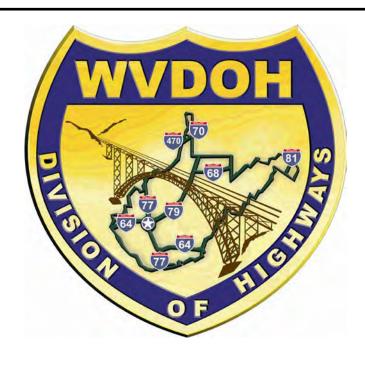
Workshop Public Meeting



WV Department of Transportation Division of Highways In cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and the West Virginia National Guard

State Project T220-CPA/DS-9

Coonskin Park Access Kanawha County

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The purpose of this project is to implement and mitigate a Department of Defense (DoD) mandated physical security measure that will restrict personnel and vehicular traffic through the National Guard (NG) complex along Coonskin Drive (Kanawha CR 51/2). This project addresses military security issues identified in the 2002 Joint Services Integrated Vulnerability Assessment (JSIVA), 2006 Air Force Vulnerability Assessment Team Report (AFVATR), and the 2009 Air Force Vulnerability Assessment Team Report. A secondary purpose of this project is to provide an emergency entrance and exit from the NG Complex, Kanawha County's Coonskin Park, and Yeager Airport in case of flash flooding.

Coonskin Drive (Kanawha CR 51/2) is part of the state roadway system. State traffic records indicate it has had up to approximately 2400 vehicles per day travel along its route. It is the only route to and through the NG Complex and into Kanawha County's Coonskin Park. Both the NG Complex and the Park are located adjacent to Yeager Airport, and there are no alternate routes for accessing these facilities. Historically, flash flooding in the watersheds adjacent to Coonskin Drive and Yeager Airport have closed access to and from the NG Complex, Park and Airport. This flooding has demonstrated a need to establish an emergency entrance and exit route to these facilities so that they can be accessed or evacuated if the primary routes are blocked.

One of the main Force Protection security measures required by the DoD MINIMUM ANTITERRORISM STANDARDS FOR BUILDINGS (UFC 4-010-01, dated 8 October 2003, updated 22 January 2007) includes maintaining minimum clearances between military facilities and public roadways. This measure is only one of several Force Protection security requirements that have been put in place at military facilities worldwide since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The NG Complex facilities along Coonskin Drive are too close to the public road to meet required minimum clearance distances. Accordingly, the security measures require that access to the Complex be restricted which, in turn, requires that traffic to Coonskin Park be rerouted. The security access restriction will only allow military and civilian personnel who have a valid need and identification to be on the premises. Also, minimal rerouting of the Coonskin Drive traffic is not practical because the NG Complex facilities are on both sides of the road.

In order to address the Force protection security measures required by DoD MINIMUM ANTITERRORISM STANDARDS FOR BUILDINGS (UFC 4-010-01, dated 8 October 2003, updated 22 January 2007), an Access Control Point (ACP) into the NG Complex must be established along the existing Coonskin Drive. This ACP must be properly configured to adequately restrict access onto a federal military installation which likely involves closing a portion of Coonskin Drive. If the NG Complex would be required to elevate its Force Protection level to Force Protection Condition Delta (as after September 11, 2001), then public access to the Park by Coonskin Drive would be blocked completely until the Force Protection Condition was lowered.

Because the proposed ACP will eliminate public access through a section of Coonskin Drive, the project also includes, as mitigation, the concurrent construction of a new access route that would permanently provide public access into the Park. It is also imperative that this new access provide an emergency alternate entrance and exit route from the NG Complex and Yeager Airport to allow access during a flash flooding event.

In summary, the Coonskin Park Access project consists of:

- Closing a section of Coonskin Drive to the public so that an adequate Access Control Point to the NG Complex can be installed to meet Force Protection security requirements; and
- ii. Building a new access into the Park that provides unimpeded public access to the Park and an emergency entrance and exit route for the NG Complex and Yeager Airport.

The overall purpose of this project is to address military security issues.

In order to best meet all the requirements of this project, several land and bridge alternatives have been identified and are being studied by the WVDOH. It is important to note that a "**Preferred**" **Alternative** has been identified based on its ability to meet all of the requirements of the project. It is listed as **Alternate No. 5A**. The following is a description of the alternatives that are being evaluated.

Alternative No. 1- Land Route-This alternate relocates a portion of Kanawha CR 51/2 to the east and around the Guard facilities. The new road starts at mile post 0.40 and proceeds north reconnecting with CR 51/2 at milepost 1.13. Approximately 4,000 feet of new roadway is required.

<u>Alternative No. 2</u>-Land Route-New entrance to Coonskin Park from WV 114, by acquiring a private access road and constructing a new roadway into the park. Approximately 6,000 feet of new roadway is required.

<u>Alternative No. 3</u>- Land Route-Similar to alternative 2 except the route utilizes the fire road within Coonskin Park. Approximately 12,000 feet of new roadway is required.

<u>Alternative No. 4</u>- No longer feasible because it utilizes the existing Railroad bed and it is planned to reopened.

<u>Alternative No. 5</u>-This alternative requires the construction of a 400 feet long bridge over the Elk River heading into the Park from Elk Hills. Approximately 1,200 feet of new roadway will be constructed along with at least a 100 foot right turn lane along US 119.

<u>Preferred-Alternative No. 5A</u>- Is at the same location at Alternative #5, except this alternative has no piers in the water and the bridge is 405 feet long. This alternative will avoid impacts to the Elk River and/or riparian areas.

<u>Alternative No. 6</u>- Proposes a bridge adjacent to Coonskin Park's Clubhouse. The alignment provides a 425 feet bridge and 650 feet of roadway.

<u>Alternative No. 7</u>-Proposes a bridge adjacent to the Harding's Restaurant. The alignment provides a 565 feet long bridge over the Elk River that connects to the Family Center access road and the existing road systems in the Park. Approximately 1,000 feet of new road is needed.

Alternative No. 8-Proposes a bridge that intersects US 119 at the intersection of US 119 and Roselane Drive. This alignment provides a750 feet long overpass bridge that spans the interstate and Elk River. Approximately 1,350 feet of new road will be constructed and reconnected to the Family Center access road inside the park.

Alternative No. 9- This alignment intersects US 119 approximately .7 miles south of Exit #1 of I-79. The new alignment utilizes Conner Drive (CR 119/33) and end near the boat ramp access road. The alignment requires construction of a 500 feet long bridge and approximately 3,800 feet of new road.

<u>Alternative No. 9A</u>-Proposes a bridge adjacent to Conner Drive (CR 119/33). This alignment provides a 650 foot long bridge and 5,500 feet of new roadway.

<u>Alternative No. 10</u>-No longer feasible because it utilizes the existing Railroad bed and it is planned to reopened.

(Maps showing the location of each alternative can be found in the handout.)

The West Virginia Division of Highways in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration will be preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Coonskin Park Access Project to help with the selection of an alternative. Once the EA is complete another round of informational workshop public meetings will be held and the EA will be available for comments.

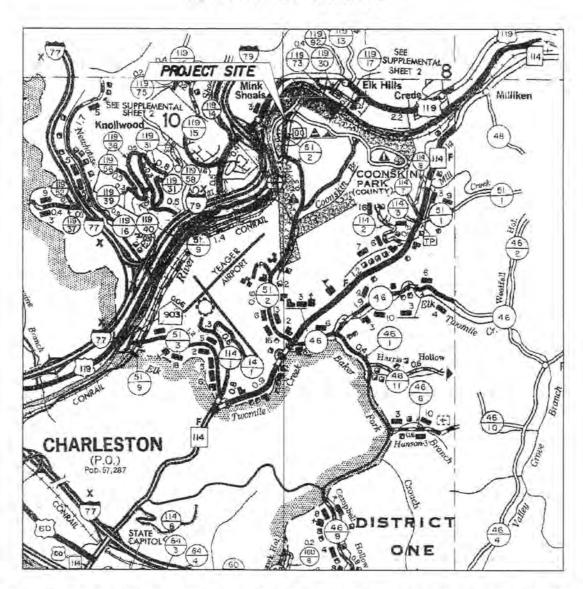
The purpose of this informational workshop public meeting is to afford participants an opportunity to ask questions and state their views and opinions on the alternatives for the Coonskin Park Access.

Those wishing to file written comments may send them to Gregory Bailey, P.E., Director, Engineering Division, West Virginia Division of Highways, Capitol Complex Building Five-Room 450, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, WV 25305-0430 on or before April 2, 2010.

ACCESS ROAD STUDY

COONSKIN PARK STATE PROJECT NO. T220-CPA/DS-9

KANAWHA COUNTY



WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS
ENGINEERING DIVISION
DECEMBER 2009

	Alternative											
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	Preferred-5A	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9A</u>	<u>10</u>
	Land Route around National Guard	Land Route	Land Route via private road and fire	Elk River Bridge	Elk River Bridge adjacent to park's	Elk River Bridge adjacent to park's	Elk River Bridge adjacent to park's	Elk River Bridge	Elk River Bridge Elk Forest fly over bridge	Elk River Bridge along Conner Drive and	Elk River Bridge Conner Drive and new	Mill Creek Bridge Meadowbrook along
Item	Facilities	via private road and new roadway	road	along Viking Road and Railroad	maintenance facility	maintenance facility	clubhouse	adjacent to Harding's	(over I-79)	lake	roadway	railroad
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Roadway Length (ft)	4,000	6,000	12,000	3,000	1,200	1,200	650	1,000	1,350	3,800	4,850	7,600
Bridge Length (ft)	0	0	0	400	400	400	425	565	750	500	650	375
Total Length (ft)	4,000	6,000	12,000	3,400	1,600	1,600	1,075	1,565	2,100	4,300	5,500	7,975
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Design Speed (mph)	35	35	30	25	30	30	25	25	40	25	25	40
Est. Earthwork (CY)	163,000	2,023,000	2,015,000	184,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	289,000	31,000	150,000	884,000
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Public Land Impacts (acres)	15.2	41.4	67.3	9.0	6.0	6.0	1.4	2.8	9.4	4.9	13.5	62.1
Park Impacts (acres)	1.6	24.5	51.0	7.2	1.2	1.2	0.8	1.7	1.6	0.6	4.3	48.4
Residents Required	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	1	1	5	1	0
Stream Impacts	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meets Military Security												
Requirements	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Provides Emergency Entrance and Exit for Guard,												
Park, and Airport	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Involves Railroad that is to be reactivated	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
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Construction Cost	\$9,183,800	\$23,193,700	\$24,324,400	Not Feasible Alternative	\$12,124,300	\$14,951,000	\$14,014,300	\$13,118,400	\$23,979,500	\$14,097,400	\$21,372,300	Not Feasible Alternative

