WARDENSVILLE TO VIRGINIA STATE LINE PROJECT UPDATES

This meeting is being held as part the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the Wardensville to Virginia State Line Project. Please see the **Corridor H Overview display** for early history of the project. With the passage of time since the 2003 Amended Record of Decision for the project, FHWA and WVDOH are conducting a Re-evaluation to assess changes to the project, its surroundings, its associated impacts, and mitigation planned for those impacts.

In addition to allowing another opportunity for questions and comments, this meeting is being held to present four specific updates:

1. FHWA and WVDOH have decided to present the Re-evaluation in the form of an Environmental Assessment document. Once completed, that document will be circulated for comment before a decision is made whether to a) issue a Finding of No Significant Impact, or b) prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.
2. Core boring activities have begun. See mapping on display at this meeting.
3. The Preliminary design for the 2003 Selected Alternative has progressed over the past year, and, after detailed examination, one connector road has been eliminated from the design because of engineering constraints. Please see the **Preliminary Alignment display** for a call-out box that shows where the easternmost connector to WV 55 has been removed.
4. Prior to completing the Environmental Assessment process, WVDOH plans to purchase right-of-way with State funds from an area within the Capon Valley Charolais Farm Easement-Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program Conservation Easement. This easement was established in 2012. The proposed land purchase is 1.06 acres in size, representing 0.7% of the 159.7-acre easement property. The 1.06 acres is entirely forested and not part of the working farm.

Refinement of the 2003 Selected Alternative will be discussed in the Environmental Assessment, along with changes to impacts and mitigation measures. Please see the **Timeline and Commenting display** for ways to submit your comments on these or any other project elements.