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**Division of Highways**

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January 4, 2017

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** DDR  
**FROM:** DDE BH  
**SUBJECT:** State Project S338-250/13-0.31  
Federal Project ACST-2501 (003)D  
Durbin Truss Demolition  
Pocahontas County

Our Environmental Section has reviewed the subject project and has determined that this action falls under the Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (CE) Classification #117a does not involve significant environmental impacts. This Programmatic CE approval was given by the Federal Highway Administration on July 11, 1988, and again on January 28, 2002.

Based on the information on the attached CE Evaluation, no significant impacts will result from this project.

RJS:Hh

Attachments

cc: DDE, (TC), PP

## CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION EVALUATION

**I. Project Description Bridge Demolition**

Prepared By Traci R. Cummings 1-4-2017  
 (Signature & Date) Traci Cummings

A. Project Numbers: State: S328-250/13-0.31 Federal: ACST-2501(003)D

B. Name: Durbin Truss Bridge Removal

C. Route: CR 250/13

D. County: Pocahontas

E. Category (Identified in 23CFR771.117):

#117(a) Does Not Involve Significant Env Impacts

F. ADT: Existing – Projected –

G. Existing Conditions: The existing bridge has been closed to traffic since March 2015.

H. Preferred Alternative: No build is the preferred alternative. The existing bridge will be removed, and no new bridge will be built.

I. Other Alternatives Considered: Rehab or New Bridge on existing location.

**II. IMPACT EVALUATION**

	Sig	Min	No	Comments, Correspondence, and/or Mitigation proposed
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**A. SOCIOECONOMIC IMPACTS -----**

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Right of Way Required            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |  |
| a. Businesses                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| b. Residences                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| c. Vacant Property                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| d. Federal Land                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| 2. Environmental Justice Population | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |

**B. CULTURAL IMPACTS -----**

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|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. History     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | SHPO Letter( 7-7-2016) |
| 2. Archaeology | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | RE (6-3-2016)          |

**C. SECTION 4(F), 6 (F) -----**

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| 1. Programmatic       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| 2. Individual         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| 3. 6 (F)              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| 4. Park, Recreational | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |

**D. NATURAL ENVIRONMENT -----**

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Endangered Species            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | FWS MOU of 1-3-2012   |
| 2. Division of Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | DNR/RTE (12-29-2016) DDE Staff performed a freshwater mussel survey on 9-28-2016 no live or relic mussels were found. DNR Clearance 1/3/2017 survey expires 6/1/2021. |
| 3. Forest Service Involvement    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |   |
| 4. Floodplain. Encroachment      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |   |
| 5. National Park Service         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |   |
| 6. Army Corp of Engineers        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |   |
| 7. Farmland Involvement          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |   |
| 8. Wild & Scenic Rivers          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |   |
| 9. Wetland Encroachment          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |   |

**This Categorical Exclusion is specific to the project as described in the text and shown on the attached graphics**

**IF A TEMPORARY BYPASS CHANGES OR IS ADDED, THE PROJECT NEEDS TO BE RESUBMITTED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION FOR REVIEW. WASTE AND BORROW AREAS outside of the project limits need a separate review to determine whether cultural or natural resources are affected.**

E. PERMITS REQUIRED -----	Sig	Min	No	
1. 404	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Corps permit required
2. 401	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. NPDES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. USCG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Section 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Special Use Permit (Nat. Forest)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
F. NOISE (FROM 7-7-3) -----	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary construction impacts
G. AIR QUALITY (FROM 7-7-9)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temporary construction impacts
H. WATER QUAL/STREAM IMPAC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	DEP/DOH approved generic sediment and erosion control plan
I. Adjacent MS4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coordination Letter (date) Contact Person (Name)
J. Haz WASTE/UNDERGRD TANKS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
K. CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS -----				
1. Maintenance of Traffic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge is currently closed no traffic to maintain.

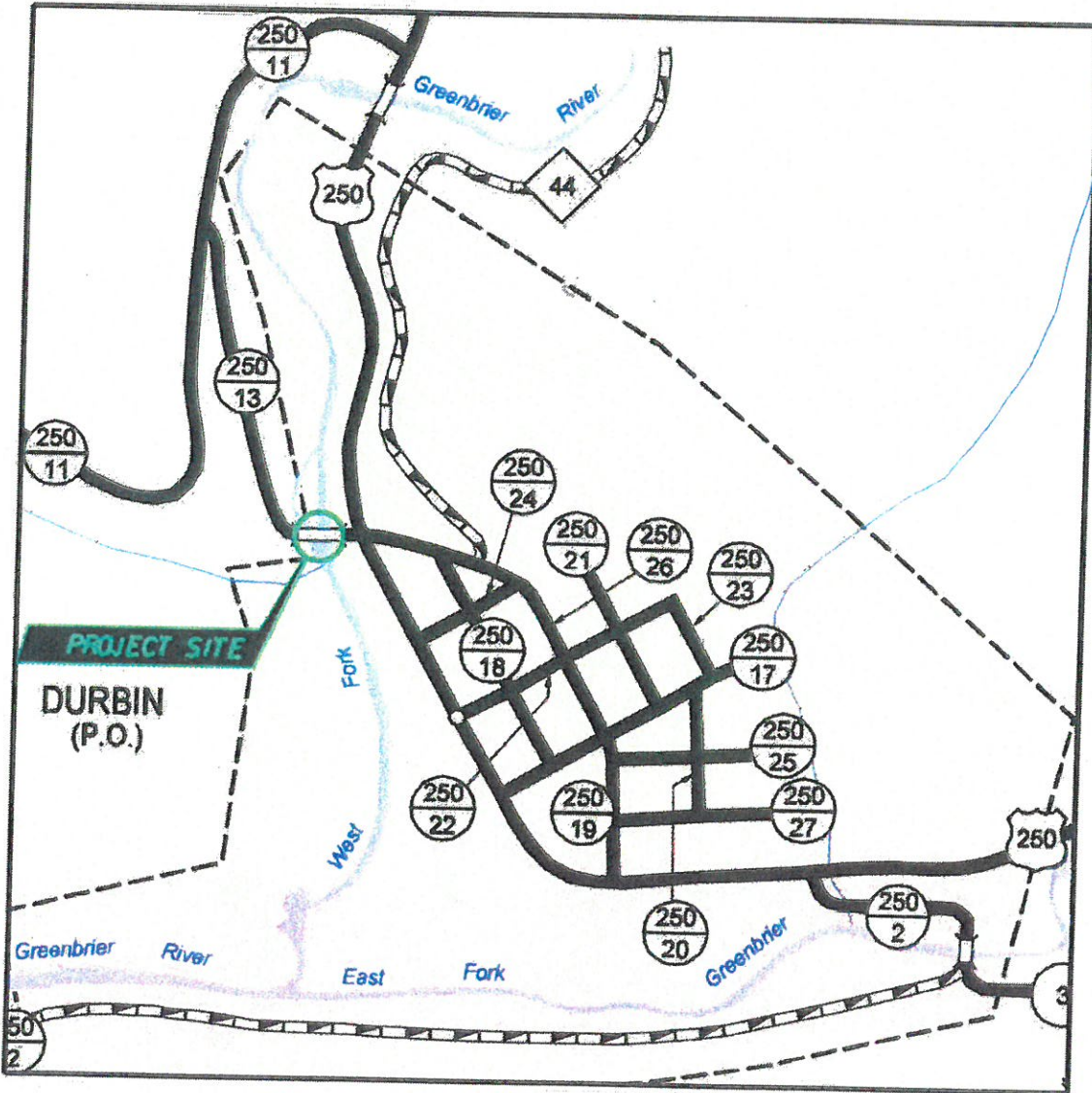
**III. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:** Flyers (attached) were distributed throughout the town of Durbin on 9-28-2016 by DDE staff. A 30 day comment period of given. We received a total of 15 comments through the mail and had 24 online comments. 1 of the 39 comments supported our preferred alternative. The other 39 comments were for a replacement bridge to be put back, or rehabilitate the existing bridge. However; based on the short existing detour, low traffic volume and condition of the closed the bridge, the WVDOH will proceed with a demolition contract to remove the structure. No new bridge will be built.

**IV. ACTION(S) REQUIRED:**  A. Mussel Survey/Relocation for State listed Streams  
 B. Mussel Relocation for Endangered Species Stream  C. Environmental Commitment Checklist  D. MS4 Commitment

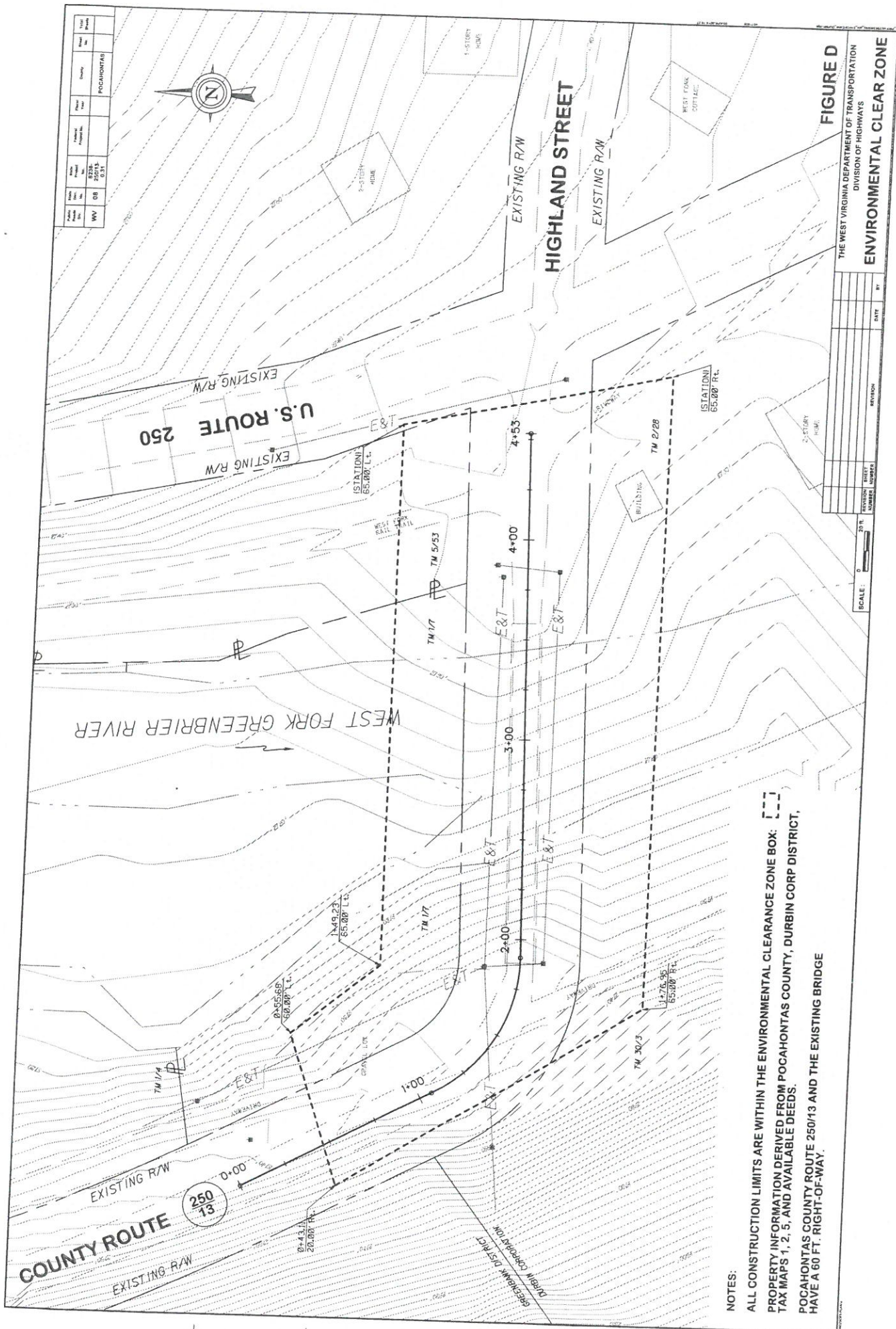
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BRIDGE REPLACEMENT STUDY  
DURBIN TRUSS  
STATE PROJECT NO. S238-250/13-0.31  
POCAHONTAS COUNTY



WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS  
ENGINEERING DIVISION  
MARCH 2016



**NOTES:**  
 ALL CONSTRUCTION LIMITS ARE WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE ZONE BOX.  
 PROPERTY INFORMATION DERIVED FROM POCAHONTAS COUNTY, DURBIN CORP DISTRICT,  
 TAX MAPS 1, 2, 5, AND AVAILABLE DEEDS.  
 POCAHONTAS COUNTY ROUTE 250/43 AND THE EXISTING BRIDGE  
 HAVE A 60 FT. RIGHT-OF-WAY.

**FIGURE D**  
 THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS  
**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE ZONE**

SCALE: 0 10 20 30 FT.

REVISION NUMBER	DATE	BY

Project No.	Sheet No.	Scale	Project Name	City	County	State
WV 08	0228-L-031	AS SHOWN	POCAHONTAS			



Looking West at Bridge Deck



Looking East at Bridge Deck

## Cultural Resources Management Report For Projects Exempt from SHPO Review

### 1. Project identification

Project: Durbin Truss Bridge Removal

County: Pocahontas

State Project: U338-250/13-0.31

Federal Project: ACST-2501(003)D

USGS 7½' Topographic Quadrangle: Durbin

UTM: NAD 83, Zone 17N, 601811.1 E, 4267503.1 N

Date: June 3, 2016

Author: Rachel Crawford

Analyst: Traci Cummings

Project Type: Bridge removal

 No potential to cause effects Screened Project

### 2. Description of undertaking

a. The original truss was built by the York Bridge Company of York, Pennsylvania in 1907 (see photo 17). It has been closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic since November 2, 2015, due to its poor condition. The structure originally consisted of a 167-foot simple span steel pin connected through camel back truss span (SSTT) supported or assisted by a three-span continuous steel deck girder (SCDG) supported by four steel bents.

The structure now consists of five spans (see photo 9): one simple I-Beam Span (SSIB), three continuous deck girder I-Beam Spans (CSDG), and one continuous I-Beam Span (CSIB). The span lengths, measured from centerline to centerline of bearings, are as follows: Span No. 1 and No. 5 are 20 feet 10 and one-half inches, and Span Nos. 2, 3 and 4 are 23 feet 4 inches, 64 feet seven inches, and 32 feet 8 inches, respectively. The overall length, from face to face of the abutment backwalls, is 168 feet 9 inches. The bridge has a 14 feet 2 inch wide (out to out) laminated 2 x 6 inch timber deck. The clear width is 13 feet 2 inches. There is no sidewalk on the bridge.

There are three alternatives for this project: Alternative No. 1 consists of replacing a new bridge at the current location while utilizing an existing detour to maintain traffic, Alternative No. 2 consists of rehabilitating the bridge and Alternative No. 3 consists of No-Build/Removal of Existing Bridge.

Based on available data, a suitable detour for vehicular traffic is available and is only one mile long. Due to the recent commissioner's orders to close the existing bridge to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and the existing suitable detour that is approximately 1.1 miles in length with a travel time of approximately two minutes, the no-build/removal alternative is the practical permanent solution.

There would be no right of way acquisition necessary for this alternative; however, temporary construction easements may be needed for construction of a causeway to remove the piers. Pedestrians would be the most affected by removal of this bridge, but based on available information there is not a significant amount of pedestrian traffic to justify maintaining the existing bridge. Some utility relocations are anticipated for removal.

Considering the present closure of the bridge, the existing bridge condition, and the availability of an existing one-mile detour, it is recommended that Alternative 3 be considered as the preferred alternative. This alternative recommends the removal of the existing bridge.

b. Amount of new right of way and/or easements to be acquired: No right of way will be required but a temporary construction easement of less than one acre will be needed.

### 3. Pre-field research

 National Register of Historic Places (NR) Reports, Documents, Publications

Other:

 SHPO Files Maps County Records Informants (list below)

**4. Results of pre-field research**

a. Previous surveys or investigations conducted near the project area?  No  Yes

Survey ID#	Description	Distance from project area
92-521-GB	Phase I Archaeological Investigations, Upper Greenbrier Public Service District Water System Improvement (1992)	0.02 miles west and 0.87 miles west
10-1272-MULTI-10	Phase I Archaeological Investigations for the WVU-NRAO Segment 3 Fiber Optic Line Locations in Randolph and Pocahontas Counties, West Virginia (2012)	0.01 miles east and 0.07 miles east-northeast and 0.61 miles west-northwest and 0.41 miles south-southeast and 0.67 miles southeast and 0.72 miles southeast
10-1272-MULTI-13	WVU-NRAO Segment 3 Redesign Addendum Archaeological Work (2012)	0.03 miles west and 0.14 miles west-northwest and 0.07 miles west-northwest
13-536-DO-2	A Phase I Abbreviated Technical Report for Crestwood Appalachia Pipeline LLC., Marsden Gas Pipeline-Doddridge County (2013)	0.03 miles east

b. National Register properties located within 1 mile of the project area?  No  Yes

c. Other cultural resources reported within 1 mile of the project area?  No  Yes  
 One site (46-PH-670-Whitehill Mill-ca. 1910), is located approximately 0.19 miles southeast of the project area.

**5. Physical Setting**

a. Topography: The project is located in the Allegheny Front region of the Appalachian Mountains in West Virginia (USDA 1918). The topography is characterized by steep mountain slopes and deep stream valleys. Elevation at the current project area is approximately 833 meters (2735 feet) above sea level.

b. Geology: Dhs: **Hampshire Formation** (Devonian) - Hampshire Formation - non-marine shales and fine micaceous sandstones, mostly red to brownish-gray, including siltstone, sandstone and conglomerate. Generally distinguishable from the underlying Chemung by non-marine character and red color.

c. Soils: The **Berks** series consists of moderately deep, well drained soils formed in residuum weathered from shale, siltstone and fine grained sandstone on rounded and dissected uplands. Slope ranges from 0 to 80 percent. *Typical profile:* Berks channery loam, on a south-facing slope of 3 to 8 percent in a cultivated field - 0 to 10 inches, channery loam; 10 to 17 inches, very channery loam; 17 to 21 inches, very channery silt loam; 21 to 26 inches, extremely channery loam; 26 to 33 inches, extremely channery loam; 33 inches, fractured shale bedrock.

The **Dekalb** series consists of moderately deep, excessively drained soils formed in material weathered from gray and brown acid sandstone in places interbedded with shale and graywacke. Slope ranges from 0 to 80 percent. *Typical profile:* 0 to 1 inches, slightly decomposed leaves and twigs; 1 to 3 inches, moderately decomposed mat of roots and leaves; 3 to 5 inches, very cobbly sandy loam; 5 to 9 inches, cobbly sandy loam; 9 to 20 inches, cobbly sandy loam; 20 to 30 inches, very cobbly sandy loam; 30 to 34 inches, extremely cobbly sandy loam; 34 inches, slightly weathered sandstone bedrock.



The **Tioga** series consists of very deep, well drained soils formed in alluvium on higher positions in flood plains. Permeability is moderate or moderately rapid in the solum and moderate to rapid in the underlying material. Slope ranges from 0 to 3 percent. *Typical profile:* 0 to 8 inches; silt loam, dry; 8 to 18 inches, silt loam; 18 to 36 inches, silt loam; 36 to 50 inches, silt loam.

d. Ground cover: Mixed hardwoods, mixed grasses, shrubs, saplings, multiflora rose.

e. Observations:

**6. Field tests recommended?**  No  Yes

If no, explain: See methodology below.

**7. Field research**

a. Methodology (how the area was examined, shovel test program; coverage map attached):  
A field visit was made on May 26, 2016, by WVDOH archaeologists Rachel Crawford and Jennifer Williamson to determine if testing is necessary in the project area. The visual reconnaissance determined that testing is not needed due to the topography and slope of the project area (see photos 2, 8, 13, 14 and 15). There is a very low probability that intact archaeological deposits exist within the project limits. No testing is necessary.

b. Parts of the project area receiving incomplete coverage, and special problems encountered:

**8. Results of field research (visual examination, interviews, shovel testing, artifacts collected)**

a. Prehistoric site investigation:

b. Built environment survey:

c. Cultural resources recorded (inventory forms and site location map attached):

Field No. \_\_\_\_\_ Photo No. \_\_\_\_\_ Site Type \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Evaluation of recorded resources for eligibility for the National Register.**

**10. Will the proposed undertaking affect eligible resources?**  No  Yes

If eligible resources are present but will not be effected, explain why.

**11. Conclusions and recommendations**

Archaeological resources: Based on the nature of the proposed project there is a very low probability of significant intact archaeological resources that would be affected by the project. No further archaeological work is needed and there will be no effect to archaeological resources.

History will be submitted to SHPO separately.

**12. Supplemental data attached**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photos                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation Sheet(s)             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undertaking Vicinity Map               | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Bridge Evaluation Form   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Map                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Property Inventory Forms |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources Map (USGS 7.5 Quad) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shovel test profiles              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Topographic Map (USGS 7.5 Quad)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeological site form          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HPU file search form                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Plan sheet      |

### **13. Bibliography**

Cardwell, D.H., R.B. Erwin and H.P. Woodward.

1986 1968 Geologic Map of West Virginia (Slightly Revised 1986). West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey, Morgantown.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

2007. Web Soil Survey (WSS). Electronic database, <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/> accessed June 3, 2016.

West Virginia Division of Highways, Federal Highway Administration, West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office, & Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Federal Programmatic Agreement. February 3, 2016.

RE  
TC



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July 7, 2016

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RE: Durbin Truss Bridge Repair  
State Project: S38-250/18-0.31  
FR# 12-696-PH-1

Dear Mr. Bailey:

We have reviewed the above referenced project to determine its effects to cultural resources. The following comments are offered under West Virginia Code 29-1-8.

According to the submitted information, the WV Division of Highways proposes three alternative plans for the Durbin Truss Bridge located over the West Fork River in Pocahontas County, West Virginia. Alternative #1 will demolish the bridge and build a new 180' bridge in the footprint. Alternative #2 is to rehabilitate the bridge; however this is not recommended. Alternative #3, the preferred alternative is to remove the bridge and not replace the structure.

Architectural Resources:

We previously reviewed this project as a repair and concurred that the Durbin Truss Bridge is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. We maintain this opinion. We received the additional Historic Property Inventory form for the Vance House and concur that it is not eligible for the NRHP. We understand that for demolition or construction that portions of the Parkersburg-Staunton Turnpike maybe temporary location for logistics. In our opinion such temporary use will not be an adverse effect. No further consultation is necessary; however, we ask that you contact our office if your project should change.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. *If you have questions regarding our comments or the Section 106 process, please contact Ernest E. Blevins, Structural Historian, at (304) 558-0240.*

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

SMP/EEB



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Dear Mr. Hark:

I have received and reviewed the mussel survey information for the projects listed in the table below. No further mussel issues need to be addressed with respect to these projects as long as instream activities are initiated prior to June 1, 2021.

Project	Number	Stream	County	Latitude	Longitude
Sugar Creek Box Beam	S301-40/5-0.01	Sugar Creek	Barbour	39.1177	-79.960081
Orgas Bridge	S303-3/9-0.05	Big Coal River	Boone	38.0589	-81.573495
Burnsville Timber Beam	S304-1/7-0.00	Oil Creek	Braxton	38.8635	-80.648626
Oil Creek Bank	CR 1 MP 1.50	Oil Creek	Braxton	38.8680	-80.631435
Junior Kite Bridge	S312-5-0.67	Brushy Run	Grant	39.0576	-79.1093
Ralph Layton Bridge	12-3/3-4.00	Middle Fork Patterson Creek	Grant	39.1653	-79.09657
Sandyville Bridge	S318-13-0.07	Left Fork Sandy Creek	Jackson	38.9050	-81.65874
Horse Run Rib Arch	S221-1-4.66	Freemans Creek	Lewis	39.0926	-80.47819
Crooked Fork W-Beam	21-20-3.18	Sand Fork	Lewis	38.9704	-80.5827
Green B & Margie Blankenship	S324-3-0.08	Panther Creek	McDowell	37.4819	-81.8983

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TD	Gary Bridge	S324-13-0.01	Tug Fork	McDowell	37.3660	-81.5519
RE	Breeden Thru Girder	S330-3/5-16.21	West Fork Twelvepole Crk	Mingo	37.9095	-82.2486
TD	Indian Creek I Beam	S331-29/3-2.57	Indian Creek	Monongalia	39.6190	-80.1301
LS	Old Chicken House	36-19-5.05	N. Fk. S. Br. Potomac	Pendleton	38.6225	-79.5385
TC	Durbin Truss	U338-250/13-0.31	West Fork Greenbrier	Pocahontas	38.5501	-79.8316
SM	Marsh Fork Bridge	S341-3-0.77	Marsh Fork	Raleigh	37.9614	-81.5339
TM	Laurel Run Slab	42-250-11.21	Laurel Run	Randolph	38.6754	-79.9516
RE	Poca Truss	S344-13-7.42	Pocatalico River	Roane	38.6310	-81.4730
LS	Alton Deck Girder	U349-32-12.84	Buckhannon River	Upshur	38.8195	-80.2139
MD	Standingstone Bridge	S353-3-2.61	Standing Stone Creek	Wirt	39.0401	-81.3203
LS	Road Fork Bridge	S354-25/13-0.19	Little Pond Creek	Wood	39.0829	-81.7177

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above address or phone number.

Sincerely,



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Mussel Program Leader

cc: Danny Bennett, Anne Wakeford, Traci Cummings, Lovell Facemire



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Dear Mr. Hark:

We have reviewed our files for information on rare, threatened and endangered (RTE) species and natural trout streams for the area of the proposed highway project:

State Project U338-250/13-0.31  
Federal Project ACST-2501(003)D  
Durbin Truss Bridge Demolition  
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There are no natural trout streams within the project area; however, we do have records for the following rare species from the West Fork River near Durbin:

Rapids clubtail	<i>Gomphus quadricolor</i>
New River crayfish	<i>Cambarus chasmodactylus</i>
Greenbrier crayfish	<i>Cambarus smilax</i>
Candy darter	<i>Etheostoma osburni</i>
Tongue-tied minnow	<i>Exoglossum laurae</i>
Kanawha minnow	<i>Phenacobius teretulus</i>
New River shiner	<i>Notropis scabriceps</i>
Eastern hellbender	<i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis</i>

We know of no surveys that have been conducted in the immediate project area for rare species or rare species habitat; however, if Best Management Practices are followed, impacts to these species should be minimal. This response is based on information currently available and should not be considered a comprehensive survey of the area under review.

Thank you for your inquiry, and should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the above number, extension 2048.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Sargent', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Barbara Sargent  
Environmental Resources Specialist  
Wildlife Diversity Unit

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION,  
THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND  
THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE**

**1.0 PURPOSE & SCOPE**

This is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). All parties are committed to achieving timely planning, development, design and implementation of adequate, safe, environmentally sound and economical transportation improvements while assuring the protection of Federally-listed endangered and threatened, and proposed and candidate species, and eagles, in accordance with the goals and requirements of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) (16 U.S.C. 668-668d, 54 Stat. 250), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347). References to habitat in this MOU and attached appendices include critical habitat as defined in the ESA.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

The ESA (section 7 (a) (2)) requires that each Federal agency consult with the USFWS to insure that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by such agency is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. In addition, Federal agencies shall utilize their authorities in order to conserve listed species that are protected under the ESA (section 7 (a) (1)). The BGEPA prohibits anyone without a permit, including Federal and State agencies, from taking eagles, including their nests and eggs, or disturbing eagles. The ESA and BGEPA and their associated policies, regulations, and guidelines set forth procedures by which Federal agencies, their designated representatives, and the USFWS shall work together to achieve these objectives.

NEPA requires Federal agencies to conduct environmental reviews to consider the potential impacts on the environment from implementation of their proposed actions. The NEPA statute and regulations set forth a process to evaluate potential impacts as well as requirements for documentation of decisions resulting from that process. These include determination of the proposed project's potential environmental impacts; coordination with relevant agencies; and documentation of the analysis and decisions through an environmental impact statement, an environmental assessment, or a categorical exclusion supported by the administrative record.

This MOU between FHWA, WVDOT, and USFWS is intended to become an ongoing agreement among the parties to facilitate the conservation of these species and expedite the informal consultation process as required by the ESA and the BGEPA. The USFWS reserves the right to comment separately on any project pursuant to the Clean Water Act, NEPA, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, or other statutes, laws and regulations. This MOU shall replace the



existing Blanket Letter Agreement between WVDOT and USFWS, which was signed March 15, 2005, and renewed on May 17, 2007. All parties recognize that the original "No Effect"/May Affect, Not Likely to Adversely Affect" Blanket Agreement Approval has been an effective streamlining tool and wish to solidify the process with the signing of this MOU.

This MOU is limited to minor projects and maintenance activities routinely completed by WVDOT to ensure access and safety for the traveling public. Projects that do not fall under the "minor projects" definition are not covered under the MOU. For the purpose of this MOU "minor projects" are defined as all WVDOT projects that meet the standards for Categorical Exclusion or Programmatic Categorical Exclusion as set forth by NEPA. Examples of such projects include but are not limited to: pavement resurfacing; culvert replacement, extension or repair; bank stabilization; road realignment; safety improvement measures; guardrail placement or elimination; walking trails; bike paths; city improvement projects; bridge replacement or repair; landscaping; drainage modifications; and utility placement along existing rights-of-way. In order to screen these projects for potential impacts to Federally-listed, proposed and candidate species, and eagles, WVDOT in coordination with USFWS and WVDNR developed a checklist and collection of Geographic Information System (GIS) layers that identify areas where these species may occur, as shown in Appendices A, B, and C.

Information on known locations of listed species and the potential range of listed species and their habitats were used in establishing the GIS layers. When appropriate, these layers also incorporate buffer zones around known or suspected species occurrence areas. To the extent possible, these buffer zones were based on information from established recovery plans (e.g., Cheat Mountain salamander), guidance documents (e.g., Bald Eagle Management Guidelines) or other appropriate sources.

### **3.0 WVDOT RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU**

**WVDOT shall undertake the following activities:**

**3.1** The WVDOT or its authorized agent will screen all proposed minor project actions covered under this MOU using the GIS layers (Appendices B and C) and associated screening tool checklist (Appendix A).

- A. The WVDOT will determine that the project will have "no effect" on Federally-listed, proposed and candidate species, and eagles when the proposed action:
- does not occur within any of the identified environmentally sensitive areas; AND
  - does not require an individual Clean Water Act section 404 permit (issued through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers); AND
  - will have less than 17 acres (6.88 hectares) of timbering/clearing necessary for each project in its entirety.

No further coordination with USFWS will be required. A copy of the completed checklist (Appendix A) for the proposed action will be attached to the environmental document.

- B. The WVDOT will document the proposed action has a minimum discountable affect on Federally-proposed and candidate species, and on eagles, and will determine that the project “may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect” Federally-listed species, when the proposed action:
- occurs within any of the identified environmentally sensitive areas AND
  - can implement all the identified specialized measures as identified in Appendix C; AND
  - does not require an individual Clean Water Act section 404 permit (issued through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers); AND
  - will have less than 17 acres (6.88 hectares) of timbering/clearing necessary for each proposed action in its entirety.

The WVDOT will send a notification (Appendix H) to USFWS that will include a copy of the completed checklist (Appendix A) for the proposed action, and a copy of the specialized measure(s) that will be implemented. A copy of the specialized measures will also be attached to any environmental and contracting documents prepared for the project. No further coordination with the USFWS will be required for those projects that will implement all specialized measures to avoid impacts to potentially affected species.

- C. For projects that do not meet the “no effect” or the “may affect, not likely to adversely affect” criteria as defined above, WVDOT shall consult with the USFWS by submitting the package of information as outlined in Appendix I.
- D. WVDOT will refer to and use Appendices D through G which contain requirements, special provisions and specialized Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce potential effects of construction projects on species protected under ESA and BGEPA as determined using Appendix A.
- E. In the event that any species protected under the ESA or BGEPA is found during a stream or habitat assessment, all impacts and work shall stop, and the USFWS and other appropriate agencies shall be notified immediately.
- F. The buffer zones and potential impact areas delineated in the referenced GIS layers were specifically designed to address small-scale proposed projects with limited additional rights-of-way that are the subject of this MOU. As a result, these buffer zones and impact areas are not appropriate to use when screening new construction and other larger-scale projects. Larger-scale proposed projects are still required to be submitted to the USFWS for individual project review. However, WVDOT may utilize the screening tool on larger projects to gain an initial perspective of whether the project will have ESA and/or BGEPA species issues. On such larger projects the GIS layers will only be used as a prescreening tool to help with early coordination with the USFWS. WVDOT desires to further develop the GIS screening tool to improve its future use and effectiveness on large scale projects.
- G. Annually, by August 31, WVDOT will provide a summary or table listing each project that was cleared through this MOU, including the county in which it occurred. The

annual lists will be broken down into “no effect” and “may affect/not likely to adversely affect” projects.

#### **4.0 USFWS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU**

**USFWS shall undertake the following activities:**

USFWS will inform all parties of any changes to the relevant policy, listing status, species information, and species protected under ESA and BGEPA. USFWS will also review submittals, as described under Section 3.1 C, above, and will participate in any update or changes to the Appendices in this MOU.

If a project meets the criteria listed under Section 3.1 A of this MOU, USFWS concurs that such projects will have “no effect” on Federally-listed species; therefore, no Biological Assessment or further section 7 consultation pursuant to the ESA is required. If a project meets the criteria listed under Section 3.1 B with implementation of the specialized measures found in Appendices D through G, USFWS concurs that these projects “may affect, but are not likely to adversely affect” Federally-listed species.

#### **5.0 FHWA RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU**

**FHWA shall undertake the following activities:**

FHWA will work cooperatively with all parties to ensure that the goals of WVDOT are met and proposed actions are in compliance with the ESA and BGEPA. FHWA agrees that WVDOT may perform informal consultation with USFWS on behalf of the FHWA. However, FHWA reserves the right to consult directly with any party to this agreement when FHWA deems such consultation appropriate.

#### **6.0 EMERGENCY PROJECTS**

For the purposes of this agreement an emergency project is defined as a situation when a transportation corridor area is cut off from normal emergency services after the collapse of a WVDOT structure, washout of roads, emergency closures of structures, etc.

##### **6.1 WVDOT Emergency Consultation Procedures**

WVDOT will work to rectify emergency situations as quickly as possible for the safety and welfare of the citizens of West Virginia. Before any work on an emergency project begins, WVDOT will screen these projects for any ESA/BGEPA issues per the procedures outlined in Sections 3.1 A and 3.1 B of this MOU. If the project requires further consultation with USFWS, WVDOT environmental personnel will immediately contact USFWS and verbally consult on the project to ensure that the work can begin as quickly as possible. Consultation will only occur on proposed projects that do NOT meet the criteria under Section 3.1 A or Section 3.1 B. WVDOT will subsequently send USFWS a notification of what was agreed to verbally and any documentation on the project’s construction/reconstruction activities. Any minimization and/or avoidance measures implemented in compliance with ESA or BGEPA pertaining to the emergency project will be included in the correspondence.

## **6.2 USFWS Procedures**

USFWS will consult with WVDOT to address any emergency project issues when a project falls within the species zones outlined in this MOU. USFWS will review documentation submitted regarding emergency projects and any minimization and avoidance measures implemented, and inform WVDOT of any further action, information or documentation required.

## **6.3 FHWA Procedures**

FHWA will assist both WVDOT and USFWS in any aspect of the emergency consultation procedures in order to facilitate implementation of emergency projects that potentially affect ESA Federally-listed, proposed, and candidate species, and/or species protected under BGEPA.

## **7.0 IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:**

### **7.1. Modifications**

As new information becomes available regarding the listing status of a species, new range and distribution data, changes in recovery plans or changes in relevant policy, procedures or guidelines, then modifications to this MOU will be made in the form of updates to the Appendices. Updates or changes to the Appendices will not require new signatures of the parties but will be adopted by letters to the respective agency heads from the initiating agency.

### **7.2. Monitoring**

WVDOT will track the usage of the MOU including the following information: Project Name, Project Number, County, Type of Project (i.e. bank stabilization, culvert replacement, bridge repair, etc.), and map coordinates in decimal degrees. This information will be kept in an approved electronic format and provided to USFWS annually by August 31.

### **7.3. Annual Meeting**

All parties agree to participate in an annual meeting or conference call to be held during the month of August. This meeting will be used to discuss any changes in listing status, range, distribution, recovery plans, relevant policy, and issues or changes that need to be made to this MOU.

### **7.4. Termination**


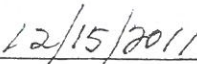
This MOU will be terminated if any one party withdraws by notification of termination in writing to all parties. The termination will take place 30 days after the date of the notification letter. The notification letter must be sent certified mail to the following personnel:

**8.0 EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE**

This MOU shall be effective upon the signature of the authorized officials of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Highway Administration, and West Virginia Division of Highways, and can be terminated by the procedure written above.

Signatures and dates

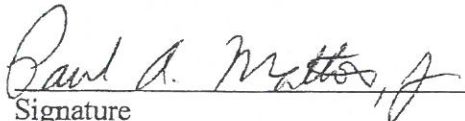
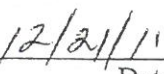
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

	
_____ Signature	_____ Date

Federal Highway Administration

	
_____ Signature	_____ Date

West Virginia Department of Transportation

	
_____ Signature	_____ Date

## Appendices

**NOTE:** References to habitat include critical habitat as defined in the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

**Appendix A**  
**WVDOT MINOR PROPOSED PROJECTS ESA/BGEPA CHECKLIST**  
Use the Environmentally Sensitive GIS Layers to answer these questions for each proposed project\*

	Yes	No	Special Cond.
1. Requires clearing of 17 acres or more?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	--
2. Requires an individual Clean Water Act section 404 permit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	--
3. Located within Zone 1?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A
4. Located within Zone 2 AND requires removal of trees >5" DBH?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B-1
5. Located within Zone 3 AND requires removal of more than 1/2 acre of forested habitat?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B-2
6. Located within Zone 4?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	B-3
7. Located within Zone 5 or 7?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C
8. Located in Zone 6?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C or E
9. Located within Zone 8?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	App E
10. Located within Zone 9?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	App D
11. Located within Zone 10?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	F
12. Located within Zone 11?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E
13. Located within Zone 12 AND requires removal of more than 1/2 acre of trees from 4/1 to 11/15?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C
14. Located within Zone A **	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

If you answered YES to either question 1,2 or 13, then the project is not covered under the procedures established in this MOU. Individual consultation with the USFWS is required. Please complete this entire checklist and then prepare a submittal package as outlined in Appendix I.

If you answered NO to all questions except 14, then the project is a "no effect" and no further consultation with USFWS is required. Please check the following box.

- According to the procedures established in this MOU, the WVDOT has determined that this proposed project will have "no effect" on Federally-listed endangered or threatened species, or proposed or candidate species, eagles, or habitat for the species, including designated critical habitat.. Therefore no biological assessment or further section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act is required with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Should project plans change, or if additional information on listed and proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

If you answered "NO" to questions 1 and 2 but "YES" to any question 3-13, please refer to special conditions or appendices listed for each question to which you answered "yes".

- If you can implement ALL the special conditions for affected species, as found in Appendices D thru G, then the project is determined to be a "may affect, not likely to adversely affect." Prepare a notification package as outlined in Appendix H and send it to the USFWS. No additional reply is needed from the USFWS. A copy of all the special conditions that will be implemented shall also be attached to any environmental and contracting documents prepared for the project.

- If you cannot implement ALL the special conditions, as found in Appendices D thru G, then further consultation with USFWS is required. Prepare a project review package as outlined in Appendix I and send it to the USFWS for their review and response.

Comments: Duxbin Juso Bridge  
4338-25013-0.31  
ACST-2501(003)D  
Pocahontas County

Reviewed by: Glacio maw Date: 4/13/16

\*This form may only be used on "minor proposed projects" that are defined and included in the MOU between FHWA, WVDOT, USFWS, and WVDNR.

\*\*Additional Zones not included in this MOU exist. These zones, however, do not pertain to endangered or threatened species and were not included in this MOU. They are included in this checklist for ease of overall project review. For example, Zone A refers to state listed mussel streams.





# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE  
West Virginia Field Office

694 Beverly Pike  
Elkins, West Virginia 26241



March 18, 2014

Mr. Ben Hark  
West Virginia Department of Transportation  
Division of Highways  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Re: West Virginia Division of Highways, Northern Long Eared Bat in the Memorandum of Understanding, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Hark:

This responds to your request of March 7, 2014, for information regarding use of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between West Virginia Division of Highways and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) as it pertains to the northern long eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*).

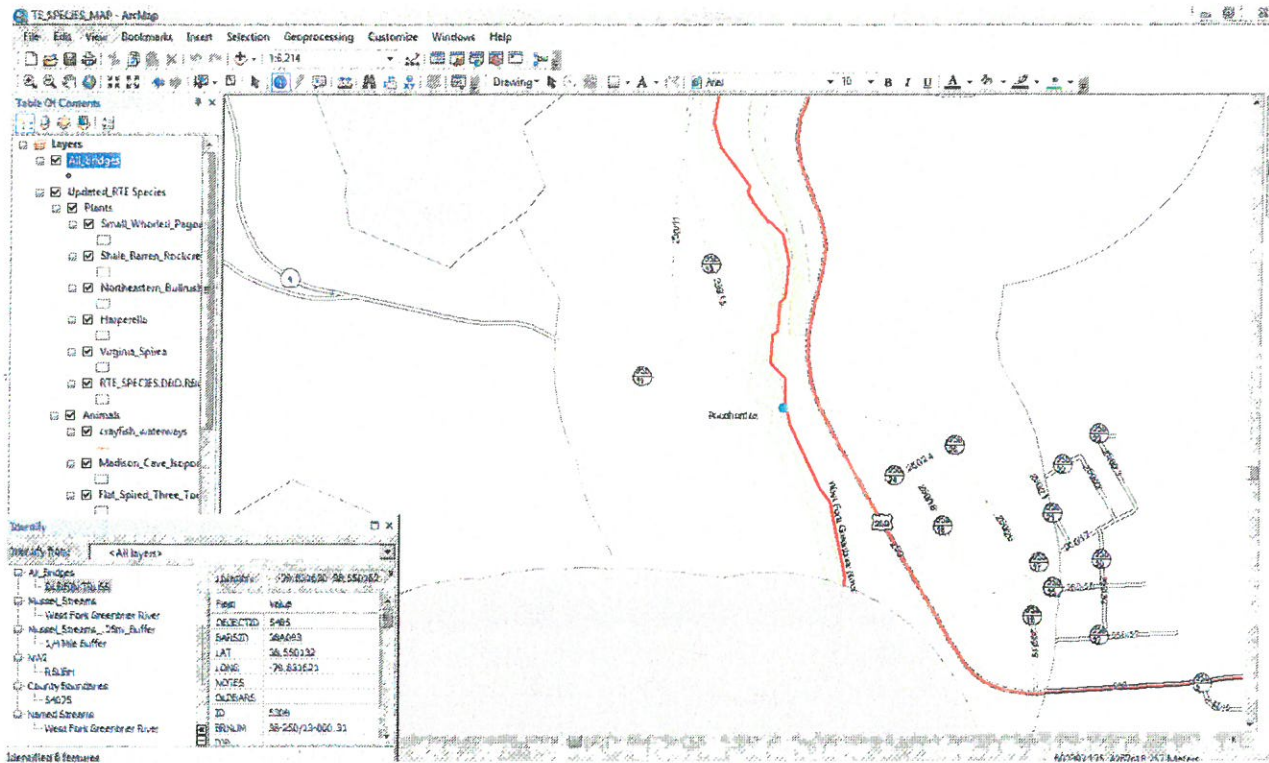
On October 2, 2013, in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 61045 -61080) the Service proposed the northern long eared bat for listing under the ESA. A final listing determination is anticipated within one year of the proposal.

In your March 7, 2014, request you proposed covering the northern long eared bat under the current MOU using protocols in place for the federally listed Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) until further guidance is available on the northern long eared bat. The Service concurs that the current MOU and associated Indiana bat protocols will be sufficient to cover the northern long eared bat until further information is available.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Liz Stout of my staff at (304) 636-6586 Ext. 15, Elizabeth\_Stout@fws.gov, or at the letterhead address.

Sincerely,

John E. Schmidt  
Field Supervisor



4/13/2016

Durbin Truss Bridge  
 U338-250/13-0.31  
 ACST-2501(003)D  
 Pocahontas County

No RTE Species Found

Crosses state listed mussel stream – West Fork Greenbrier River


LOCATION MAP  
DURBIN BRIDGE  
STATE PROJECT NO. S238-250/13-0.31  
POCAHONTAS COUNTY



NOTES:

ALTERNATIVE 1 - REPLACES THE EXISTING BRIDGE WITH A NEW BRIDGE AT ITS EXISTING LOCATION WHILE UTILIZING AN EXISTING ROAD DETOUR.

LEGEND

ALT. NO. 1 

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS  
ENGINEERING DIVISION



## WVDOH Announces Upcoming Highway Project



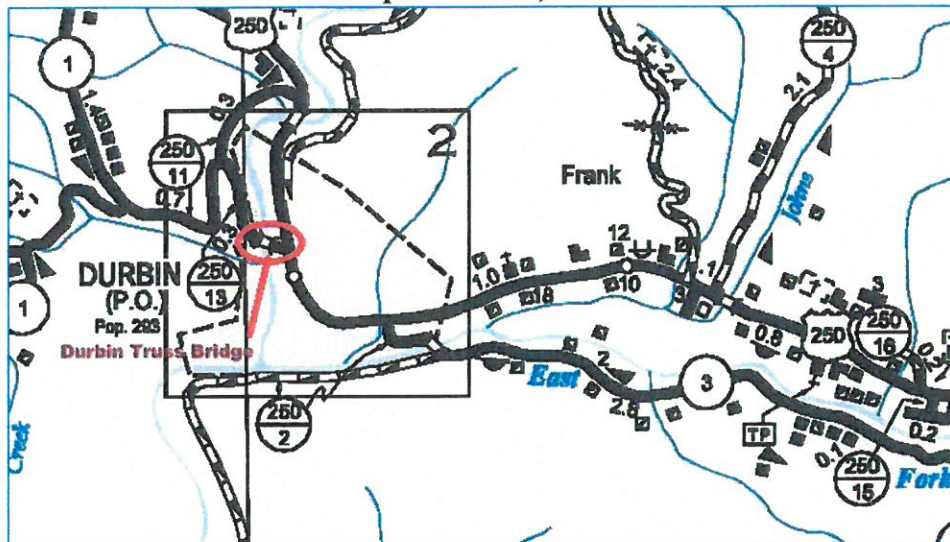
Durbin Truss Bridge

Durbin, WV

Pocahontas County

State Project #U338-250/13-0.31 Federal Project #ACST-2501(003)D

September 19, 2016



The Durbin Truss Bridge Project is located on County Route 250/13 over the West Fork of the Greenbrier River in Pocahontas County, West Virginia. The WVDOH is evaluating alternatives to determine whether it is economically feasible and safe to maintain the current access on County Route 250/13.

**Three alternatives are being evaluated for this project.**

- **Alternative #1-** Proposes constructing a new bridge at existing location.
  - **Alternative #2-** Proposes rehabilitating the existing bridge.
- **Alternative #3-** Proposes a no build option and removing the existing bridge.

Considering the present closure of the bridge, the existing bridge condition, and the availability of an existing one-mile detour, it is recommended that **Alternative #3** be considered as the **preferred alternative**. This alternative recommends the removal of the existing bridge.

If you would like to comment on the project please mail written comments to:

RJ Scites, P.E., Director, Engineering Division

West Virginia Division of Highways

1334 Smith Street

Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Or visit the WVDOH Website at [www.transportation.wv.gov](http://www.transportation.wv.gov) (under Public Comments then Comment on Engineering Projects, Open Durbin Truss Bridge). All comments are due by Monday, October 31, 2016.

**A COMMENT FORM IS ON THE BACK OF THIS FLYER**

DATE:

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

**PROJECT: Durbin Truss Bridge Project  
Pocahontas County  
State Project # U338-250/13-0.31  
Federal Project #ACST-2501(003)D**

**COMMENTS DUE BY            October 31, 2016**

Please consider the following comments:

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(Please print the following information)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

Project Information and Comment Sheets

Can be found online at our WVDOH Website at <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment>.

Under Engineering Projects, Open, and then click Durbin Truss Bridge.

First Name	Last Name	Email	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Comments	Organization
Brian	Powell	bpowell@bitmapped.net	3292 University Ave Apt 603	Morgantown	WV	26505	I strongly support Alternative #3, the no build option. There are only a handful of properties that would be inconvenienced by the removal of this bridge and the detour is only about a mile. The cost to replace the bridge would greatly outweigh any benefits.	
Mark	Kane II	mkane_248@hotmail.com	po box 225	Durbin	WV	26264	closing this bridge would be a real hurt to the community especially for the people that live on the other side of it it already has slowed the response times down for the fire and rescue to render aide to there patients by having to go around the loop to get there.	
Jessica	Varner	jesscavarner@outlook.com	Po. Box 243	Durbin	WV	26264	This bridge needs re-built and put back in the same location, if you take this bridge out you are delaying our response time to help someone in need which could be yourself! On the road that you are wanting people to travel now is more of a danger there is always rock slides. You are hurting the community by taking this bridge out, think if you lived over there and had to drive all the way around. You guys need to think about the people and EMS and Fire services response time. TIME matters on life and death situations! You wouldn't want us to go all the way around if your mom or husband or such fell over with a heart attack and you was doing CPR on them them minuets might not sound like much to you but they mean a heck of alot!! Also with the railroad expanding it could be a historical site. As Deputy Chief of Bartow Frank Durbin Fire and Rescue squad you guys are making a big mistake if you take this bridge out!!! Please fill free to contact me for any question.	BFD Fire & Rescue
Dennis	Egan	degan@nrao.edu	PO Box 2	Green Bank	WV	24944	As the Assistant Fire Chief for the BFD Fire and Rescue I encourage you to maintain this bridge as an access to the structures and forest across the West Fork. The alternative access to this area is difficult adding significantly to any fire or rescue response and is the ONLY other access. In a brush fire it could easily trap people or allow inadequate access, allowing a small problem to quickly become a large problem	Bartow Frank and Durbin Fire and Rescue
Robert	Nelson		Po box 126	Durbin	WV	26264	This needs opened... What if somebody on the other side needed medical attention quickly an the medical personal has to go all the way around approx. 1 mile to 1/2 mile longer!!	
sara	warner	rick_fl@yahoo.com	po box 204	bartow	WV	24920	Dear sir..I think this bridge needs fixed for the families who live on the other side..if there is a fire the fire trucks have to go up the mountain and then take a road and come back down to the houses by that time the house could burn down..So please fix the bridge....Sara warner..	
harry	sipe		7085 stauntonparkersburgh turnpike	bartow	WV	24920	If you don't fix this bridge we will not have a way to reliable emergency services when the other bridge fails that your department has been looking at for the past 2 years	

FirstName	LastName	Email	MailingAddress	City	State	ZipCode	Comments	Organization
April	Friel	Wwcheywoman@yahoo.com	674 Rogers ridge road	Bartow	WV	24920	The bridge needs opened for the people that live in the road for emergency personnel to be able to get faster access. There is people who live right across the bridge and the ems has to go like 2 miles out of the way to get into them! I say restore the old bridge if possible because it is a historic land mark but if not possible replace it! I would like to see a new Bridge built back at the same place,	
Donna	Rexrode	drexrode61@yahoo.com	P.O.Box 318	Durbin	WV	26264	Thanks Donna Rexrode,	
Rose	Warner			Durbin	WV	26264	You all need to really consider about taking out the bridge, you all need to realize how many elderly people live over there, land owners and more. You guys think that taking the bridge out isn't a problem and its a big problem allot of people use the bridge as a secondary route, as well as fire and ems. You also need to think about there response times. You need to think about if you was living over there put yourself in there shoes. You guys need to put money back into the bridge and fix it!	
Sandra	Varner			Durbin	WV	26264	I own property on both sides of the river and it is very inconvenient on accessing our property, making hay, and much more we have to take our equipment extra miles to do so. My husband is the fire chief as well you guys will be hurting there response time if you take this bridge out. What if my husband got hurt making hay and it was a life and death situation you would be upset if EMS had to go extra miles out of there way. You all really need to leave the bridge in it helps allot of the community out.	
Kenneth	Varner	varner@frontiernet.net	Po Box 243	Durbin	WV	26264	I am the fire chief over BFD fire and rescue squad you all need to fix this bridge, you guys will kill our response time! We use that as a secondary road as well if we have accidents. I am also a land owner of both sides of the road there, it makes it very inconvenient to travel them extra miles to access my land esp.. when I make hay and such. I have allot more to say about this if you guys would like to contact me.	BFD Fire & Rescue
Eugene	Warner			Durbin	WV	26264	I live in Durbin I have family that lives on the other side of the bridge, you guys really need to fix this bridge other than to do away with it. It is very inconvenient without this bridge I hope you consider all the inputs that's getting sent in. This bridge will hurt our community if you do away with it.	
Amanda	Wright	mom2hailey@icloud.com	638 Back River Road	Durbin	WV	26264	Please consider Alternative #1 or #2. My parents live on Old Rt. 250 and I used this bridge daily up until it's closure.  Please consider the fact that when there are heavy rains, the current detour often has rock and mud slides. Having the bridge opened would be a safe detour for when this occurs.	

First Name	Last Name	Email	Mailing Address	City	State	Zip Code	Comments	Organization
David	Vanorsdale	bikerdvj95@gmail.com	P.O. Box 67	Durbin	WV	26264	I would like to see the bridge preserved from a historical standpoint there aren't to many bridges like this around and also from a safety standpoint the access is very limited and response time by emergency services is effected. I know there has been times when the road that is presently in use for access has been blocked due to hissed rock slides.	
Kevin	Greathouse				WV		I have been life long resident of Durbin WV. I live 4 miles from Durbin on the Old Cass Rd.. The Bridge that is closed now,.....should either be rebuilt or replaced. The road that they are using now is a danger to everyone that travels it, because of falling rocks, it has a high wall of unstable shale that frequently breaks loose and falls into and across the road. No matter the cost to repair or replace the bridge, it's still better than the price of losing a life.	
Vicky	Nelson		Po box 263	Durbin	WV	26264	I am handicapped the bridge made it more helpful for people to come check on me an bring me stuff. The bridge needs opened I have medical issues an could need medical assistance at any time an by going all the way around I could have the chance of something bad happening because they have to drive the extra five minutes!	
Tara	Warner		Po box 263	Durbin	WV	26264	The bridge needs opened. Medical personnel has the worry of getting all the way around to their patients to save them, when they could be across the bridge in seconds. As people very close to me live over there one being handicapped makes myself worry about multiple things like if she had a heart attack she could have been saved if the medical personal could have went across the bridge but she didn't cause ems had to go all the way around!	
Darlene	Ross	dross26264@yahoo.com	11563 Back Mountain Road	Durbin	WV	26264	I am not in favor of Alternative # 3. I live on Back Mountain Road and used the truss bridge almost every day until it was closed. The intersection of Rt 92 and Grant Vandevender road is in my opinion very dangerous. You do not have a clear view of traffic coming down the mountain. I have almost had an accident several times because you can not see oncoming traffic. Traffic coming down the mountain may not be able to stop in time if someone pulls out of Grant Vandevender Road onto Rt 92 because you can not see the intersection until you come around the curve and then it may be too late. In my opinion, Alternative #3 is a bad idea. As a tax payer, I believe either Alternative #1 or #2 should be considered. If you are going to remove the bridge then you should consider cutting back the curve to improve visibility. The intersection of Grant Vandevender and Rt 92 needs to be safer.	



FirstName	LastName	Email	MailingAddress	City	State	ZipCode	Comments	Organization
Richard	lantz	rlantz70@gmail.com	8678 back mt road	durbin	WV	44201	<p>The alternate route you are proposing people to us is unsafe with either building a wall at the bottom of the slope or excavating a safety bench on the slope. Over the past 20 years through different times, due to either freeze thaw and /or water flowing off the slope has cause rocks the size of four trucks to slip down and close the road. This has happened on multiple occasions and a major safety issue because that slope is unstable and you will be putting the traveling public's lives at risk. One death or injury is not worth it.. Then if you remove the bridge and the road is closed the only other access is up to old back mt road and this adds about 10 minutes to the access. If ambulances or fire truck are called to help people this will cause a large delay in respo see time and again possible to cause someone their life due to your decision.</p> <p>By rehabilitation of the bridge will leave a historical monument in place at a time all structural truss bridges are being removed. This is no different than a covered bridge to residence in the area.</p> <p>I strongly urge you for the safety of the people and traveling public to rehab bridge or build new one in location, or stabilize the slope that is the issue by soil nailing and shot Crete.</p>	

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*Alternative 1 first choice Alternative 2 2nd choice  
We need a bridge there because its to  
dangerous to pull out there at the  
Mable Burner Bridge. I have had a few  
close calls and I don't like to go that  
way. It might mean by life*

(Please print the following information)

NAME: ~~John~~ Linda J. Arbogast  
ADDRESS: 750 Grant Vanderwender Rd.  
Durbin, WV 26264  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

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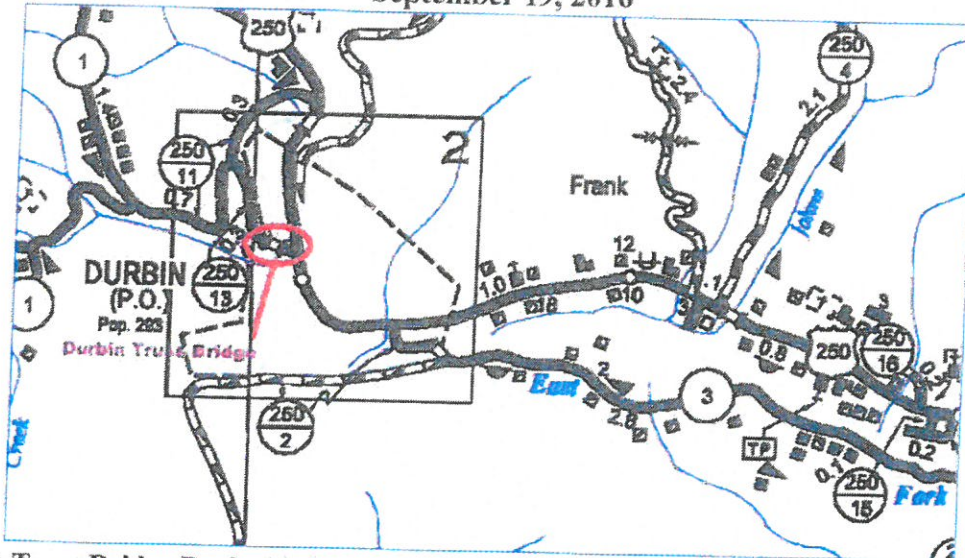
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Linda C. Artygost  
790 Grant 2 Boulevard Rd.  
Parkers, W.V. 26264

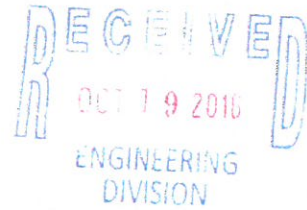


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Please consider the following comments:

*I pick Alternative #2.  
I would like the Bridge to be fixed up  
it has a lot of history to it and it is  
a short cut for when you have to  
get to town.*

(Please print the following information)

NAME: *David Wright*

ADDRESS: *138 Sablewing Dr. Durbin WVa. 26249*

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

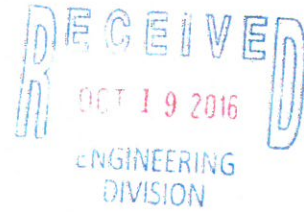
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Please consider the following comments:

*I would like to see the Bridge rebuilt  
So I pick Alternative #2. It is handy when  
there is a rock slide and the old Bridge has  
a lot of History to it so I would like  
to keep it and fix it up.*

(Please print the following information)

NAME: *TAMMY WRIGHT*

ADDRESS: *14690 Buck Mountain RD Durbin WVA. 26264*

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

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Please consider the following comments:

I have lived here in Durbin and at my  
present dwelling for 58 years, I as well as  
many other people use this bridge daily. The detour  
you have now is sometimes blocked by mud and rock slides  
and snow drifts. If your main bridge would fail or need  
closed for repair, you would need the Durbin Truss Bridge for  
a bypass I support Alternative #1 or #2 but please  
do not remove this vital bridge.

(Please print the following information)

NAME: Alan Wright  
ADDRESS: 14646 Back Mt. Rd.  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

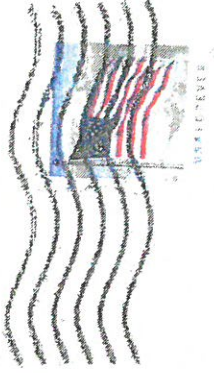
Thank You  
Alan Wright

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Alan and Tammy Wright  
14640 Back Mt. Rd.  
Durbin, W. Va. 26264



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E. River Rd  
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Please consider the following comments:

#2 Rebuild the old bridge.  
It is too dangerous to pull out of  
the Noble Burner bridge. Cars + trucks  
the mt. come fast.

(Please print the following information)

NAME: GARY NELSON PO Box 263  
ADDRESS: River Rd - Durbin  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

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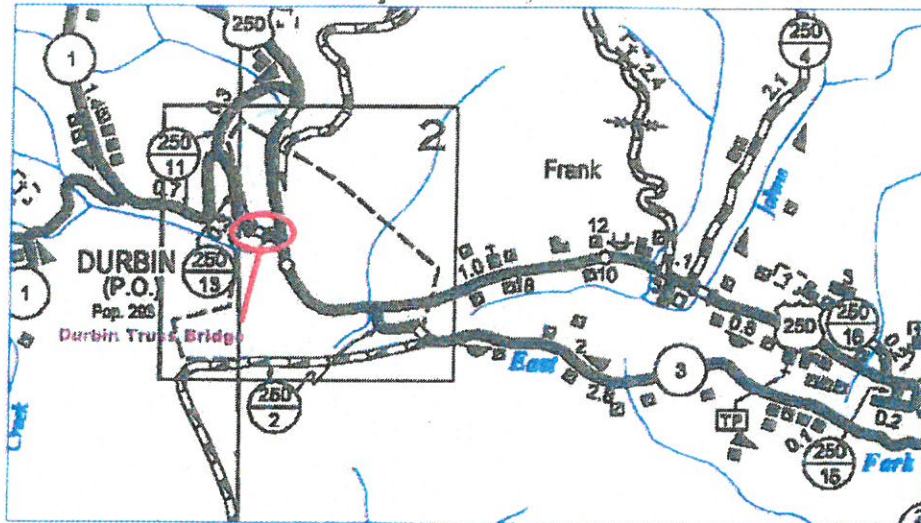
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Vick X Nelson  
PO Box 263  
Darbin, W.V. 26024

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Dear Mr. Scites,

The Durbin, WV Town Council has voted by a 6-0 margin, at a Council meeting held on October 11, 2016, to endorse Alternative #2 to rehabilitate the existing bridge in regards to the Durbin Truss Bridge Project. As the District Supervisor has told us it would cost \$300,000 to tear down the existing bridge, why not use that money to fix up the existing bridge?

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeremy Bauserman

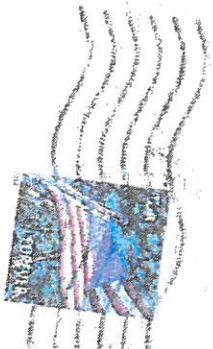
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*Jeremy Bauserman*  
*October 20, 2016*

Town of Durbin  
PO Box 39  
Durbin WV 26024

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Please consider the following comments:

Number 3 is NOT A option. The road that we travel now is dangerous. It is also dangerous in the winter because of the ice that forms out at the end of the road. Put bridge back. Me AND My wife travel that Road because My wife's sister lives ON THAT ROAD.

(Please print the following information)

NAME: Roger Tingler

ADDRESS: 914 Big Mt. Rd. Circleville W.V. 26804

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

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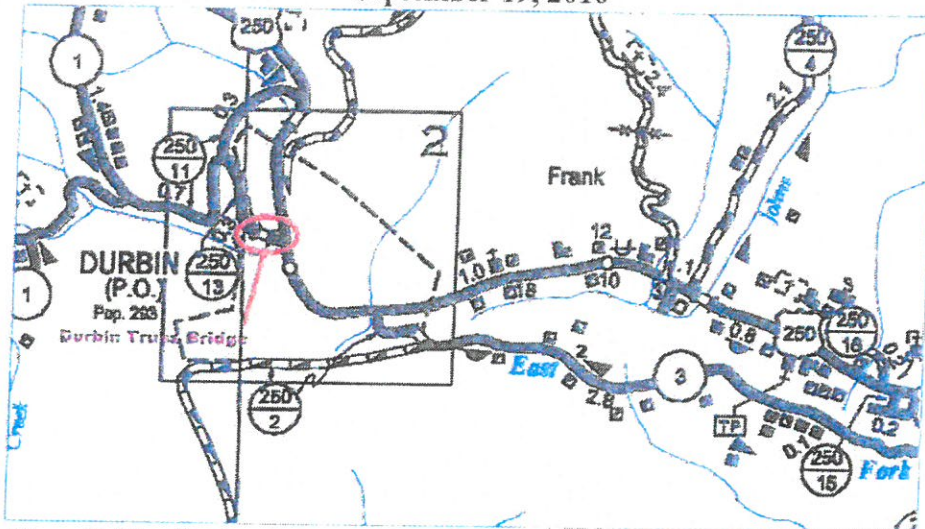
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Please consider the following comments:

I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS  
AND AS WE DELIVER MEALS-ON-WHEELS FOOD TO TWO SENIOR CLIENTS WHO LIVE  
JUST ACROSS THIS CLOSED BRIDGE, AND TO THE RIGHT, THIS CLOSURE AND  
POSSIBLE DOING AWAY WITH THIS BRIDGE CAUSES US CONCERN. THE ONLY  
ACCESS TO THESE SENIOR CLIENTS IS THE 1 MILE ADDITIONAL ROADWAY NOW  
BEING USED, BUT IN THE WINTER IT IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO TRAVEL  
BACK UP THAT STEEP INCLINE UNLESS IT IS NOT PLOWED UNTIL THE VERY

(Please print the following information) Surely repairs could be made <sup>LAST</sup> TO THE  
EXISTING BRIDGE TO ALLOW AT LEAST LIGHT  
WEIGHT VEHICLES TO CROSS.

NAME: JEAN R. SIMMONS  
ADDRESS: 20626 JENNER TRAIL  
MANHATTAN, W. VA 24954  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

I VOTE ALTERNATIVE #2

Pocahontas County Senior Citizens, Inc.

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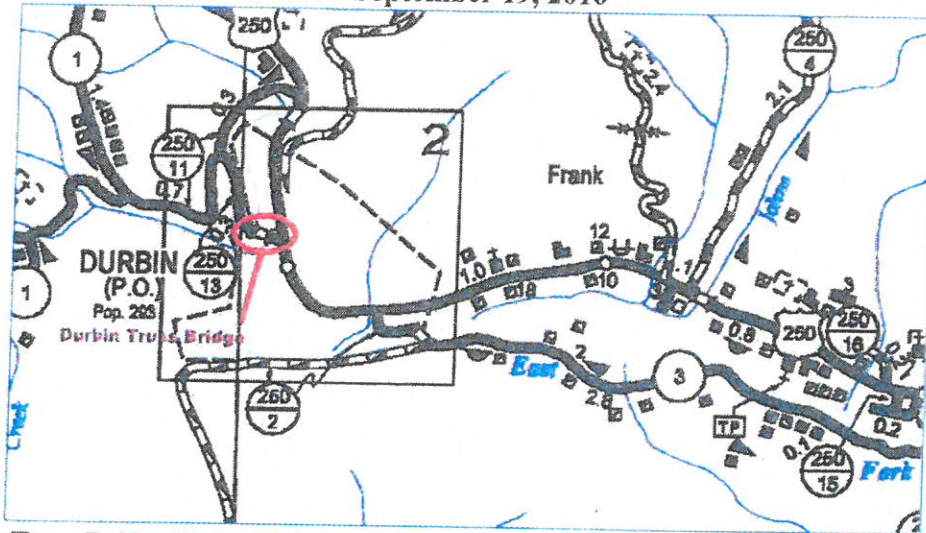
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#1 New bridge - I have almost got hit  
By a tractor truck across a lot o times  
at the only Rt to get out at the  
Mable Burner Bridge

(Please print the following information)

NAME: Dan Athogast

ADDRESS: 790 Grant Vandevender  
Durbin, WV. 26264

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

MIT  
Main Rd bridge  
Mable Burner  
Grant Vandevender Rd

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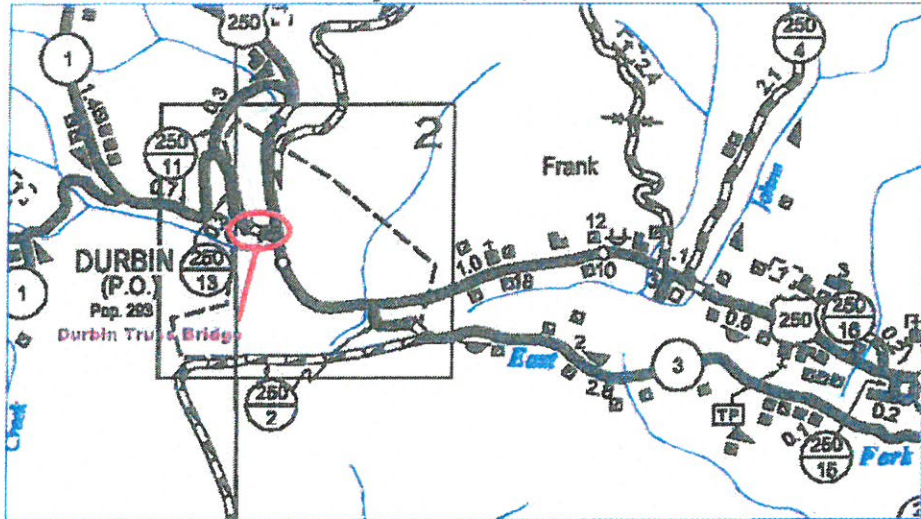
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Dan Aubrey of S.N.  
798 Grant Vanderwater Rd  
Durham, N.V. 26264



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Please consider the following comments:

*This bridge should be preserved! This river crossing was the original route of the old Staunton - Parkersburg Turnpike up to Cheat Mt. where Confederates and Union forces met in 1861.  
\* I support Alternative # 2 - Rehabilitate the existing bridge.*

XXX *Please also consider another bridge to replace Swinging bridge on River Rd - 3 1/2 miles below Durbin!*  
(Please print the following information)

NAME: Elaine Hodges

ADDRESS: 3861 River Rd, Durbin, WV 26264 (P.O. Box 155)

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY): None

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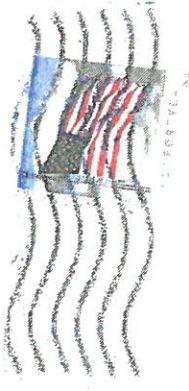
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Elaine Hodges  
PO Box 155  
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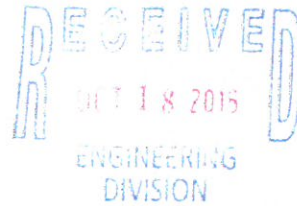
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Please consider the following comments:

*Alternative #3 is not to be considered. The Bridge needs to be there because it would save time & minutes for the ambulance and fire trucks to get to these places across that bridge quicker. And it is not safe to pull out on the road the way we have to travel now.*

(Please print the following information)

NAME: Gloria Tingler  
ADDRESS: 914 Big Mt. Rd.  
Circleville, WV. 26804  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

*I myself has almost gotten hit where we have to pull out now because of the speed people come off of that Mountain. Like I said the way we travel now is very*

*8. Do away with # 3.*

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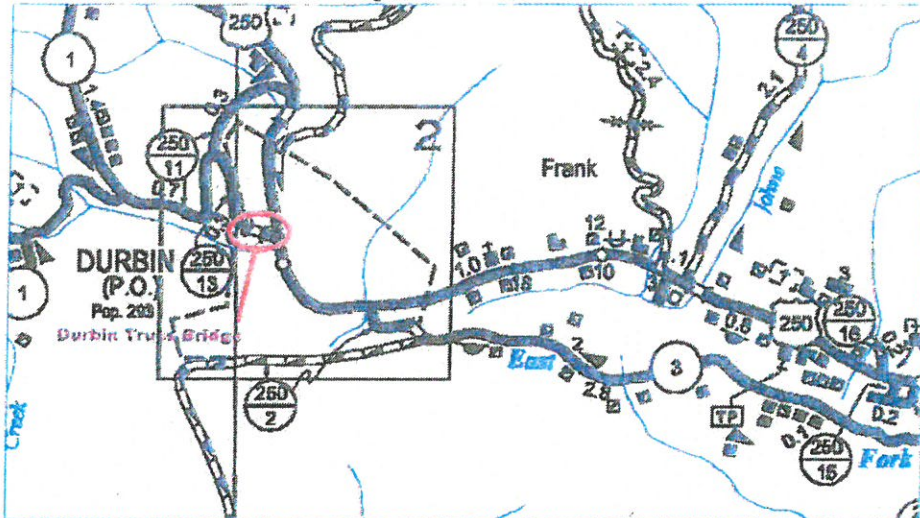
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Roger & Gloria Tingler  
914 Big Mt Rd  
Circleville, WV 26804

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Federal Project #ACST-2501(003)D

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- (1) Very unsafe pulling out from Grant Vanderwider Road onto Rt 250  
due to the sharp turn on Rt 250. Vehicles come off the  
Mountain very fast including big trucks.
- (2) This bridge is the only other route out of Durbin  
going North. Unless you go back to Burton Pass, or May  
Road

(Please print the following information)

NAME: Daniel + Michelle Arbogast #

ADDRESS: PO Box 172 Durbin WV 26264

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

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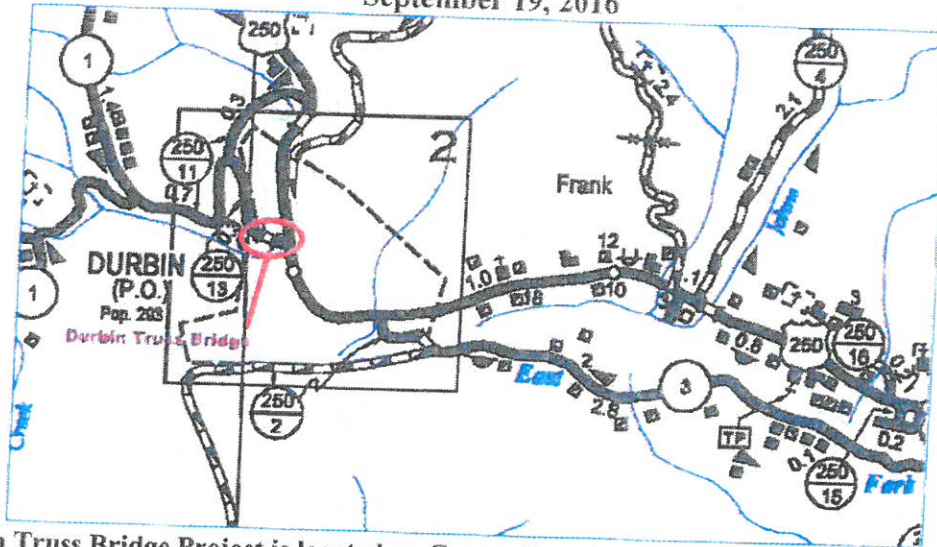
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Durbin, WV

Pocahontas County

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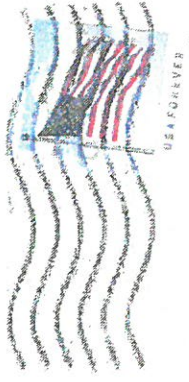
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COMMENTS DUE BY October 31, 2016

Please consider the following comments:

If there is ever a house fire it would take precious mins that would be saved by the bridge being repaired. The other is the entering of the main road it is a very dangerous entering or exiting especially there is a curve and people fly down this road. My family and home place is were the bridge it. The house is over 100 yrs. old. So how would you

(Please print the following information)

NAME: Evelyn C. Warner

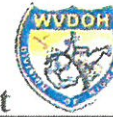
ADDRESS: Rt1 Box 55  
Elkins WV. 26241  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

feel if 5 mins. difference to save your home would make a big difference in all gone or saved. A Life also. There are no reason for this bridge being there a min here a a few mins there can save a life or a home.

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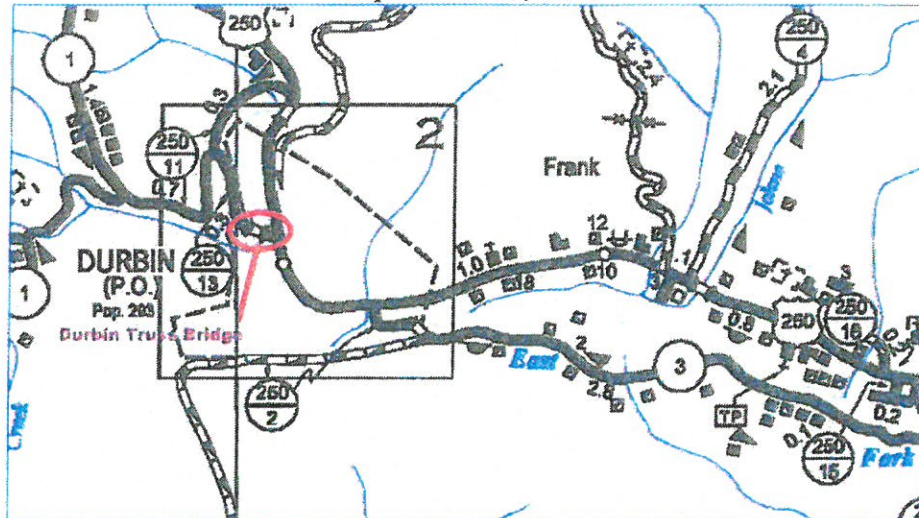
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Pocahontas County  
State Project # U238-250/13-0.91  
Federal Project # ACST-2501(009)B

**COMMENTS DUE BY** October 31, 2016

Please consider the following comments:

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and as soon as possible, we can not get up the hill  
in winter when weather is bad. We that live on  
West River Dr. are not the only ones that use this bridge  
People on back mtn or even Durbin use this bridge  
It takes the ambulance longer to get here and  
is too dangerous pulling out of Grant Vanderland Road

(Please print the following information)

NAME: Cathy Bennett

ADDRESS: Durbin, WV

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY): 26264  
69 West River Dr.

And if we have to keep using  
this detour we want compensated  
for going out of our way all  
the time. (we have elderly people  
living here)

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PROJECT: Durbin Truss Bridge Project  
Peanoke County  
State Project # U33825913031  
Federal Project # A69125916039D

COMMENTS DUE BY October 31, 2016

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(Please print the following information)  
NAME: Curtis Bennett  
ADDRESS: 62 West River Dr.  
Durbin, WV 26264  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

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PROJECT: ~~Durbin Truss Bridge Project~~  
~~Bearbards County~~  
~~State Project # W3092559137031~~  
~~Federal Project # AC97255914887D~~

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NAME: Jasileen Bennett  
ADDRESS: 107 W River Dr.  
Durbin, WV 26261  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

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PROJECT: Durham Truss Bridge Project  
Pocahontas County  
State Project # U5308-250/130031  
Federal Project # A667-250(000)D

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(Please print the following information)

NAME: Rodney Bennett  
ADDRESS: 69 West River Dr.  
Durbin, W 26264  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

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Berkshire County  
State Project # U330-250/130-031  
Federal Project # ACCT-250/1000

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(Please print the following information)

NAME: Shelby Sneed  
62 W. River Dr.  
ADDRESS: Durbin, WV  
ORGANIZATION (ARMY): 20264

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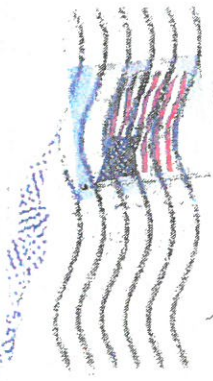
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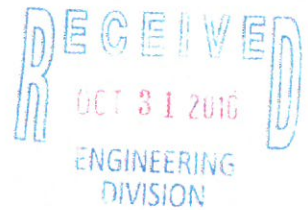
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Please consider the following comments:

I am definitely in favor of Alternative #2 - Rehabilitating the existing bridge. Everyone loves the beauty of the old wooden bridges. The metal truss bridges are disappearing too fast. I have spent weeks researching the Durbin Town Hall record books. Just as trains changed Durbin, automobiles were not far behind. Keep the truss bridge. It's a part of history!

(Please print the following information)

NAME: Jason Bauserman

ADDRESS: PO Box 10 Bartow, WV 24920

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):  
Chairman, Pocahontas County Historic Landmarks Commission  
President, Upper Pocahontas Community Cooperative

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USA Jason Bauserman  
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Please consider the following comments:

Please consider fixing the existing Bridge.  
I am a mail carrier for the usps and  
I have to Detour off my line of travel  
everyday and it takes away from my  
alloted time I have to deliver my mail  
On my Route. Also the Families who need to  
cross the Bridge to get their house really do

(Please print the following information)

NAME: CARL GreatHouse  
ADDRESS: 38 Nottingham Road  
Durbin, WV 26264  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

need it operating. It is  
a shortcut for alot of  
people.

Thank you,  
God Bless  
ALL  
"

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Carol Greathouse  
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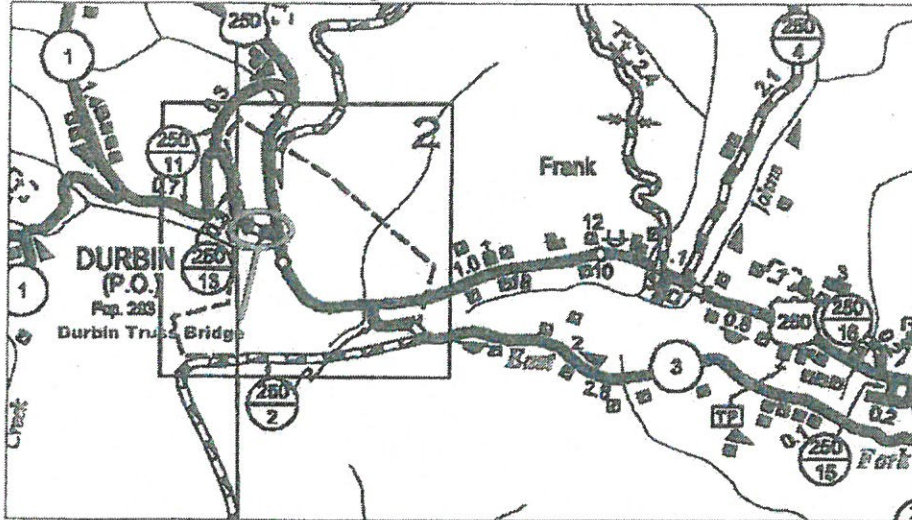
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Please consider the following comments: *Save our bridge*

*Alternative #3 is not an option. This bridge has served the family's on the west side for many years as well as the many family's from Back Mtn Rd. It is very difficult to pull out of my drive-way in winter to go up the hill and dangerous coming back down. It is also very dangerous pulling out at the old route to main road 250. It seems too*

(Please print the following information) *that the family's on the west side do not matter, well it should not matter how many live on this side. One family is as important as twenty. This bridge would not be in need of so many repairs, if it would have been maintained over the years.*

NAME: Paula Wood  
ADDRESS: POB 324  
Durbin, WV 26264  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

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*You decide: #1 or alternative #2  
Thank you,  
Paula Wood*



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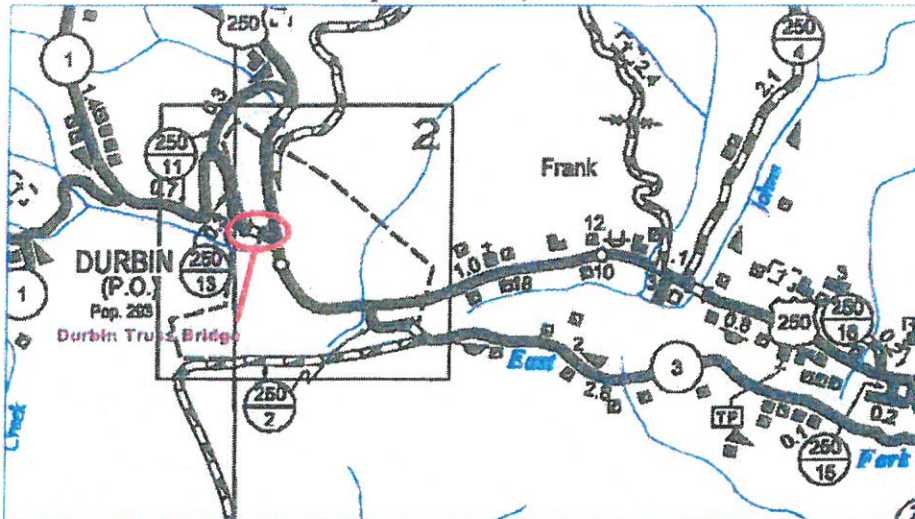
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Alternatives #1 and #2 are the only acceptable options for the Durbin Truss Bridge Project. The bridge provides the most direct route to Main Street. All 5 of the residents on W. River Dr. are elderly. Emergency services lose valuable time on the current detour. This additional 1 mile could be the difference between life or death as it takes nearly 4 minutes to travel due to the geography & layout of the road. There are additional residents on E River Rd affected as well. I served as Mayor of Durbin (Please print the following information) and Recorder as well as Councilperson.

NAME: Removing the bridge would also abolish the nostalgia of the upper end of town as it (the bridge) has been ADDRESS: ~~24223~~ a fixture in the landscape for a very long time. Residents use it as part of their ORGANIZATION (IF ANY): daily walking routine. I just admire the beauty of the water below during foot tours of the town. Alternative #3 just isn't an option. The detour is dangerous. Turning in and

Danielle Wood  
17 McBee Dr  
Huttonsville WV 26273

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Pulling out is very difficult due to the curve on 250 Ft. C&G just a matter of time before someone is killed if the detour becomes the primary route



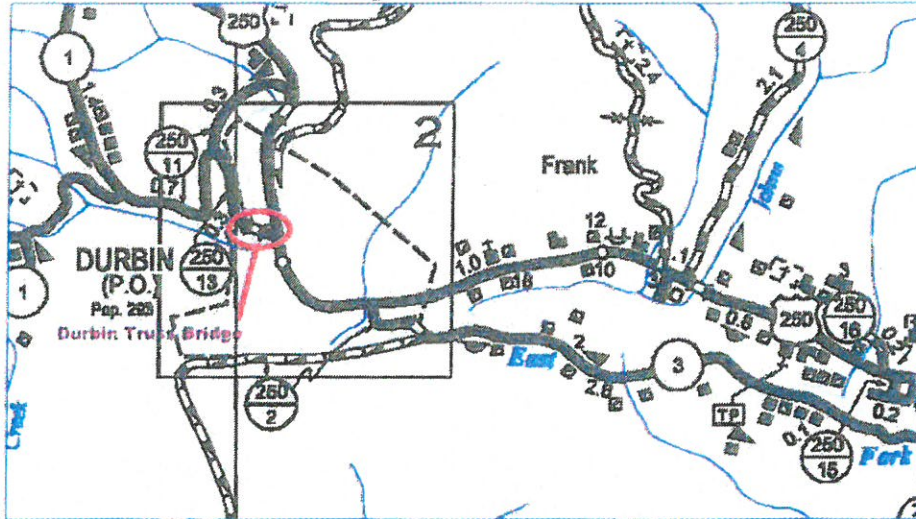
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