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Culloden Interchange Project Informational Public Meeting Open House Meeting - No Formal Presentation State Project: U306-64-31.65 00

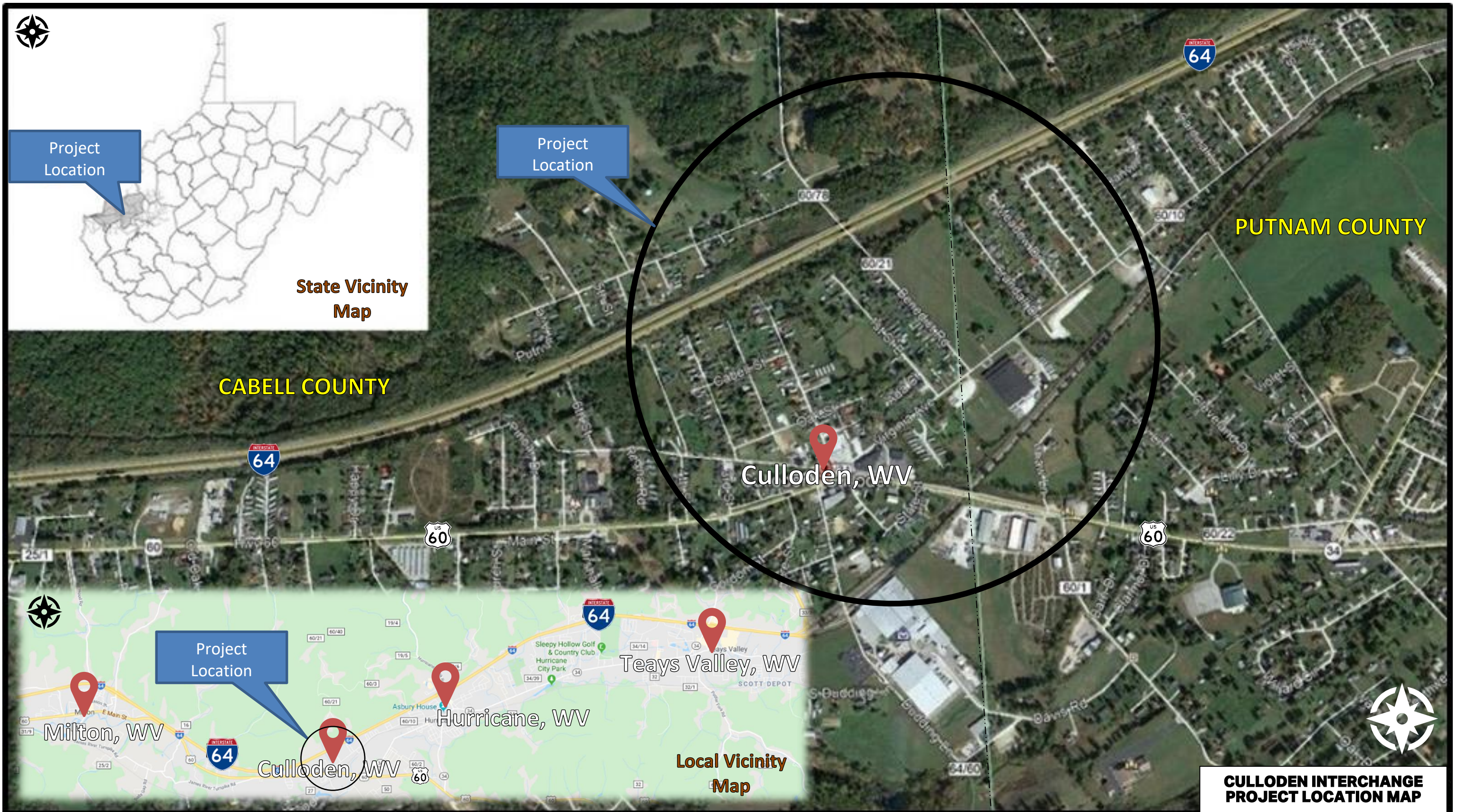
***Monday, December 9, 2019 / 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Culloden Elementary School – Cafeteria
2100 US 60 Culloden, West Virginia***

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) is conducting a follow-up Public Meeting for the Culloden Interchange Project. The purpose of this meeting is to make available and share the findings the Approved Environmental Assessment (EA) and to answer questions about the Preferred Alternative. This meeting complies with the public involvement requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Project maps and other information are on display for your review here today. Copies of the Approved EA are available here tonight and for viewing on the project website, <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment>, under Engineering Projects, Open, and then click Culloden Interchange.

Project Overview

As part of the new Culloden Interchange, replacement will occur for the bridges carrying eastbound and westbound I-64 over Cabell County 60/21 (Benedict Road), adding a diamond interchange at the location of these bridges (mile post 32), and modifying Benedict Road to a three-lane connector road from the new diamond interchange to Putnam County 60/10 (Virginia Avenue). There will be a new connector road from Benedict Road / Virginia Avenue to US 60. Existing Benedict Road, serving one local community, will be slightly modified and access to the proposed connector is provided. Modifications to US 60 where the proposed connector road ties-in are included as well. Two connector road alternatives were investigated along with the no-build alternative, and a Preferred Alternative has been identified which will be the focus of tonight's meeting.

The Approved EA cites potential impacts associated with the proposed project alternatives and identifies possible issues and benefits for each and the methodology used for evaluation purposes.





Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the project is to serve the transportation needs of the travelling public. The current project resulted from growing concerns regarding increased traffic and congestion on I-64 between Hurricane and Milton.

The need for the project is to reduce existing and forecasted traffic congestion and delays associated with the Putnam County 19 (Hurricane Creek Road)/I-64 interchange in Putnam County and provide additional access for round-trip daily traffic and freight truck movements from the Hurricane area to Huntington. Overall existing traffic Levels of Service (LOS) are good; however, the forecast future travel demand shows that several intersections and movements are anticipated to reach unacceptable levels of service and delay by 2040. This anticipated degradation in traffic operations supports the need for additional roadway capacity and/or access options.

Preferred Alternative

During the preparation of the EA, WVDOH and FHWA reviewed the no-build and the two connector road alternatives for impacts on the human, natural, and cultural environment, as well as the ability to meet the purpose and need for the project. The two connector road alternatives have similar impacts to most resources; they differ primarily in the acreage of wetlands impacted, the number of residential and business displacements, and the number of hazardous waste sites affected. However, Alternative 2 avoids involvement with the railroad and the need to construct an overpass bridge, which substantially increases overall project and lifecycle maintenance costs and construction schedule duration. After careful consideration of all impacts and the purpose and need for the project, **WVDOH and FHWA have identified Alternative 2 as the Preferred Alternative.**

Since the analysis for the EA was completed, the engineering team has been making efforts to refine the design in order to reduce the number of displacements and impacts to resources. The impacts for both Preferred Alternative and “Modified Preferred Alternative” have been identified on the Impact Summary on page 4.

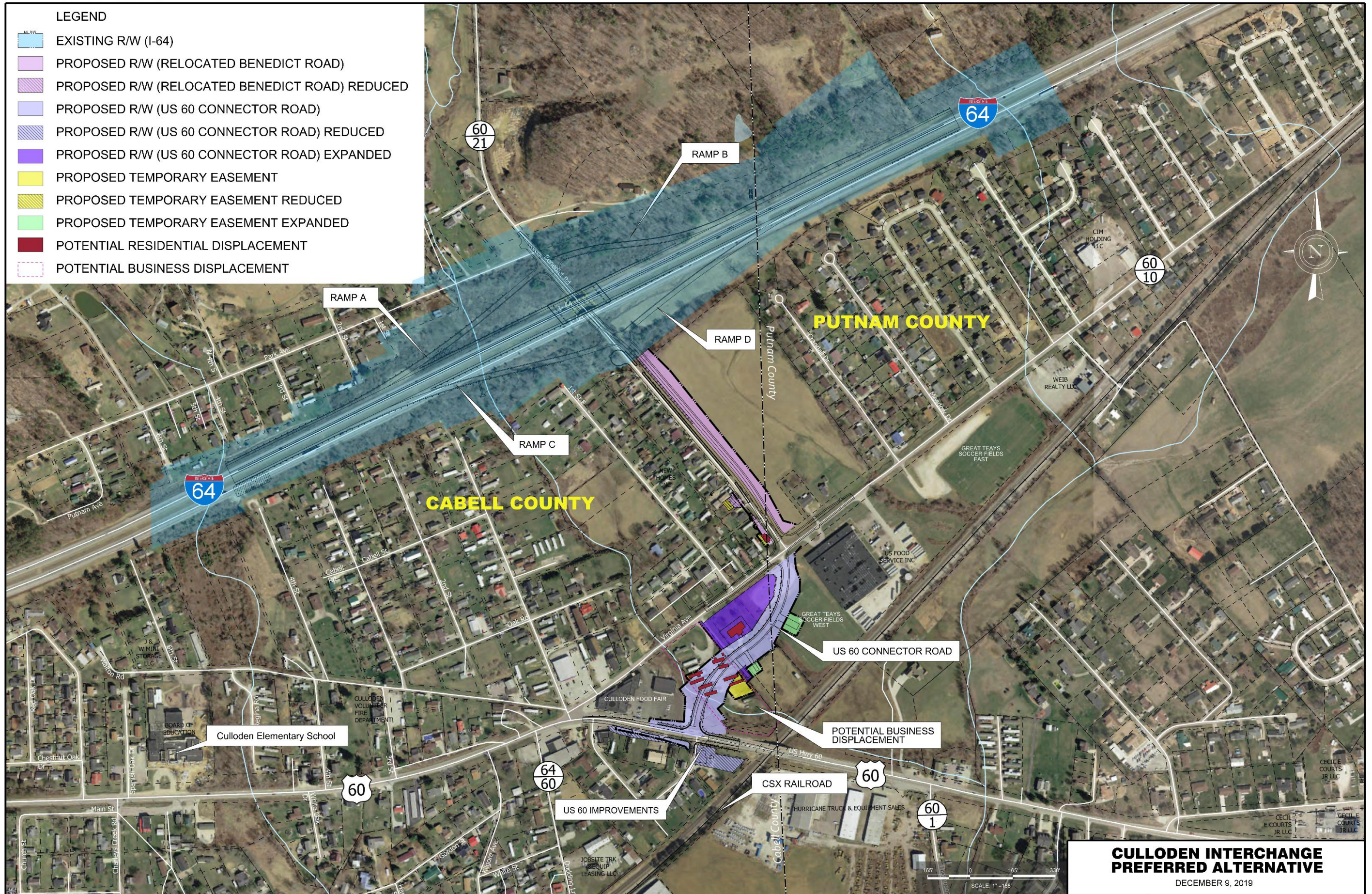
Project Schedule

Milestone	Date
Informational Workshop	Monday, December 9, 2019
Comments on Draft EA Due	Thursday January 9, 2019
FHWA and WVDOH to Issue Decision Document*	March 2020*

**Note: Date is tentative and subject to change.*



Resource/Element	Preferred Alternative	Modified Preferred Alternative
Cost	\$29.65 million – includes construction, right-of-way, and utilities	\$40.77 million
Socioeconomics and Human Environment		
Economics and tax base	Potential beneficial impact due to improved accessibility/mobility to/from I-64 and surrounding areas	No Change
Community facilities/services	Potential beneficial impact due to improved emergency response times. Potential adverse impact due to loss of Great Teays Soccer Fields West	No Change
Community cohesion	Potential beneficial impact due to new access to I-64, improved roadway capacity and intersection LOS, and improvements to local roadways	No Change
Utilities	Potential relocation of existing utilities or installation of new utilities may cause temporary disruptions to local properties, services, and traffic	No Change
Transportation	Beneficial impact from anticipated decreases in traffic congestion	No Change
Residential/Business displacements	11 residential, 1 business	10 residential, 1 business
Environmental Justice populations	No impact	No Change
Natural Resources		
Land use and land cover	12.19 acres of forest 10.61 acres of grassland/pastureland/agricultural land 3.58 acres of barren/developed land	No change No Change 4.28 acres barren/developed
Rare, threatened, and endangered species	No impact	No Change
Wetlands	0.53 acres	No Change
Streams	631 linear feet	No Change
National/State Scenic Rivers	No impact	No Change
Floodplains	No impact	No Change
Prime farmlands/farmlands of state/local importance	No impact	No Change
Geology	No impact	No Change
Groundwater	No impact	No Change
Physical Resources		
Air quality	Minor, temporary impacts in dust/emissions from construction equipment	No Change
Noise	Minor, temporary increases in noise during construction. Nine CNEs contained receptors with predicted future noise levels approaching or exceeding the NAC; noise abatement not feasible	No Change
Hazardous waste sites	Potential impact to 9 sites that have or potentially have identified environmental conditions	No Change
Section 4(f) and 6(f) resources	Resource not present	No Change
Cultural Resources		
Architectural resources	Resource not present	No Change
Archaeological resources	Resource not present	No Change
National Historic Landmarks	Resource not present	No Change
Sites eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)	Resource not present	No Change





***Comments on tonight's, December 9, 2019 meeting
are due by Thursday, January 9, 2020***

You may provide comments through our website:

<http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment>

Public Comments, Engineering Projects, click the Culloden Interchange Project link

Or by regular mail by writing to:

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

***Thank you for attending our meeting!
Your interest in the project is greatly appreciated.***



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PROJECT: Culloden Interchange Project
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Cabell County

COMMENTS DUE BY: Thursday, January 9, 2020

Please consider the following comments:

(Please print the following information)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ORGANIZATION (IF ANY):

How did you hear about the Informational Workshop Public Meeting?

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 Culloden Interchange