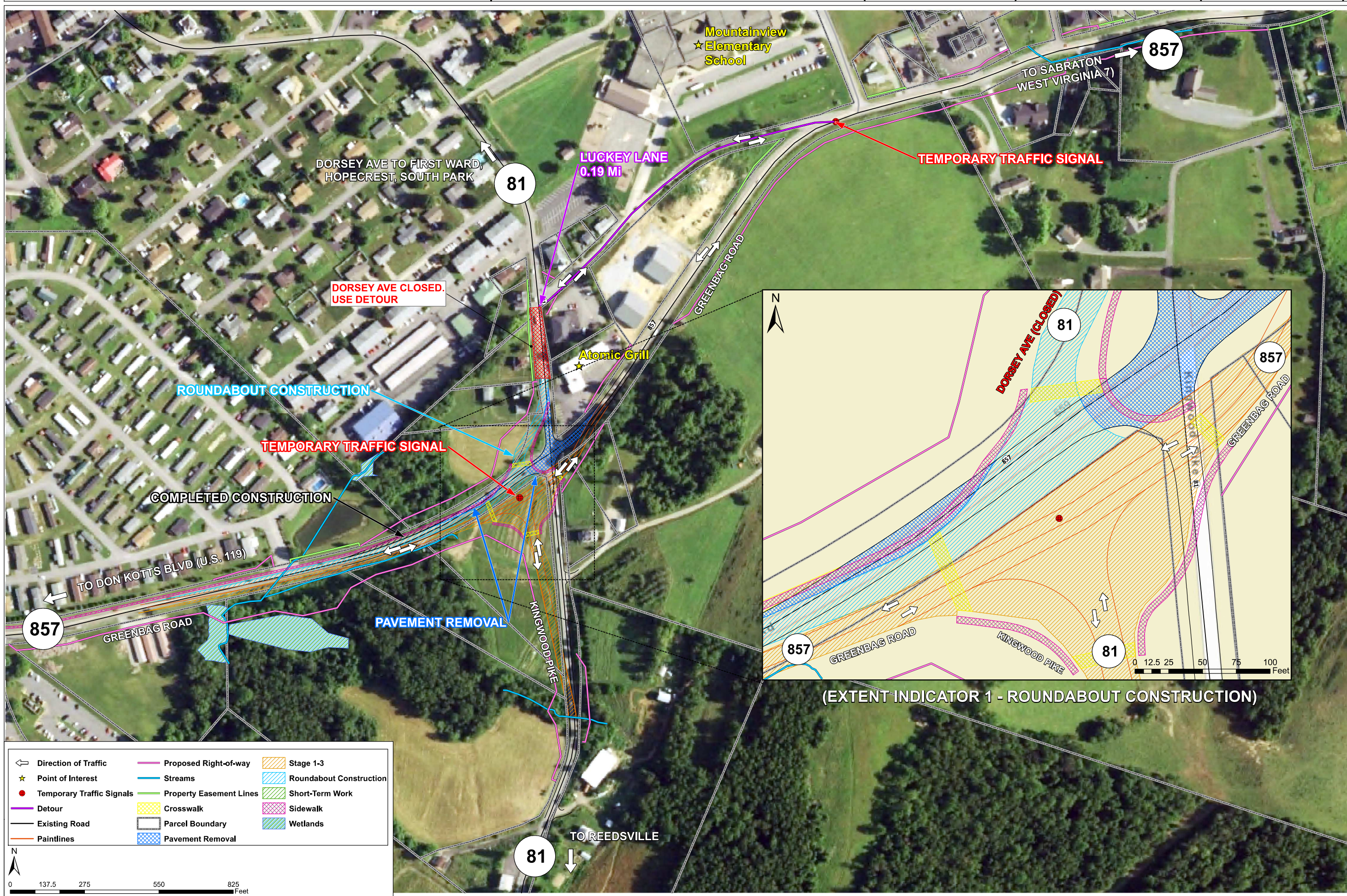


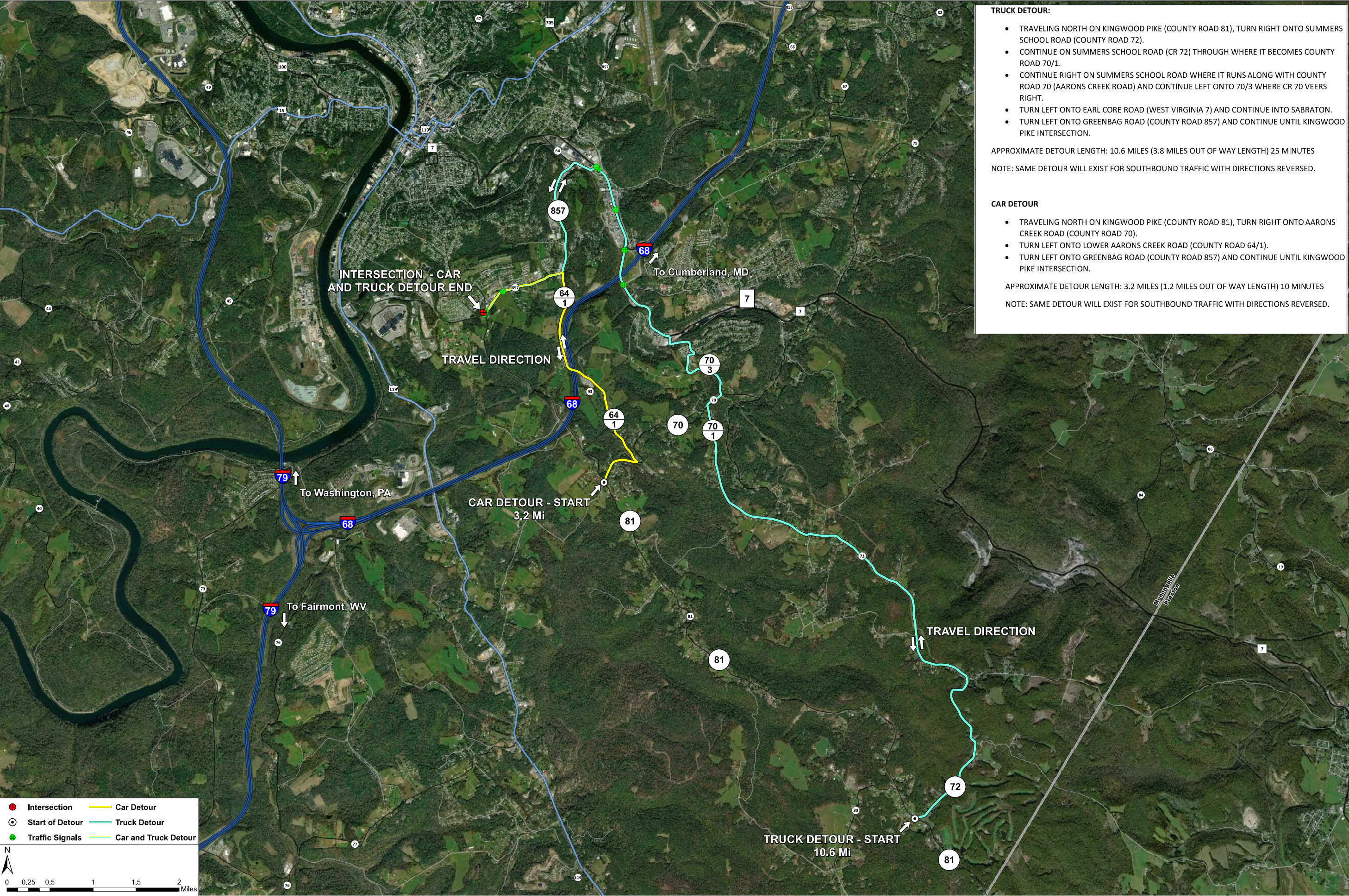












TRUCK DETOUR:

- TRAVELING NORTH ON KINGWOOD PIKE (COUNTY ROAD 81), TURN RIGHT ONTO SUMMERS SCHOOL ROAD (COUNTY ROAD 72).
- CONTINUE ON SUMMERS SCHOOL ROAD (CR 72) THROUGH WHERE IT BECOMES COUNTY ROAD 70/1.
- CONTINUE RIGHT ON SUMMERS SCHOOL ROAD WHERE IT RUNS ALONG WITH COUNTY ROAD 70 (AARONS CREEK ROAD) AND CONTINUE LEFT ONTO 70/3 WHERE CR 70 VEERS RIGHT.
- TURN LEFT ONTO EARL CORE ROAD (WEST VIRGINIA 7) AND CONTINUE INTO SABRATON.
- TURN LEFT ONTO GREENBAG ROAD (COUNTY ROAD 857) AND CONTINUE UNTIL KINGWOOD PIKE INTERSECTION.

APPROXIMATE DETOUR LENGTH: 10.6 MILES (3.8 MILES OUT OF WAY LENGTH) 25 MINUTES

NOTE: SAME DETOUR WILL EXIST FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC WITH DIRECTIONS REVERSED.

CAR DETOUR

- TRAVELING NORTH ON KINGWOOD PIKE (COUNTY ROAD 81), TURN RIGHT ONTO AARONS CREEK ROAD (COUNTY ROAD 70).
- TURN LEFT ONTO LOWER AARONS CREEK ROAD (COUNTY ROAD 64/1).
- TURN LEFT ONTO GREENBAG ROAD (COUNTY ROAD 857) AND CONTINUE UNTIL KINGWOOD PIKE INTERSECTION.

APPROXIMATE DETOUR LENGTH: 3.2 MILES (1.2 MILES OUT OF WAY LENGTH) 10 MINUTES

NOTE: SAME DETOUR WILL EXIST FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC WITH DIRECTIONS REVERSED.



DATE:

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

DATE: Tuesday, April 16, 2019
LOCATION: South Middle School
SUBJECT: Public Meeting
PROJECT: Greenbag Road Improvement Project
State Project: U331-857-0.67
Monongalia County

COMMENTS DUE BY: Thursday, May 16, 2019

Please consider the following comments:

(Please print the following information)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about today's meeting?

Project Information and Comment Sheets can also be found at <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment>
under Engineering Projects, open and click Greenbag Road Improvement Project.