

PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

Summary of Project History & Activities Since Previous Public Workshop

- ❖ 2000: Settlement Agreement (SA) identifies the Parsons to Davis Project
- ❖ 2000-2002: Preliminary engineering and environmental studies, resource agency and Community Advisory Group (CAG) coordination, and two Public Meetings
- ❖ 2002-2003: Supplemental Draft EIS (SDEIS) approved by FHWA and circulated for comment, and Public Hearing held
- ❖ 2003-2004: Additional engineering and environmental studies; distribution of a Preferred Alternative Report, accepted by Federal regulatory agencies; passage of a Resolution by the Town Council of Davis supporting the Revised OPA (ROPA).*
- ❖ 2000-2007: Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation completed with the US Fish & Wildlife Service concerning potential impact on the since de-listed WV Northern Flying Squirrel
- ❖ 2007: Supplemental Final EIS (SFEIS) identifying the ROPA as the Preferred Alternative is approved by FHWA and circulated for comment
- ❖ 2008-2016: Implementation of the Red Spruce-Northern Hardwood Ecosystem Memorandum of Understanding & Cooperators Agreement as part of mitigation for both the Parsons to Davis and Davis to Bismarck Projects, which included approximately \$800,000 in funding from WVDOH to the Pharis Knob and Mt. Porte Crayon-Thunderstruck conservation projects.
- ❖ 2019: Public Workshop to announce the re-start of the Parsons to Davis Project
- ❖ 2019-Present:
 - Engineering studies, including consideration of options for the Coketon bridge type, the Corridor H/WV 32 intersection, and the Truck Route
 - Public coordination, including presentations to local governments and the County Historic Landmark Commission
 - Environmental studies, including surveys for federally-listed species; updated historic resources survey; and an Environmental Justice analysis

*** With the passage of the ROPA-supporting Resolution by the Town Council of Davis, the SA allowed FHWA and WVDOH to discontinue consideration of the avoidance alternatives and proceed without preparing a SFEIS. However, while WVDOH and FHWA opted to discontinue consideration of avoidance alternatives, they prepared the SFEIS in 2007 solely to: document the changes to the OPA that resulted in the ROPA; document selecting the ROPA as the Preferred Alternative; and complete the NEPA process.**

