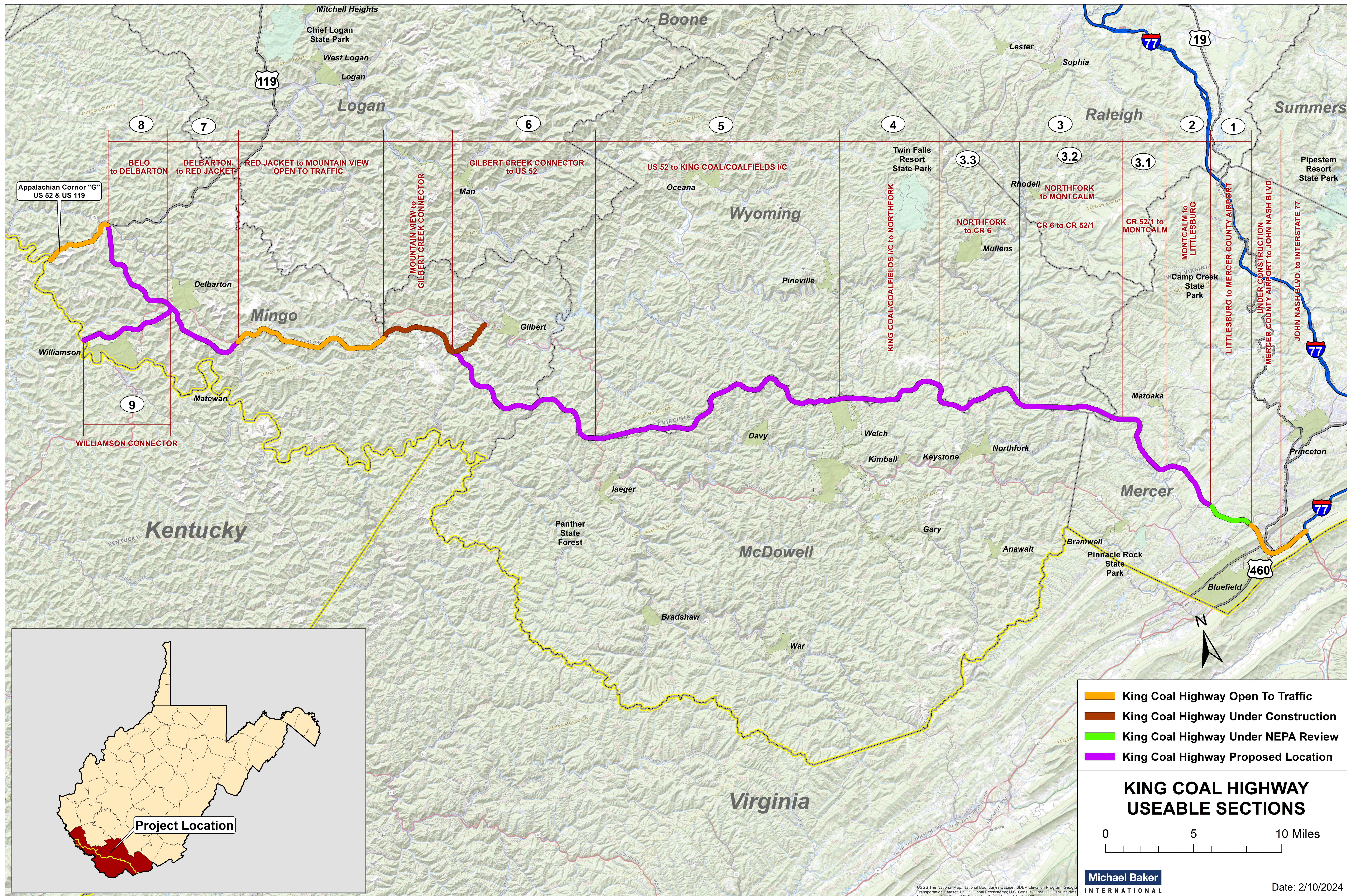


KING COAL HIGHWAY OVERVIEW & STATUS

Purpose and Need for the King Coal Highway: To minimize conflict between truck traffic and local traffic, residential areas, and towns, improve access to emergency services, support economic development, and to provide safe and efficient access to the regional roadway network.

Timeline:

- 1991: The U.S. Congress determined that a National Highway System corridor was needed to connect the Great Lakes and the coast of the Carolinas. Known as the Interstate 73–Interstate 74 North–South Corridor, the roadway stretches from northern Michigan to South Carolina, passing through several states, including West Virginia (WV)
- 1995: The multilane corridor was listed as a high priority and the West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways (WVDOH) was tasked with constructing a portion.
- 2000: Environmental & engineering studies for the king coal highway was completed and a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a Record of Decision (ROD) was approved.
- 2023–Present: Final design, additional field work & agency coordination is ongoing for the Littleburg (WV20) to Mercer County Airport (WV123) Project.



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