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

**DATE:** Monday, July 11, 2016  
**LOCATION:** South Charleston Community Center  
**SUBJECT:** INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP  
**PROJECT:** WV 601 ("Jefferson Road"), US 119 to US 60 Project  
U320-601-0.00  
STP-0601(009)D  
Kanawha County

**COMMENTS DUE BY** Thursday, August 11, 2016

Please consider the following comments:

*Alternative 5 overpass is better for now  
and the future safety*

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(Please print the following information)

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ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

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My husband and I both vote  
for opt. #5

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(Please print the following information)

NAME: Brandy + Jacob Carroll

ADDRESS: 710 Virginia St. SW

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY): South Charleston

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I LIKE OPTION 5

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(Please print the following information)

NAME: ROGER CARTE

ADDRESS: 900 FOREST EDGE DRIVE, SOUTH CHARLES. WV 25301

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

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IN FAVOR OF ALTERNATE 5A w/  
BRIDGE & ROUND ABOUT.

(Please print the following information)

NAME: STEVE DEBARR  
ADDRESS: 700 MONTROSE DR. SOUTH CHARLESTON  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY): CITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON

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We SUPPORT Alternative 5.

(Please print the following information)

NAME: Forest and Christina Hannah

ADDRESS: 4001 Washington St SW

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Informational Public Open House Meeting? word of mouth

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DATE: 8/4/2016

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I like option #5 and I'm located at 902 Forest Edge Drive which takes my house. I'm willing to sale.

(Please print the following information)

NAME: Chad Napier  
ADDRESS: 902 Forest Edge Drive, So. Chas. WV 25309  
ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Informational Public Open House Meeting? Neighbor

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AUG 11 2016

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*SEE ATTACHED*

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(Please print the following information)

NAME: *Cheryl Causey*  
ADDRESS: *814 Jefferson Rd., So. CHHS. 25309*

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Informational Public Open House Meeting? *Paper on my Porch*

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August 8, 2016

Mr. R.J. Scites, P.E.

Director, Engineering Division

WV. Division Highways

1334 Smith Street

Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Scites,

My name is Cheryl Causey. I live at 814 Jefferson Road, So. Charleston.

I am writing you because I am truly devastated, at the thought of losing my home.

This house was built in 1970 and has been a landmark on Jefferson Road ever since.

I have lived here for 25 years. I raised my children and grandchild here. My oldest son was killed in 2002 and my memories of him are alive in this house as they are for his son, he left behind. I will soon be 65 years old and had always planned to leave my home, with all it's memories to my surviving son and then to my grandson and great grand children.

I purchased this house from Everett Moore in 1991. He toured the home with me and told me, where every stone in this unique house came from. Some of the stone walls and the stone on the fireplace came from an old WV school house that was being torn down and some from riverbeds. The wooden beams are from timber in Lincoln County and were hand carved specifically for this house. In a since, this house is quite historical. It has always been historical to all to come to visit and those who drive by. Many have offered to purchase it and without hesitation, I have declined.

I have lived in WV, since I was 20 years old. I have always been a part of the workforce here. I have owned many businesses here and employed many people. I have always paid all my taxes, as well as any other debts that I may have incurred. Finally, I thought I was at a point in my life, when I could rest, relax and enjoy the years I have left, only to find a notice on my front porch and to then hear from my neighbor, that my world was crumbling down! My future is now unknown and uncertain.

I understand that times, there is a lot of traffic on this road. However, just as much of the time, there isn't. If better and more access to South Ridge shopping is required, there should be another option available. If not, then I plead with you, to take more time to study this situation, before you make any final decisions. There is a creek across the road, that rarely has any water in it. Why can't you just run a big pipe through there, cover it and widen the road on that side and if absolutely need be, take a portion of our yards. It appears to me , that a way has been found to save all the commercial businesses and only take our homes. I still own commercial properties in this county and my neighbors still own a business as well.

It has also come to my attention, that Joe Pope, who owns Country Club Apartments, which was one of the alternatives, sits on a board, that has been involved in making this decision. If, in fact this is true, I think that would be conflicting.

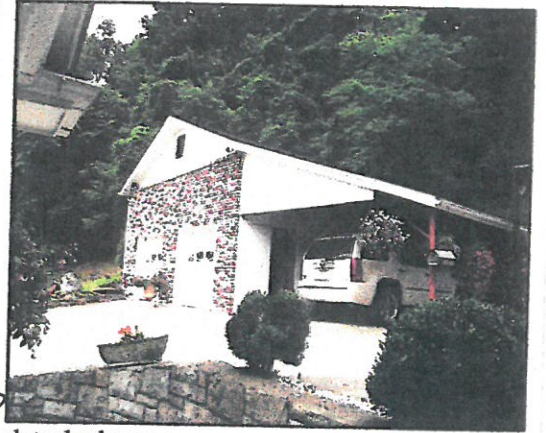
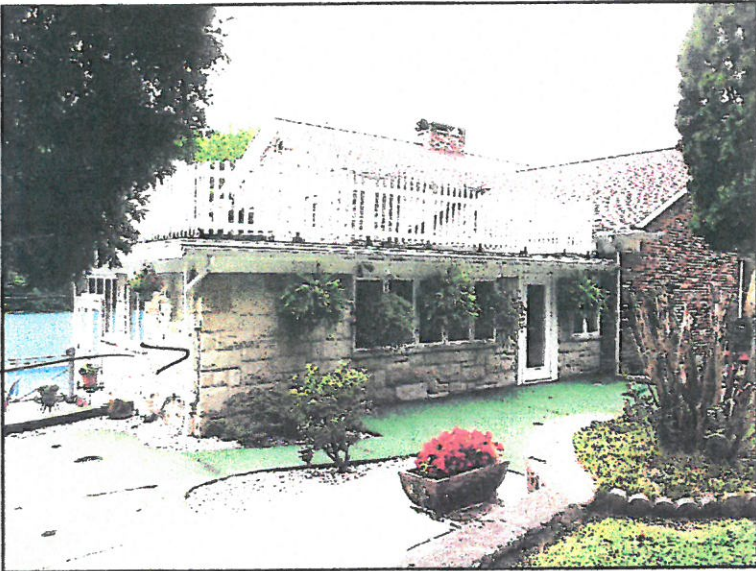
In any event, I beg you and all others involved, to reconsider your determinations!

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Cheryl Causey

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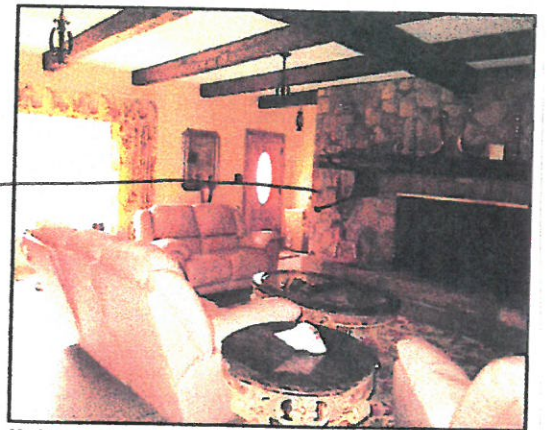


detached garage

Cheryl J Causey  
814 Jefferson Rd 8/8/16



side view



living room

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Mr. R. J. Scities,

Sir I would appreciate very much if you would give my comments some consideration. My home and two others are in the path of the exit ramp leading off to the Park Ave to Jefferson Park. The change would eliminate a ramp, leave Liberty St. Park St. and the ally open with this in mind I hope you would consider this a change.

Keeping in mind that there is a ramp leading off to Jefferson Rd. to the South Charleston Recreational Center, State Police Head Quarters and the renaming house that will not be take by the project.

Is there any reason the exit leading off Jefferson Rd. could serve as exit to Jefferson Park by using Jefferson Rd to Pennsylvania Ave into Jefferson Park? The traffic pattern on the new road is designed to allow traffic to feed off to the north exit side the traffic in Jefferson Park is never heavy. This change could save the State several thousands of dollars plus save three family homes, the closing of Liberty St, the Ally way between Liberty St and Washington St.

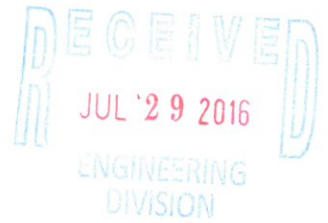
Thank you,



Charles Dennis  
3908 Washington St. SW  
South Charleston, WV. 25309  
(304) 346-9076

601 Jefferson Rd. Project  
State Project US320-601-0-00WV





July 27, 2016

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

**Re: WV 601 ("Jefferson Road"), US 119 to US 60 Project**  
**STATE PROJECT: U320-601-0.00**  
**FEDERAL PROJECT: STP 0601(009)D**

Dear Mr. Scites:

This letter pertains to the above referenced project and its impact on my property, located at 720 Park Street, South Charleston, WV. Based on the information provided both online at [www.transportation.wv.gov](http://www.transportation.wv.gov) and at the Public Information Meeting held on July 11, 2016, at the South Charleston Recreation Center, this project will have severe negative impacts my property. I have outlined below the issues of the most severity:

- **Viewshed** – I currently have a neighborhood view and after this project is complete, my view will consist of a bridge barrier wall that's approximately 40 ft tall. The Environmental Assessment (EA) states "*Substantial impact to portions of Jefferson Place neighborhood*" (please note the neighborhood name is Jefferson Park, not Place) – while your EA acknowledges substantial impact on the viewshed of my neighborhood, you have not indicated my residence as a planned condemnation. Additionally, the EA states "*The feel of the neighborhood will be altered on this western side of the neighborhood because of the elevated roadway. See "Visual Resources/Aesthetics."*" – as mentioned previously, the only view from the front of my residence will be this elevated roadway. The EA also states "*The project predominantly widens an existing road where views of Jefferson Rd already exist. The new bridge will create additional views of Jefferson Rd. Residents in the western portion of the Jefferson Place neighborhood will have the new bridge in close proximity. The bridge passes over Pennsylvania Ave, then tapers to the ground with retaining walls, which will be in front of houses on the east side of Park St, and behind remaining houses on the old Jefferson Rd.*" The residences on the eastern side of Park St do not currently have views of Jefferson Rd and the new view will be of an elevated roadway and five lanes of traffic! The EA states "*Impacts are minimized to the extent practicable and kept to the edge of the neighborhood to maintain a contiguous neighborhood to the east of the new Jefferson Rd.*", surely you cannot believe that altering the viewshed on the eastern side of Park St maintains a contiguous neighborhood.
- **Noise** – I am currently surrounded by neighborhood with a minimal noise level, consisting mainly of children playing and a few barking dogs. After this project is complete (not to mention while



construction is occurring), the noise will elevate to that of a five lane major roadway. The Project Area lies within a mixture of urban and suburban settings. The EA states "*The existing noise environment already contains areas where standard noise criteria are exceeded.*" While I am certain my residence is impacted by noise now, there is no way you can believe the noise level will not be dramatically increased when a five lane, evaluated bridge will be right in my front yard!

- **Air Quality** – While it appears you have determined in the Air Quality Analysis (EA Appendix F) that there are no issues outside of what is legally allowable, you cannot say that the air quality of my residence will not be negatively impacted. Pollution and emissions will change from that in a neighborhood with residential only traffic and streets that are typically only traveled by the residents of Jefferson Park to that of a five lane highway carrying so much vehicle and commercial truck traffic that you've determined this expansion project is needed because the existing three lane road can no longer handle it.
- **Loss of Privacy** – Based on your current Preferred Alternative #5, you will be imposing a five lane highway into my neighborhood, which will eliminate any and all privacy that is currently enjoyed as part of a "quiet neighborhood". Instead of having neighbors and residences across the street, I will have this major roadway carrying increased individual and commercial traffic, all of which will have a direct view into the front of my residence – this is not acceptable in any manner.
- **Property Value** – For the reasons mentioned above, one cannot possibly conclude anything other than property value being negatively impacted. My residence will essentially become impossible to sell.

In light of the issues I've outlined here (and even more that I am certain will come to light once this project commences), I am respectfully requesting that my residence, located at 720 Park Street, be purchased as part of the above referenced project. I hope we can come to a mutual agreement regarding my residence and this project without legal action.

Respectfully Submitted,



Drema Foster  
Homeowner: 720 Park Street  
South Charleston, WV 25309  
304-541-8123

cc: Governor Earl Ray Tomblin  
State Capitol  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Paul A. Mattox, Jr., P.E.  
Secretary of Transportation  
Building 5, Room A-109  
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October 25, 2016

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Mr. Ben Hark  
Environmental Section Head, Engineering Division  
West Virginia Division of Highways  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building Five, Room 110  
Charleston, WV 25305-0430

**Re: WV 601 ("Jefferson Road"), US 119 to US 60 Project**  
**STATE PROJECT: U320-601-0.00**  
**FEDERAL PROJECT: STP 0601(009)D**

Dear Mr. Hark:

On July 27, 2016, I sent the attached letter outlining the issues as they pertain to the above referenced project and its impact on my property. The response I received indicated "currently it is premature to purchase property for the Jefferson Road project until the necessary environmental approvals and final design are in place". The response also indicated that "as the project moves forward in to final design, more specifics with respect to right of way needs will be identified" – while I totally understand this statement, it is very difficult to even obtain information pertaining to the project or find an accurate timeline for the project. At the meeting in July and on the response letter you provided, residents were told the final approvals would take place "in the Fall". Given the impact this project has on not only the residents the project has already identified regarding property acquisitions but those of us who aren't real happy about losing our neighbor view to a 40'+ retaining wall, it seems ludicrous that we haven't been provided regular updates regarding the project status and timeline.

Again, I am sending this letter to reiterate the issues I am facing as a homeowner and will continue to do so until such time as we can reach a mutually agreeable arrangement. While not an all inclusive list, the biggest issues outlined in my initial letter (attached) are:

- Viewshed
- Air Quality
- Loss of Privacy
- Property Value

Again, I am respectfully requesting that my residence, located at 720 Park Street, be purchased as part of the above referenced project. I hope we can come to a mutual agreement regarding my residence and this project without legal action.

Respectfully Submitted,



Drema Foster  
Homeowner: 720 Park Street  
South Charleston, WV 25309  
304-541-8123

cc: Ms. Sondra Mullins  
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Don & Phyllis Glazier  
720 Jefferson Road  
South Charleston, WV 25309

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August 9, 2016

AUG 11 2016

Dear Mr. R. J. Scites, P.E.  
Director, Engineering Division  
West Virginia Division of Highways  
1334 Smith Street  
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Re: Jefferson Road Improvement Project  
WV 601, US119 to US 60  
U320-601-0.00  
STP-0601(009)D  
Kanawha County

Dear Mr. Scites:

We reside at 720 Jefferson Road. We attended the public meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> at the South Charleston Community Center and discussed the two proposed alternatives for the widening of Jefferson Road. Of course, we prefer Alternative #5 because it doesn't require us to move. We have lived in our home for almost 50 years and we don't want to leave it. Though we feel that an overpass over the railroad tracks is essential to any improvement of the road, we hate to see our neighbors have to move. We really wish the State would consider coming in behind our neighborhood. That property is vacant and an overpass over the railroad tracks will still be necessary. It would tie directly into Kanawha Turnpike at the former Carbide Tech Center.

We are used to noise generated from traffic on the existing road. Other than tractor trailers, most of the noise is generated when vehicles are idle waiting for the traffic light to change. We would request if Alternative #5 is selected that a concrete wall on each side of the vertical lift be high enough (45" or more) to buffer traffic noise. We are sure the remaining neighbors on Park Street and the upper end of Pennsylvania Street would want this too.

We also have some concerns about water runoff not creating flooding problems for us. We have never had any flooding problems and certainly don't

Mr. Scites  
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We also have some concerns about water runoff not creating flooding problems for us. We have never had any flooding problems and certainly don't want to. We hope when the environmental impact study is complete that we have the benefit of knowing the findings.

Lastly, we have school children who cross Jefferson Road and neighbors who walk in the neighborhood and hope their safety in accessing the new Jefferson Road is taken into consideration.

Thanks for allowing us to comment.

Sincerely,



Don Glazier



Phyllis Glazier

Pam Glazier  
714 Jefferson Street  
South Charleston, WV 25309



August 6, 2016

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

Re: Jefferson Road Improvement Project  
WV 601, US119 to US 60  
U320-601-0.00  
STP-0601(009)D  
Kanawha County

Thank you for the second informational public workshop on the above-referenced planned Project. I have reviewed Alternatives #1 and #5, along with various materials provided at the public information workshop in early July, and the more detailed information available at WVDOT's website.

Alternative #1 fails to include an overpass across the railroad tracks, which, in my opinion, is critical to this Project. Alternative #5 includes a vertical lift over the railroad tracks but takes five homes and three businesses with apartment tenants on the east side of Jefferson Road, one house on Washington Street, two houses on the east side of Park Street and all the houses on the west side of Park Street. The east side of Park Street's viewshed will be greatly impacted which is very unfortunate for those property owners.

Having lived in Jefferson Park most of my life, I am very concerned about my neighbors being displaced, what this will do to property values in the neighborhood not to mention compounding already existing flooding problems. The two 3D models I reviewed at the July 12<sup>th</sup> informational workshop unfortunately did not show Davis Creek. The Creek flows from the south side of WV601 under the bridge into Jefferson Park where it flows



parallel with Jefferson Park neighborhood and eventually empties into the Kanawha River behind the neighborhood. The individuals I spoke with at the informational workshop couldn't address any flooding implications because the environmental analysis had not been completed at that time. According to the *Impacts Summary* provided at the workshop, Preferred Alternative #5 would increase backwaters by <0.1". I question this determination since the analysis has not been completed. I would ask that once that information is available, the State conduct another meeting solely for the residents of Jefferson Park so it can address neighborhood concerns on flooding, etc.

Another concern I have is neighborhood ingress and egress. One of the 3D models shows traffic signals at the new intersection of Jefferson Road and Park Street. The 3D visualization model doesn't appear to show any traffic signal. When I questioned this at the workshop, I got conflicting answers, one of which was only if warranted would a traffic signal be installed. That is unacceptable. It is difficult enough negotiating crossing three lanes of traffic at the existing intersection. What about neighborhood children crossing Jefferson Road to catch the school bus? At the very least, install a trigger traffic signal so vehicles can safely exit the neighborhood with a pedestrian cross walk. Also, neither of the models I reviewed showed Pennsylvania Street on the south side of the neighborhood being accessible to and from Jefferson Road. If those models are accurate, that means there will only be one way in and out of the neighborhood.

Again, why can't the State come in behind Jefferson Park, off of MacCorkle Avenue and I-64 East, across several acres of vacant property and connect to Kanawha Turnpike and 601S? This would eliminate relocations, access, and flooding implications this Project will create.

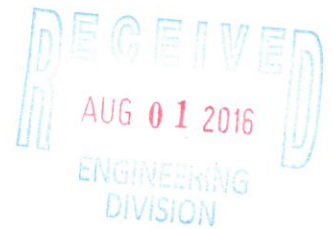
Regards,



Pam Glazier

July 26, 2016

Mr. RJ Scites, P.E.  
Director, Engineering Division, WVDOH  
1334 Smith Street  
Charleston, WV 25301



RE: WV 601 Jefferson Road, US 119 to US 60 Project

Dear Mr. Scites,

We would like to address some issues and concerns about the WV 601, Jefferson Road, US 119 to US 60 Project. This project will significantly impact my home environment and my ability to get to work. When I purchased my home it was in a small quiet neighborhood. One that I felt was a positive environment to raise my children. This project is changing that environment from a peaceful one to one that is going to be more industrial, busier and full of noise. I don't want to live in a neighborhood where there is an interstate over my head. I do not want to live in a neighborhood where there is noise, traffic, pollution from idling vehicles and the possibility of an accident leading to a car landing in my yard or my house. These are all safety issues for me and my family. In addition the rerouting of traffic is going to cause me inconvenience leading to a longer commute to work and for my baby sitter to get to my house. This is a concern for me due to the fact in an emergency I will not be able to get to my home in a reasonable amount of time. I purchased my home based upon my drive to work. This project is seriously undermining my property value. I also feel the fact that I will only be able to exit one way from my home is a danger to my family. I understand that this project may take up to two years to complete and I am sure we will be inconvenienced at the least if we are not hampered in our daily lives due to the changes in traffic patterns, noise and pollution from construction.

I will be reluctant to take my children for a walk down our street what is now a safer neighborhood. I have been very disheartened for the fact that there is no one to talk to about the project.

This home was bought in good faith in the city of South Charleston and as you are compromising the lifestyle and property value of the home we have put years of work into. I respectfully ask that you purchase my home and allow me to move into another environment like the one I thought I had with this home.

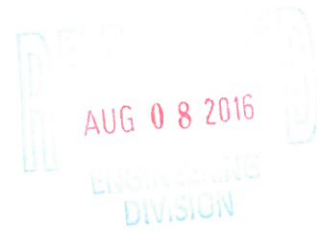
Sincerely,

Christopher & Misty Hill  
4007 Pennsylvania Ave SW  
South Charleston, WV 25309



August 3, 2016

Mr. R J Scites, PE  
Director, Engineering Division  
WV Division of Highway  
1334 Smith Street  
Charleston WV 25301



Dear Mr. Scites,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my 86 year old Mother, Virginia L. Huffman, who resides at 4005 Pennsylvania Avenue, So. Charleston, WV 25309 (Jefferson Park Addition).

After your public meeting at the South Charleston Recreation Center, we were informed that your Proposal 5 will not take her home but will place her home and property right against the right-of-way and proposed roadway. However, the property across the street from her owned by David Broyles is being taken and his property line lines up in her driveway. We question how your proposal can be taking his home and not taking hers with the property line issue.

My Mother suffers from several medical conditions which include the following: high anxiety which she takes medication for to try and help control the blood pressure and heart rate. She has a pacemaker and takes several blood pressure and heart rate medications prescribed by her cardiologist. In addition she has thyroid nodules which are very large and inoperable at her age and kidney problems. Her eyesight is also declining due to Macular Degeneration.

We respectfully request that you buy her property due to her health conditions since she will be unable to cope with all the new traffic changes and patterns, noise from and during construction and once completed, the traffic noises.

August 3, 2016

Since this project was initially proposed a year or so ago with all seven proposals, this project has been on her mind constantly wondering if they would take her home. She was one of the few people in this area that was willing to give up her home to see less accidents on Jefferson Road.

Since the beginning of this project, it has increased her anxiety and every conversation is centered on the road and we have had Emergency Room visits due to high blood pressure/heart rate issues brought on by anxiety.

As her daughter, I am concerned about the continued stress of this road project may continue to increase her anxiety and add to her health issues.

Please seriously consider her request to take her home as part of your Project not only due to her current medical conditions but any future health issues which may occur.

Sincerely,

Virginia L. Huffman and  
Sue Huffman Belcher

Attached: 7/21/16 letter from CPG Charleston Heart Specialists

**CPG CHARLESTON HEART SPECIALISTS**

2335 Chesterfield Avenue Suite 202

Charleston, WV 25304-1066

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Fax: (304)346-6590

July 21, 2016

Re: HUFFMAN, VIRGINIA (01/23/1930)

To whom it may concern

Ms. Huffman is followed at our office for hypertension, atrial fibrillation and sick sinus syndrome and is status post permanent pacemaker.

Sincerely,



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*This was included with the August 3, 2016  
Comment letter from Virginia L Huffman  
and Sue Huffman Belcher*



Virginia Huffman  
4005 Pennsylvania Ave.  
So. Charleston, WV 25309

August 3, 2016



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

Dear Mr. Scites:

I am writing to express my objections to the decisions that are being made regarding the Jefferson Road Project. These objections are because of the extremely detrimental effects it will have on my personal life and living space.

I am 86 years old and have been in my present home for 40 years. I have established very strict routines that help to maintain some form of tranquility and convenience in this time of my life.

From the information that was relayed to me through the meetings, neighbors and the written information you provided us, it appears that for two years, the construction process will create a great deal of noise, inconvenience, the presence of heavy equipment and other disruption caused by construction. Not only will this cause a great deal of inconvenience and disruption, but I believe this will also decrease the value of my home. There is no way having the retaining wall that is planned for Park Street, which is directly adjacent to my home, and the ramp that is being designed surrounding this neighborhood be positive selling points for any home in this area.

I was also told that only a few of the homes would be purchased in order to complete this project. I do not think the decision to only purchase of few of the homes is a fair or wise decision. None of us want to have to remain here during the construction or afterward the construction. If I were given the option, it would be to have my home purchased to allow me to relocate to another area where I can resume enjoying my life and home.

August 3, 2016

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns in determining your final decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia L. Huffman".

Virginia Huffman

cc: Mayor Frank Mullens  
4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
South Charleston WV 25303  
  
South Charleston City Council

Attached: 4 - 4" x 6" color photos









DATE: August 5, 2016

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

DATE: Monday, July 11, 2016  
LOCATION: South Charleston Community Center  
SUBJECT: INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP  
PROJECT: WV 601 ("Jefferson Road"), US 119 to US 60 Project  
U320-601-0.00  
STP-0601(009)D  
Kanawha County

COMMENTS DUE BY Thursday, August 11, 2016

Please consider the following comments: Project # 5.

① PLEASE PLACE STOP LIGHTS UP BY COMPLETION OF PROJECT AT THE  
JEFFERSON RD. / WASHINGTON ST. LOCATION. IF THEY WERE AT LEAST SET TO  
FLASH CAUTION IT WOULD ALERT DRIVERS OF INCOMING CARS FROM  
BOTH RESIDENTIAL + BUSINESS AND HOPEFULLY SLOW TRAFFIC + EASE NOISE.  
THEN IF STOP LIGHTS NEEDED TO BE FULLY FUNCTIONAL, THEY WOULD  
ALREADY BE IN PLACE. ② JEFFERSON PARK MUST HAVE TWO  
WAYS IN JDOT. PLAN DOES NOT SHOW PENNSYLVANIA AVE. CONNECTING  
TO OLD JEFFERSON RD. ③ UNTIL PROJECT IS COMPLETED THERE NEEDS  
TO BE A LEFT TURN SIGNAL ADDED TO THE KANAWHA TURNPIKE STOP LIGHT (over)

(Please print the following information)

NAME: CLAUDIA MATHEWS

ADDRESS: 624 COLUMBIA ST. - JEFFERSON PARK.

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Informational Public Open House Meeting?

Project Information and Comment Sheets

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

Click on "Comment on Engineering Projects," then "Open," and then "Jefferson Road  
Improvements."

THAT ACCESSES JEFFERSON RD. FROM THE SPRING HILL AREA.

DURING HEAVY TRAFFIC, CROSSING IS VERY DANGEROUS AND NEARLY  
IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT RUNNING A RED LIGHT.

MR. R. J. SCITES, P.E.  
DIR., ENG. DIV., WVDOT  
1334 SMITH ST.  
CHARLESTON, WV 25301

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Claudia Mathews  
624 Columbia St



DATE: AUGUST 8, 2016

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



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Kanawha County

**COMMENTS DUE BY** Thursday, August 11, 2016

Please consider the following comments:

I very much like the idea of the roundabout from a design perspective, but question whether drivers will be comfortable with it. Many older drivers tend to be overly careful at yield signs, and a driver who is not comfortable going into the roundabout will completely stop all traffic from that direction. I do not see when the center lane of the roundabout will ever be used, as it is too small for cars to be changing lanes inside of it - I presume it would be needed if there was an accident. In spite of the above, I do believe the roundabout is worth having, and I have attached herewith a few sketches of suggestions for the design of it and the overall project.

If the speed limit on Jefferson Road is planned to be increased, I would suggest 50mph between the traffic light at the north end of the bridge and the businesses at Jefferson Plaza, and 40mph on either end. I have always felt that 45mph is a bit too fast to take the curve at Jefferson Plaza due to the numerous vehicles entering and exiting the Plaza.

Even though it is not part of this project, I believe that the future rear entrance/exit from Trace Fork must at least be planned for as a part of this design.

(Please print the following information)

NAME: MARK N. SPENCER

ADDRESS: 1147 LYNDALE DRIVE, CHARLESTON, WV 25314-2131

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Informational Public Open House Meeting?

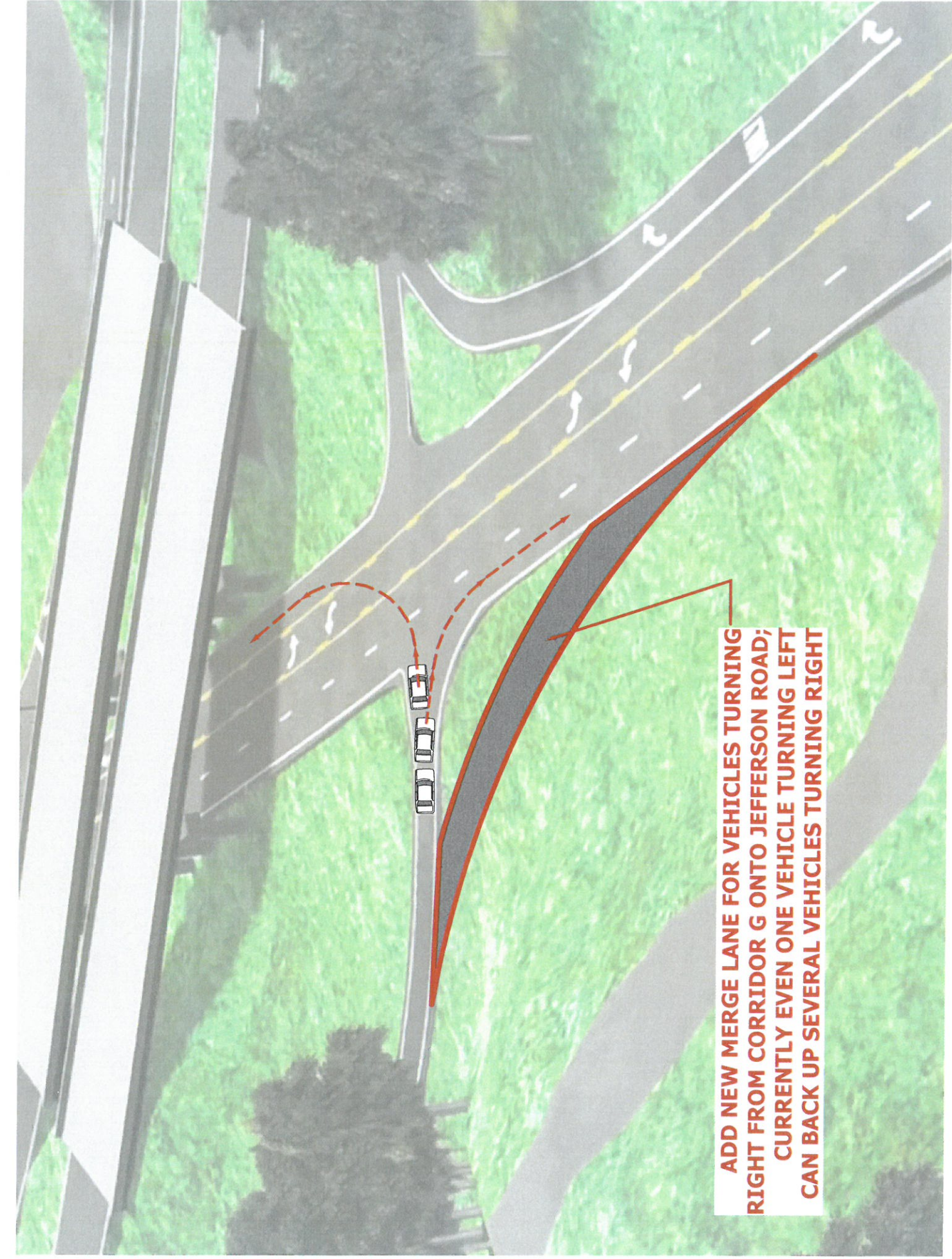
I did not attend, but was told of it from someone who saw a newspaper article about it.

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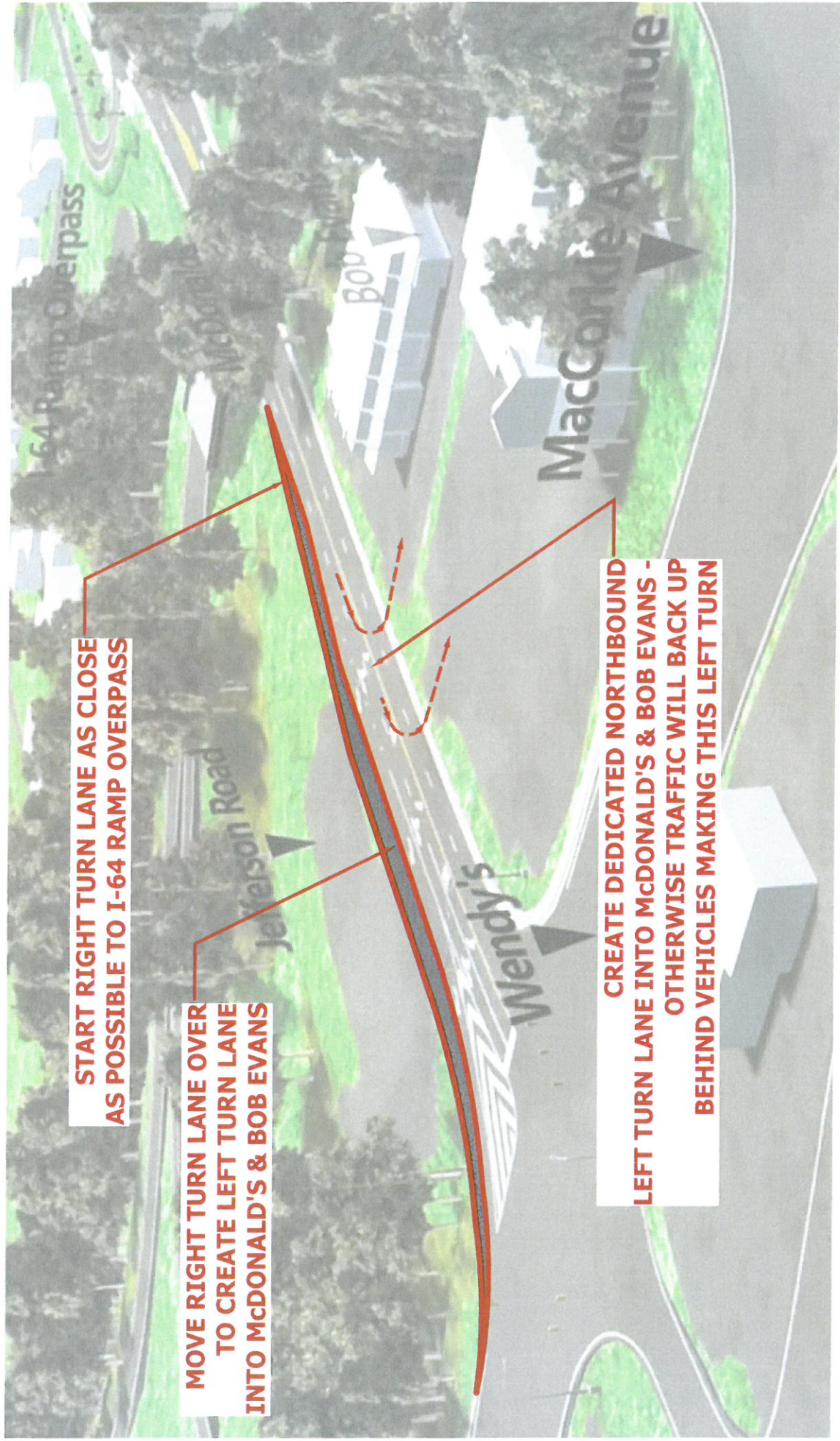
**ADD NEW MERGE LANE FOR VEHICLES TURNING RIGHT FROM CORRIDOR G ONTO JEFFERSON ROAD; CURRENTLY EVEN ONE VEHICLE TURNING LEFT CAN BACK UP SEVERAL VEHICLES TURNING RIGHT**

## **INTERSECTION WITH CORRIDOR G**

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Mark Spencer





**START RIGHT TURN LANE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO I-64 RAMP OVERPASS**

**MOVE RIGHT TURN LANE OVER TO CREATE LEFT TURN LANE INTO McDONALD'S & BOB EVANS**

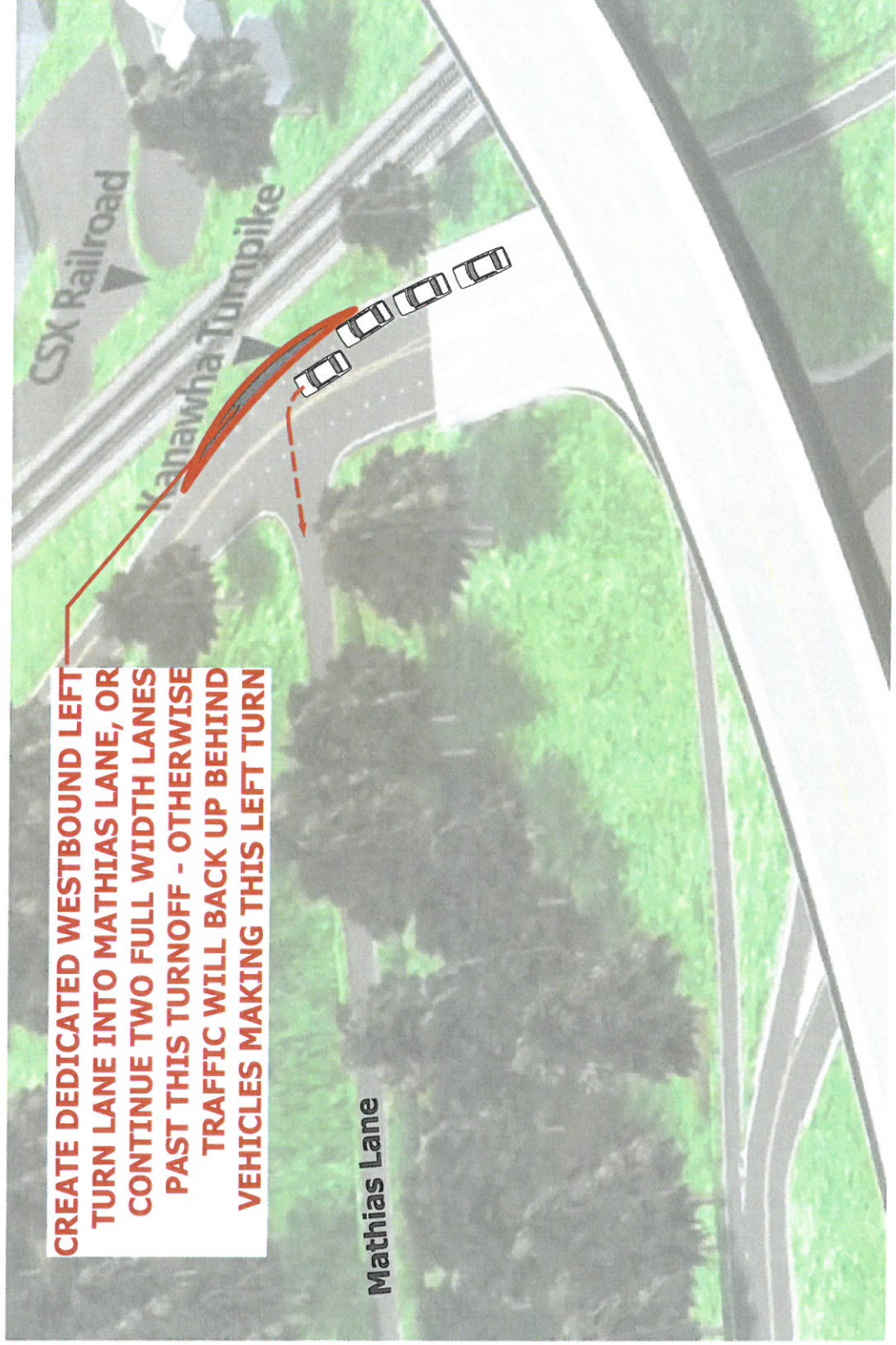
**CREATE DEDICATED NORTHBOUND LEFT TURN LANE INTO McDONALD'S & BOB EVANS - OTHERWISE TRAFFIC WILL BACK UP BEHIND VEHICLES MAKING THIS LEFT TURN**

Mark Spencer 8/8/16

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## **INTERSECTION WITH MACCORKLE AVENUE**





**CREATE DEDICATED WESTBOUND LEFT TURN LANE INTO MATHIAS LANE, OR CONTINUE TWO FULL WIDTH LANES PAST THIS TURNOFF - OTHERWISE TRAFFIC WILL BACK UP BEHIND VEHICLES MAKING THIS LEFT TURN**

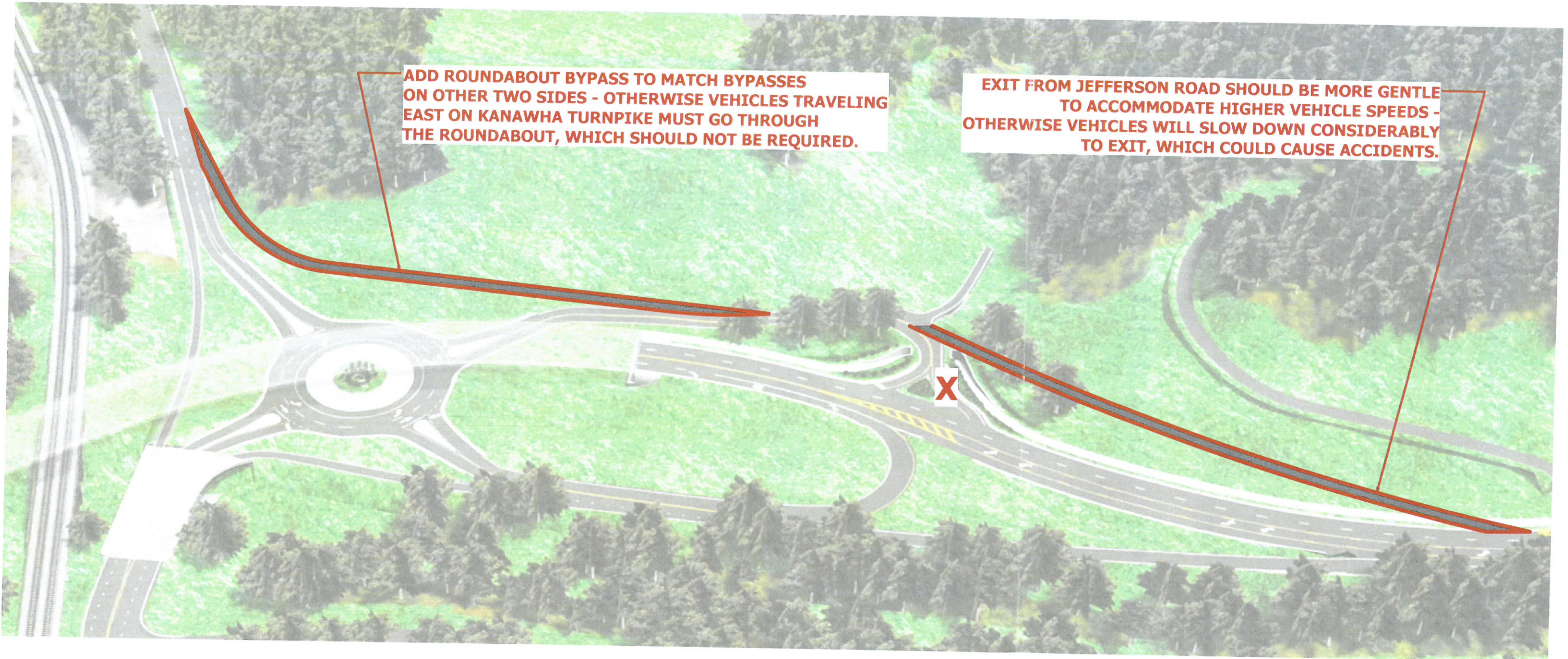
Mathias Lane

Mark Spencer  
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## **INTERSECTION WITH MATHIAS LANE**

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ADD ROUNDABOUT BYPASS TO MATCH BYPASSES ON OTHER TWO SIDES - OTHERWISE VEHICLES TRAVELING EAST ON KANAWHA TURNPIKE MUST GO THROUGH THE ROUNDABOUT, WHICH SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED.

EXIT FROM JEFFERSON ROAD SHOULD BE MORE GENTLE TO ACCOMMODATE HIGHER VEHICLE SPEEDS - OTHERWISE VEHICLES WILL SLOW DOWN CONSIDERABLY TO EXIT, WHICH COULD CAUSE ACCIDENTS.

**INTERSECTION WITH KANAWHA TURNPIKE**

Mark Spencer  
8/8/16



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312 6th Avenue, Suite 2  
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July 19, 2016

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

RE: Virginia L. Huffman  
4005 Pennsylvania Avenue  
South Charleston, WV 25309

Dear Mr. Scites:

I have been asked by my 86-year old patient, Virginia Huffman to write a letter in regards to the effect of recent developments for a proposal to construct a new highway in the near vicinity of her home. Ms. Huffman suffers from an Anxiety Disorder and her symptoms have escalated as she anticipates what will happen to her and her home during and after the construction of a new highway. The situation is causing her significant stress, which I'm sure you understand needs to be avoided if at all possible.

It is my opinion that Ms. Huffman is currently suffering a worsening of her anxiety as a result of the proposed construction plan. If you would please consider her psychiatric illness and age as you progress with plans for this new highway it would be most appreciated.

If you need further information please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. Thistlethwaite', written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Thistlethwaite, M.D., DABPN, FAPA

ERICA D TRIGG  
4009 Pennsylvania Ave.  
So. Charleston, WV 25309

August 2, 2016

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



Re: Jefferson Road Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Scites:

I am writing to express my concern about the Jefferson Road Improvement Project. While I agree that there is a serious traffic concern in this area and that there should be an alternate route to ease this traffic, I am very concerned about how it will affect not only my life and home, but my neighborhood in general.

My house is located on the corner of Jefferson Road and Pennsylvania Ave. From the enclosed pictures marked 1 and 2 you can see its location in conjunction with the railroad tracks and the turn onto Kanawha Turnpike. From what I understand, this area will be converted to a cul de sac, not allowing traffic to either turn onto Kanawha Turnpike, Jefferson Road or to cross the railroad tracks to be able to access the interstate.

Your 3-d models, blueprints and aerial views do not reflect the impact this project is inevitably going to have on the entire neighborhood. It merely shows the relief of traffic.

I attended the hearing on July 11 and actually spoke to a couple of engineers who presented the project in a way that seemed beneficial to me; stating that my property value would increase. I would appreciate hearing from an independent appraiser who could verify this statement.

After I got home and reviewed the pictures and having discussions with several neighbors, I do not agree that this will benefit any of us if we remain here.

It will be a horrific two years of heavy equipment presence; loud construction noise; and all of the other inconveniences that come with any construction that utterly destroys the quality of life in the neighborhood. This will be two years of my life that will be impacted in a very negative way, with extreme inconvenience.

I do not want to be forced to endure two years of extreme noise and chaos because of this project. If you decide to purchase homes, please consider purchasing all of the homes, so there will be no families left here to endure this chaos. These are not merely structures that you are

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asking to remain here; these are homes with families. If you're going to purchase property, purchase all of our homes and give us the opportunity to relocate to a more liveable environment.

Please present my concerns to all who are making these decisions and reconsider the option to purchase all of the homes or some other way of diverting traffic.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Erica D. Trigg*

Erica D. Trigg

cc: Mayor Frank Mullens, South Charleston  
South Charleston City Council  
4<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
South Charleston WV 25303

*Attached Two 4"x6" color photos*







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Organization	
Email	<a href="mailto:Cedennis30@yahoo.com">Cedennis30@yahoo.com</a>
MailingAddress	3908 Washington St SW
City	South Charleston
State	WV
ZipCode	25309
Comments	<p>I am a resident of the Jefferson Rd project and have concerns pertaining to the improvements to the traffic.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Do you have a specified start dated for the project, and are the Grants and Federal money available to start this project?</li> <li>2) When will someone let the home owners know if there home's will be effected by this project?</li> <li>3)How long will the effected home owners have after they have been notified that there property will be involved in the project?</li> <li>4) What help if any will be given to the homeowners effected by this project?</li> <li>5) Why was the Alternative 5 choosen?</li> </ol> <p>Thank you, Charles Dennis 304 346-9076</p>
CommentType	Online

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Email	<a href="mailto:jed1279@yahoo.com">jed1279@yahoo.com</a>
MailingAddress	709 Virginia Street SW
City	South Charleston
State	WV
ZipCode	25309
Comments	<p>As a resident of Jefferson Park for 36 years I am very excited for and supportive of the upcoming Jefferson Road project. We have always had traffic problems on Jefferson Road even before Corridor G became very busy. The railroad crossing would always cause traffic to back up on Jefferson in both directions. Drivers have constantly turned around on Jefferson Road in front of the state police barracks causing accidents and unsafe conditions. The entrance on Washington Street has also become a popular turn around spot. It has been a problem for decades. After Corridor G became a busy shopping &amp; dining area, Jefferson Road has become a nightmare especially when coming from Corridor G. It can take 20 minutes or longer to get through the stoplight at Kanawha Turnpike. Having one entrance into our neighborhood with a stoplight is a dream come true. It will make our neighborhood safer and keep non local traffic out of the neighborhood. This change may not be pleasant for people living on Park Street or on Pennsylvania near Jefferson Road but it is change in the right direction.</p>
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Email	<a href="mailto:Kismet327@yahoo.com">Kismet327@yahoo.com</a>
MailingAddress	1658 King st
City	South charleston
State	WV
ZipCode	25303
Comments	Please think about a direct bike/walk paved lane connecting to Little Creek Park along Jefferson Rd. also connection to Southridge Shopping Center.
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LastName	Foster
Organization	
Email	<a href="mailto:drema.foster@live.com">drema.foster@live.com</a>
MailingAddress	720 Park Street
City	South Charleston
State	WV
ZipCode	25309
Comments	The WVDOT has done a VERY POOR job of keeping residents whose homes will be affected by this project updated. Meetings are not well publicized and residents in the project area should be contacted directly regarding informational meetings, project updates/timelines, etc. As someone who will likely lose their home, I really feel like the state and federal DOT should focus on maintaining existing roads and bridges that are in total disrepair instead of spending millions of dollars and displacing half a neighborhood of residents just to make the commute to the local Wal Mart more convenient!
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Email	<a href="mailto:dafacct@gmail.com">dafacct@gmail.com</a>
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City	
State	WV
ZipCode	
Comments	As one who travels the Jefferson Road connector to Corridor G, I strongly encourage the DOH to improve this section ASAP. I applaud you for realizing that this "bottleneck" has created major headaches for many years [and is getting worse] and are taking the necessary action to improve this section of road. Thanks much!!
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Organization	
Email	<a href="mailto:sunteller@suddenlink.net">sunteller@suddenlink.net</a>
MailingAddress	3809 Pennsylvania Ave SW
City	South Charleston
State	WV
ZipCode	25309-1617
Comments	<p>I currently reside in the Jefferson Park neighborhood at 3809 Pennsylvania Ave SW. Although my home will not be affected directly, the proposed bridge in Alternative 5 will affect the views from my home. My father-in-law is also a tenant at one of the proposed houses on Park Street that will be removed to allow for construction. There are a number of factors that concern me regarding Alternative 5 which I presume will be chosen by the literature we received. My biggest concern is what effect the project will have on the water level of Davis Creek since my house is adjacent to it. We currently experience high water in the back yards of several residences in the park, and the possibility of uncontrolled heavy runoff during or after construction could increase the chances for flooding. I would like to know specifically how this will be addressed.</p> <p>Another concern is the proposed new exit for the Park. According to your literature and presentation, there will be a joint exit, shared on one side by Jefferson Park and the other side by the South Charleston Community Center. We currently suffer greatly when trying to exit the Park and turn left towards US 119. Either the traffic is backed up at the traffic light or the traffic coming from US 119 is speeding such that it makes it dangerous to try to exit. Couple that with traffic exiting the South Charleston Community Center and it is almost impossible at times to exit safely. Per your 3D rendering, there appeared to be traffic lights installed but I do not see that same information in the literature we received. I urge you to install traffic lights, and put them on a trip vs. a timer if necessary to lessen the impact to your traffic pattern.</p> <p>While I understand that most will view this road as progress, it will have a substantial impact on Jefferson Park during the construction phase. It would be beneficial to the residents of Jefferson Park to have a meeting with WVDOH once the project has been approved and a timeline has been established so that we will know what to expect. The construction will affect many of us who work and we would need to know at what times there may be road closures or utility outages due to the construction phase. We would also like to know what to expect in noise levels and air quality during construction.</p>
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State	WV
ZipCode	25303
Comments	

I am writing to you with concerns regarding the proposed construction project to build an overpass through Jefferson Park to Corridor G in South Charleston. I am not currently a resident of Jefferson Park, but my mother is and I am commenting on her behalf. She has lived in Jefferson Park since 1959 and, with the exception of one other individual, has lived in this neighborhood longer than any other resident. Her home was one of the original houses in the area. It was built by my grandparents in 1937 and has always been in our family. My brother, sisters and I have great memories of our home and growing up in Jefferson Park so, of course we are dismayed that the overpass is going to not only divide, but also destroy this quiet family neighborhood.

Our initial concerns revolve around the construction. My mother's home is on Park Street. We have been told that she won't lose her house and she doesn't want to - her home holds too much comfort and too many memories for her. Instead, she will have the overpass built less than 50 feet from her front lawn. How is she supposed to live there with constant disruption, construction traffic, and the air and noise pollution that are going to be created for, what I am assuming, will be months and months on end? Is that unhealthy environment one that we want her to be faced with on a daily basis? Absolutely not. The construction will create an intolerable condition that our mother cannot endure living alone at age 84. She will likely have to relocate during construction only to risk damage or theft from her unoccupied house.

The next concern is the end product itself. When my mother looks out her front door now, she sees a "neighborhood;" she feels safe walking up and down her street. Once the construction is complete, she will be staring at a concrete wall with traffic and noise nearer to her home. I feel certain that she will not be comfortable walking outside with vehicular and pedestrian traffic so close by. This leads to several questions: Should there be an accident on the overpass, what measures will be taken to make sure that the residents that live there will be safe? Have sound studies been conducted to project the increase in noise levels? Have sound barriers been studied for reduction of noise? In light of all of the above-mentioned issues, my family and I are aware that the mere proposal of this project has decreased the value of my mother's property. I feel sure that value will further decline once construction has begun.

It has been stated that 35 homes along Jefferson Road will be taken by the overpass project. That is not an insignificant number of individuals affected and is an indication of the scope of what will be done to the neighborhood. What was not clearly delineated was the

number of residents who, left living in close proximity to the overpass, will also be negatively impacted. The roadway you propose will essentially be in my mother's front yard and divides the neighborhood. Due to her age and long-time residency in Jefferson Park, this is degrading my mother's way of life and her independence. In addition, the construction will create an unbearable living situation for her. Yet, there is no compensation for these losses. It is my understanding that there are several different routes/options available for the construction of this roadway. I implore you to consider the options that will cause less disruption and destruction to the Jefferson Park neighborhood.

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MailingAddress	4007 Pennsylvania Ave SW
City	South Charleston
State	WV
ZipCode	25309
Comments	<p>There are questions and concerns we have about the new Jefferson Road Project and no one is ever available to answer anything for us.</p> <p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Longer commute to work</li> <li>Longer commute for our sitter</li> <li>More traffic noise</li> <li>Traffic congestion on McCorkle Ave with the new traffic light</li> <li>Danger to our children being close to an interstate.</li> <li>2 years of construction noise</li> <li>Property value.</li> </ul>
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Email	<a href="mailto:mxmug305@yahoo.com">mxmug305@yahoo.com</a>
MailingAddress	601 Jefferson Street
City	South Charleston
State	WV
ZipCode	25309
Comments	<p>My address is 601 Jefferson Street in Jefferson Park. My house is not being displaced, but I have a question. My house will have the cul de sac behind it in your plans. (On Liberty Street) You are taking the 3 houses behind me on Park Street. Are we going to be able to purchase/acquire a small extra lot behind my backyard/home when this is built?</p> <p>Thank you</p>
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Organization	
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MailingAddress	4005 Pennsylvania Avenue
City	South Charleston
State	WV
ZipCode	25309
Comments	

August 3, 2016

Mr. R J Scites, PE  
Director, Engineering Division  
WV Division of Highway  
1334 Smith Street  
Charleston WV 25301

Dear Mr. Scites,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my 86 year old Mother, Virginia L. Huffman, who resides at 4005 Pennsylvania Avenue, So. Charleston, WV 25309 (Jefferson Park Addition).

After your public meeting at the South Charleston Recreation Center, we were informed that your Proposal 5 will not take her home but will place her home and property right against the right-of-way and proposed roadway. However, the property across the street from her owned by David Broyles is being taken and his property line lines up in her driveway. We question how your proposal can be taking his home and not taking hers with the property line issue.

My Mother suffers from several medical conditions which include the following: high anxiety which she takes medication for to try and help control the blood pressure and heart rate. She has a pacemaker and takes several blood pressure and heart rate medications prescribed by her cardiologist. In addition she has thyroid nodules which are very large and inoperable at her age and kidney problems. Her eyesight is also declining due to Macular Degeneration.

We respectfully request that you buy her property due to her health conditions since she will be unable to cope with all the new traffic changes and patterns, noise from and during construction and once completed, the traffic noises.

Since this project was initially proposed a year or so ago with all seven proposals, this project has been on her mind constantly wondering if they would take her home. She was one of the few people in this area that was willing to give up her home to see less accidents on Jefferson Road.



Since the beginning of this project, it has increased her anxiety and every conversation is centered on the road and we have had Emergency Room visits due to high blood pressure/heart rate issues brought on by anxiety.

As her daughter, I am concerned about the continued stress of this road project may continue to increase her anxiety and add to her health issues. Another concern is from a security standpoint where she is used to neighbors from the houses you are taking to check on her and give her a level of comfort and well-being. I do not feel taking these homes and not including her home, will add to her decline both physically and mentally.

Please seriously consider her request to take her home as part of your Project not only due to her current medical conditions but any future health issues which may occur.

She is also mailing a signed copy for your records. You may contact her directly at (304) 744-5294.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Virginia L. Huffman and  
Sue Huffman Belcher

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MailingAddress	712 Park Street
City	Charleston
State	WV
ZipCode	25309
Comments	<p>I agree that the improvement needs done for the traffic congestion and safety on Jefferson Road. We support the work. I do however have a very large concern to where this Alternative 5 plan places my home and family. We live on Park Street in Jefferson Park. This will place construction and eventually high volume traffic right up to my front steps. I will say it very clearly, we do not want to live in the area of the new zone. We have discussed and agreed on selling our house and relocating but the new construction and location to the road will cause great difficulty in selling our home. I have spoken with several of my neighbors on Park Street and in Jefferson Park and we all plan to attend the meeting to share our comments. Myself and many of my Park Street neighbors want our homes to be purchased so that we can have the opportunity to relocate before the madness starts. We noticed that the least expensive plan was chosen for construction. That selection gave us the optimism that there is room in the budget for the purchasing of our homes that are going to be right on the front line of a serious breach of privacy and peace. Again, we support the work and improvements but PLEASE do not make our children and members susceptible to the dangers of high traffic and construction. We would like our home purchased due to being on the front line of this plan. Thank you. Kaci Jones 712 Park Street</p>
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Comments	<p>I was very disappointed in where this leaves my home and several of my neighbor's homes. We support the plan but we do not want to live with this in front of us. We will be the front house that looks into an overpass and ramp. The plan to build a wall along side of the overpass and ramp which gives us this view about 20 feet right outside of my front door. Not the mention the danger and fallout of heavy construction that will be right up to our doorsteps. Our property values will be greatly reduced and the psychological affect I'm sure will be great. The noise, dust and dirt alone will surely have health hazards being way too close to our homes everyday. I strongly believe that on Park Street and those within so many feet of this plan are in an unsafe zone, our property values will be greatly reduced and they completely take our view away. Many of us have agreed that we want our homes purchased as well due to selling now will be next to impossible. No one should be expected to live so close to those conditions and I can't believe it is suggested we do so. They could take out our row of homes or just the half that is forced to be so close and the next homes would have this at a safe distance to their back door. The tall trees suggested by a representative at the meeting could be planted and it wouldn't bother those neighbors much at all. Final note, God forbid there is a tragic wreck on that overpass where a car has a possibility of jumping the parapet wall, we are so close on Park Street that the car would come right down into our roofs! Again, I think the plan looks great but I refuse to live so close to this zone. My house is the one with the huge trees in the middle of Park St. I will get an expert opinion but I'm sure it will take the value of my home down to half or more.</p>
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Comments	<p>Hi I own 707 Park st and it is currently on the market. I see that this house is actually going to be one of the ones that will be taken during the project. I was wondering if you could provide more info regarding what to expect during the right of way activities and on what time line. Thank you</p> <p>Anna Milam</p>
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With regard to the pending Jefferson Road improvements, we are writing to urge you to consider altering Preferred, Alternative 5 to include the purchase what otherwise will be the remaining nine homes at and near the current intersection of Jefferson Road and Pennsylvania Avenue. Having reviewed the resource materials available on online and gathered from the public interest meetings, we support Alternative 5 as the preferred plan to the extent that its economic, environmental, and projected traffic benefits have been accounted for. However, Alternative 5 does not appear to have considered the effect it will have on the houses you would have remain in the Jefferson Park neighborhood during construction and following construction. Specifically, our home at 724 Jefferson Road will be virtually inhabitable during construction, and will retain little to no economic value even once construction is complete.

During Construction:

Homeowners will not be able to sell or rent out the houses remaining in Jefferson Park during this time due to excessive construction nuisance, including constant construction noises, increased traffic via construction vehicles, and uncertainty with regard to the nature of the neighborhood following the completion of construction.

First, industrial construction is amazingly loud. The houses you are already plan to destroy for the purpose of constructing Alternative 5 must be torn down. But that is not the least of the noise. Trucking in tons upon tons of fill material to build up the embankment you plan to construct will take weeks, or even months. The houses projected to remain standing near the elevated road are occupied by families ranging from elderly persons to families with young children. Living through the destruction of nearby houses, everyday dump truck runs, and later paving is simply too much to ask of the citizens you expect to leave near the construction zone.

Our home is adjacent to what you expect will be the embankment for an elevated road. There is no possible way for the occupants of our home to live this close to an industrial construction zone and enjoy the use of our property. The construction noise will not only be a nuisance, but also be dangerous. Nearly all nine of the homes remaining near the Jefferson Road – Pennsylvania Avenue intersection will face these problems.

Second, Jefferson Park is a small neighborhood with narrow roads. The roads are the same width as they were when the neighborhood was originally planned in the mid-20th century, and was never expanded with the addition of double the number of houses that were originally contemplated. The roadways inside Jefferson Park are



a tight squeeze as is on a normal day. The dump trucks and other construction related vehicles are certain to need to use the Jefferson Park roads which will clog already tight roads. The addition of construction vehicles will be oppressive to the remaining neighborhood members.

Third, even once a plan is formally adopted, there is no guarantee that the end result will mirror the plan that was adopted. As with most things in life, construction projects are especially prone to need changed once construction has begun, often due to circumstances that were unforeseen at the outset. The unforeseeable nature of the ultimate result of this project leaves the remaining homeowners in limbo regarding the nature of their property and its future value.

#### After Construction:

One of the end results of Preferred Alternative 5 is that what is currently Jefferson Road will end in a cul de sac, rather than continuing across the railroad tracks. This portion of the plan is a cause of great concern for the remaining nine residents fronting Jefferson Road. Many of us chose the Jefferson Park neighborhood, in part, for its convenient entrance to and exit from Interstate 64 via Kanawha Turnpike and the ease of getting to Corridor G. Alternative 5 completely does away with what is a huge benefit of our current location.

In addition to Alternative 5 being a major inconvenience, the fact of the absence of a ground level entrance to the Jefferson Park neighborhood will cause a dramatic decrease in value for the now-fronting homes. Beyond no longer having a convenient means of ingress and egress from the nine houses that remain, those nine houses will no longer be a part of the Jefferson Park neighborhood due to the enormous raised roadway that will separate the front nine homes from the majority of the neighborhood homes that remain in the back area of the neighborhood. Jefferson Park is a small, integrated neighborhood and the segregation of any number of homes will be detrimental to the community feeling, both from a social perspective as well as in terms of the diminished value that will result from being segregated from the rest of the neighborhood.

#### Proposed Solution:

We have discussed Alternative 5 at length with our neighbors, the owners of the nine Jefferson Road – Pennsylvania Avenue homes you plan to leave. Many of us would like you to consider an eminent domain action for our properties in addition to those properties you already intend to take for Alternative 5. We prefer that our properties be put to good use for the state as a staging area for the construction and/or an extension of the WV State Police Headquarters than to contemplate the inevitable nuisance action and legal battle that will almost inevitably ensue if we have no option other than to live through the oppressive conditions that will be an result of Alternative 5 construction.

In short, we strongly encourage you to rework your Alternative 5 design so as to use the nine properties that would otherwise remain fronting Jefferson Road and the intersection of Jefferson/Pennsylvania. Obviously, we cannot speak for our neighbors at this point, but it seems to be the general consensus that, as a whole, we are open to discussing selling our properties to the State of West Virginia to advance the construction of Alternative 5.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss this letter further.

K. Newton Nichols & Joni O. Nichols  
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Comments	<p>I own the propert at 732 Jefferson road which is the last house on the road beside the railroad tracks. It's my understanding that this property would not be purchased along with the other homes that are on this road . This is a rental property and will nearly be impossible to rent with the construction and the access issues associated with the road. I would like to have this property considered for purchase with the other homes as well as the value will be severely degraded with the new road project. This would also be a good staging area during construction .</p> <p>Thank you Edward J Outlaw Jr. 304-545-9425</p>
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Comments	<p>We ( E and T Properties, llc) own the property located at 732 Jefferson road. This property provides us income as it is rental property. We expected to earn income from this property for our lifetime, as well as income for our heirs. The project will effect our earnings for many years down the road, if not permanately. We shouldn't have to lose income as a result of this project. Pre construction and during construction will not only cost us money from loss of rent, but it will cost us money, as it will be empty and be opened to vandalism, law suits, etc. not to mention our insurance company will raise rates because the property is unoccupied indefinitely. We would like for you to consider purchasing this property. Thank you, Terri Outlaw, member E and T Properties, LLC</p>
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Comments	<p>My family and I live on Park street in South Charleston and we are concerned with the Jefferson Road expansion. I am requesting for DOT to look at buying our house. we do not want to be looking at a wall nor all the traffic. The outlook for our children on that street is a disgrace. You were not even able to answer my question of where our children will be picked up or dropped off from school. Why take park of a street? Make our side more green space for the rest of the neighborhood.</p> <p>Thanks, Amy Pauley</p>
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Comments	<p>I support Alternative 5. Just in the last two days 3 situations occurred which confirmed my belief that a bridge is the best way to resolve the traffic issues which plague Jefferson Road. When a train blocks the road, a car coming north on Jefferson Road will usually block the lane for drivers coming from downtown South Charleston heading west on Kanawha Turnpike. More important than wasting my time is the fact that a train adds minutes to the response time for emergency vehicles coming from MacCorkle Ave. going to Corridor G. This past Friday the RR crossing malfunctioned and was blocking traffic although no trains were coming. I don't know how long that took to fix, but cars were taking turns going around the barriers (and for the second time in two days, someone coming north blocked Kanawha Turnpike west).</p> <p>I'm not a fan of roundabouts, but once people get used to them, I think it will be a definite improvement over the current situation. I assume you have studied how long the light should cycle at the Rec Center/Jefferson Park entrance to keep from backing up traffic going south from MacCorkle to the corridor.</p> <p>Thanks for all your work on this project.</p>
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Comments	<p>As a former resident of the Spring Hill area of South Charleston and a cyclist, I would like to see more effort made to accommodate cyclists in a way that permits travel to and from various destinations. When I lived in Spring Hill, I attempted to ride by bicycle to work in Charleston; however, it was not possible to do so without entering traffic on Kanawha Turnpike or MacCorckle Avenue. Both of these roads experience high volumes of traffic during rush hour and I was not comfortable riding on them, even though I would be considered an AASHTO class A cyclist.</p> <p>I realize that the Jefferson Road project will not alleviate the specific issue I described; however, there is an opportunity to provide links that can benefit other cyclists and serve as a backbone for future projects. As currently proposed, the bicycle path offers little opportunity for connectivity, other than extending the existing path along Corridor G to the South Charleston Rec Center. While this is a great improvement, more should be done. Continuing the bicycle path to MacCorckle Avenue would provide a link to the Riverwalk Shopping Plaza via side streets, allow possible future access further west in Spring Hill, and connect to Route 60 which is a designated cycling route across the state. Many recreational cyclists ride along Davis Creek to Kanawha State Forest. Providing a safe, efficient way for these cyclists utilizing the proposed Jefferson Road bicycle facilities to navigate the Corridor G interchange should also be considered. Cyclists also use Kanawha Turnpike; therefore, connectivity to Kanawha Turnpike is also needed.</p> <p>I understand that there is a restriction at the I-64 ramp overpass bridge; however, cyclists could dismount, use the sidewalk, and then continue on bicycle facilities north of the overpass. In my opinion, this restriction is not sufficient reason to terminate bicycle facilities at the Rec Center. Creative solutions can be found.</p> <p>To summarize, I would like to stress that is not enough to provide a bicycle path along proposed Jefferson Road that just ends, but bicycle facilities that provide connectivity are needed.</p>
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