

Welcome

Open House

Public Meeting



Tucker Valley Elementary Middle School
Parsons, WV
Tuesday, June 30
4:00 to 7:00 PM

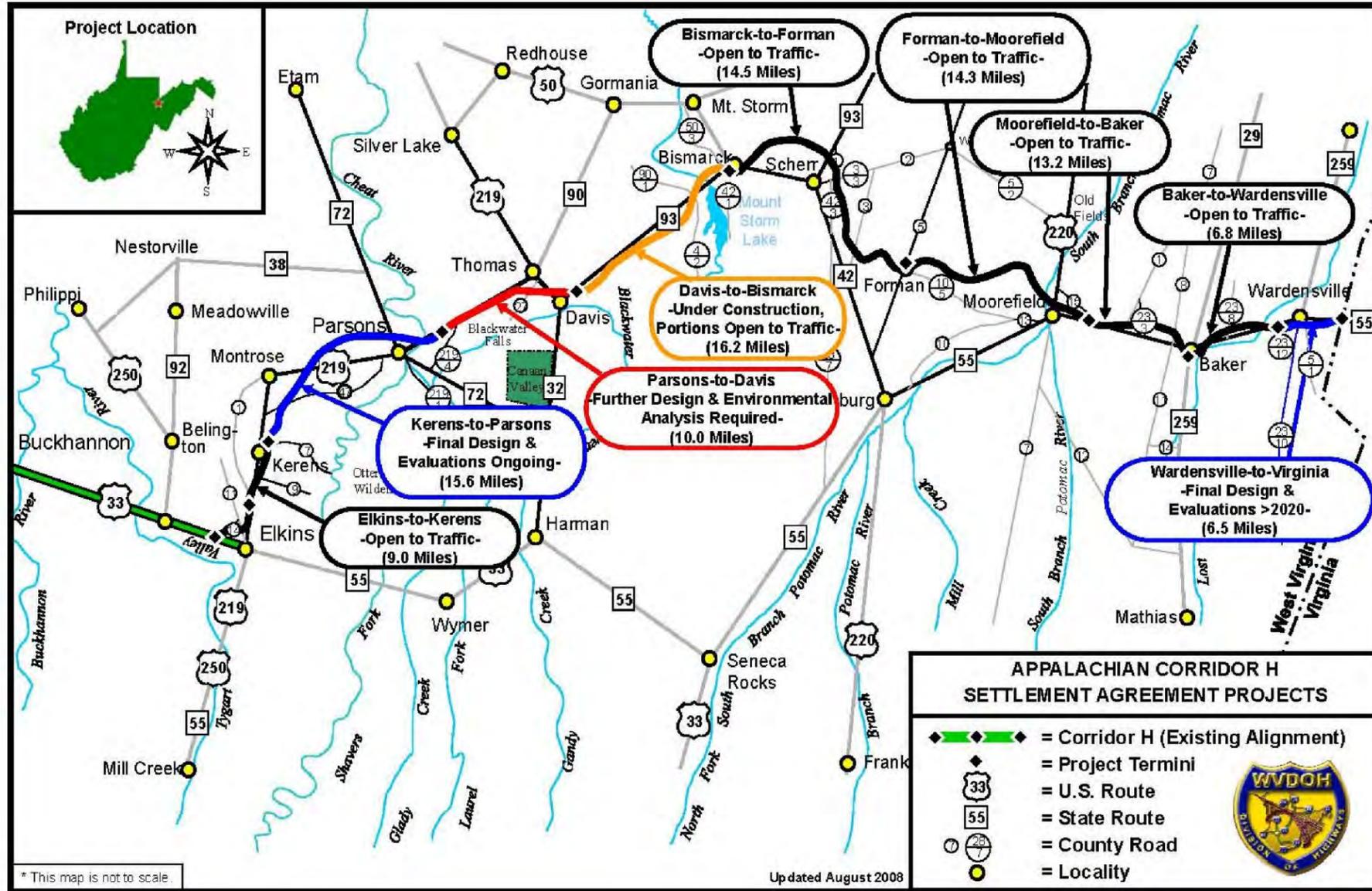
There will be no formal presentation.



Appalachian Highway Corridor H
Kerens To Parsons Project

*Federal Highway Administration &
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Division of Highways*

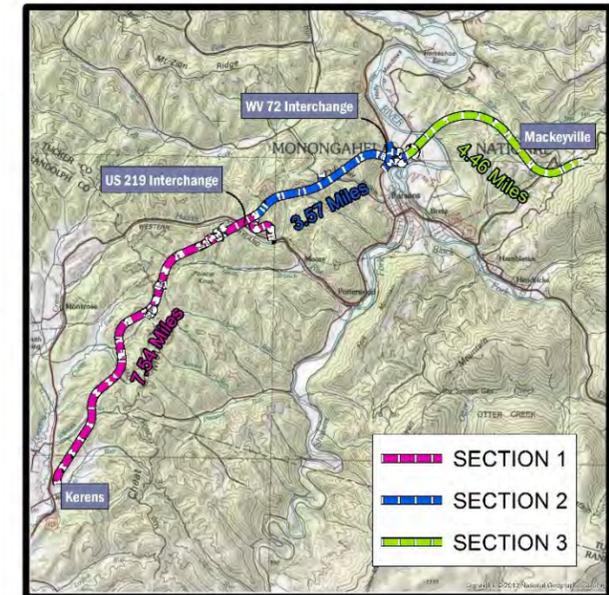
Corridor H Status



Kerens-To-Parsons

The Kerens-To-Parsons Project has been divided into three Sections for final design and construction.

- Section 1: Kerens to US 219 Interchange (7.54 miles)
Beginning Bidding Process
- Section 2: US 219 Interchange to WV 72 Interchange (3.57 miles)
Final Design Underway
- Section 3: WV 72 Interchange to Mackeyville (4.46 miles)
Final Design Underway



Construction Status

Approximately 66 miles of Corridor H between Elkins and the VA state line have been constructed. Construction of the Davis to Bismarck Project (16.2 miles) is nearing completion. The Parsons-To-Davis Project is currently undergoing additional environmental review.



Project Overview

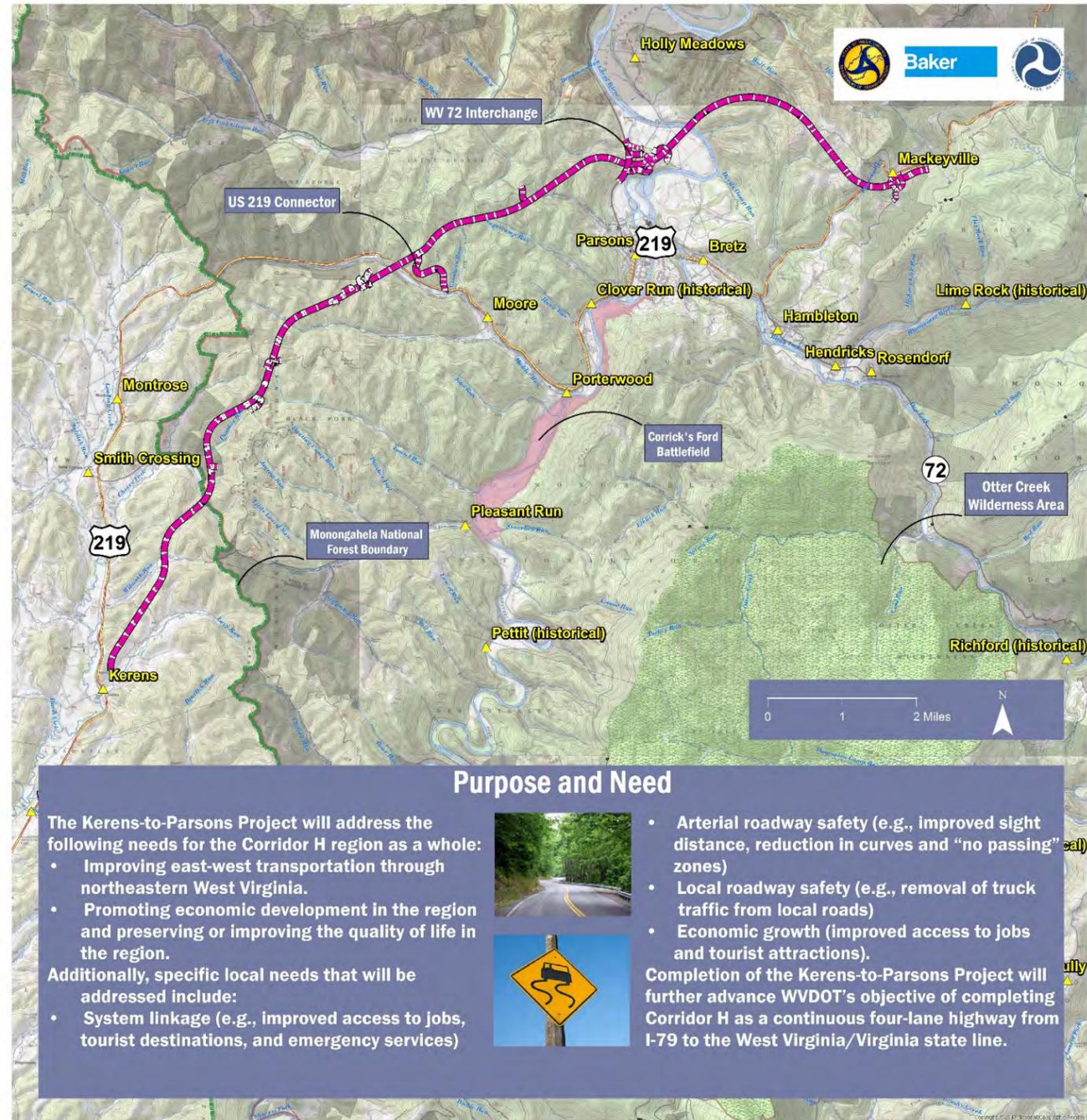
Proposed Project

The Proposed Project is a 15.6-mile, four-lane divided highway, with partial control of access, between the West Virginia localities of Kerens and Parsons. The project begins where previous Appalachian Highway Corridor H construction ended - in Kerens, 0.2 miles north of the intersection of US 219 and Randolph County Route 7 (Clifton Run Road). The project ends east of the City of Parsons, 0.2 miles south of the northernmost point at which Tucker County Route 219/4 (Mackeyville Road) intersects US 219.

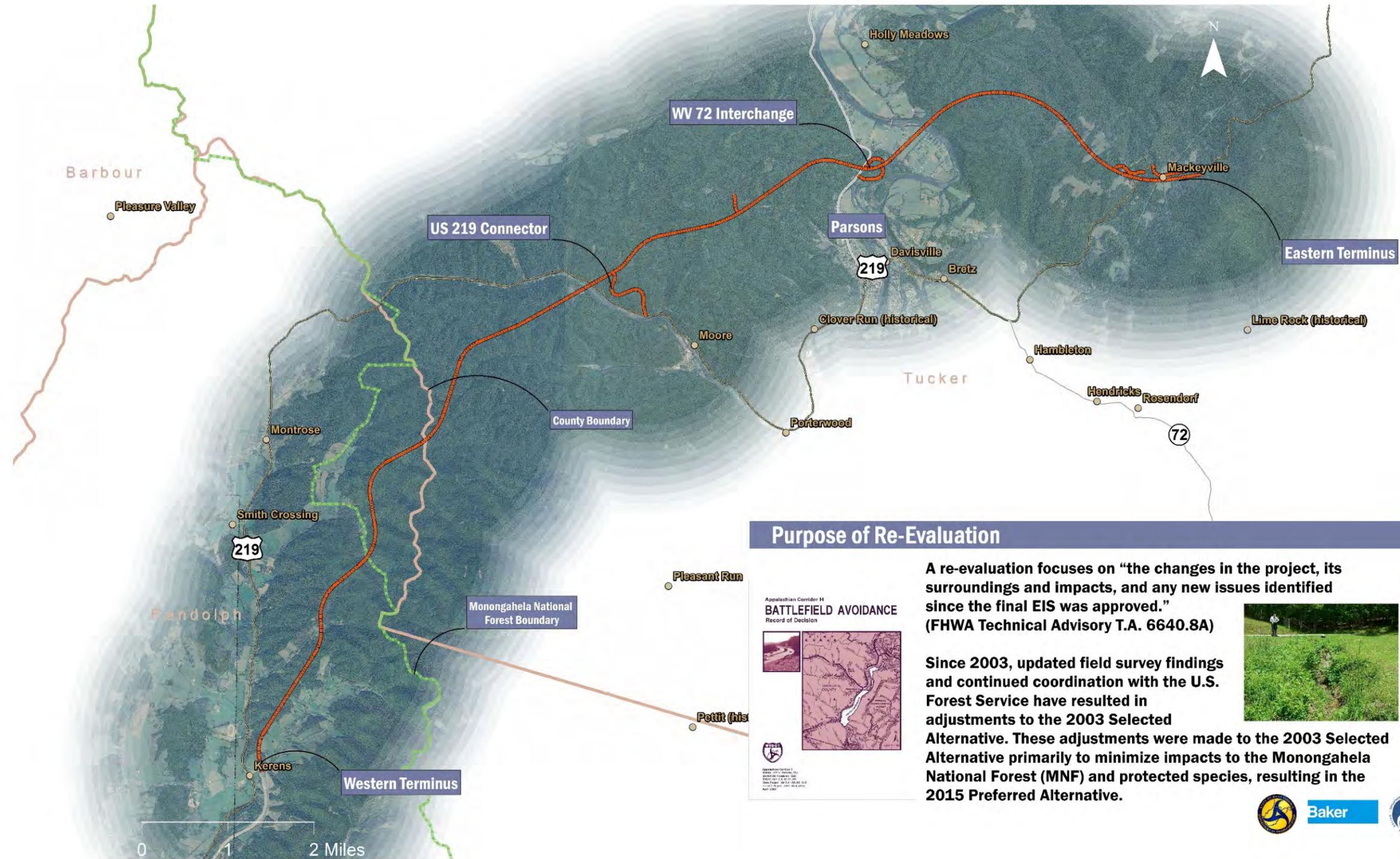


Project History

Corridor H is one of 28 highway corridors designated for construction as part of the Appalachian Development Highway System in 1965. Corridor H connects I-79 in Weston, WV to Strasburg, VA (approx. 160 miles). Construction occurred between I-79 and Elkins in the 1980s and 1990s. An alignment was selected for the 100 miles between Elkins and the Virginia state line in 1996. Later that year, a lawsuit challenged the alignment's crossing of the Battlefield at Corricks Ford, south of Parsons and its potential impact on the Historic and Archaeological District in the valley. The Kerens-to-Parsons section of Corridor H underwent supplemental analyses to examine new avoidance alternatives. In 2003, FHWA signed a Record of Decision (ROD) approving a new alignment ("2003 Selected Alternative").



2003 AROD Selected Alternative

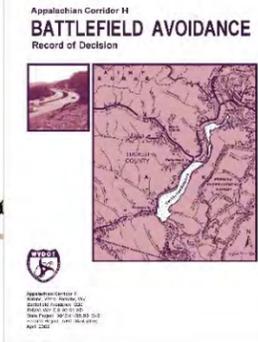


Purpose of Re-Evaluation

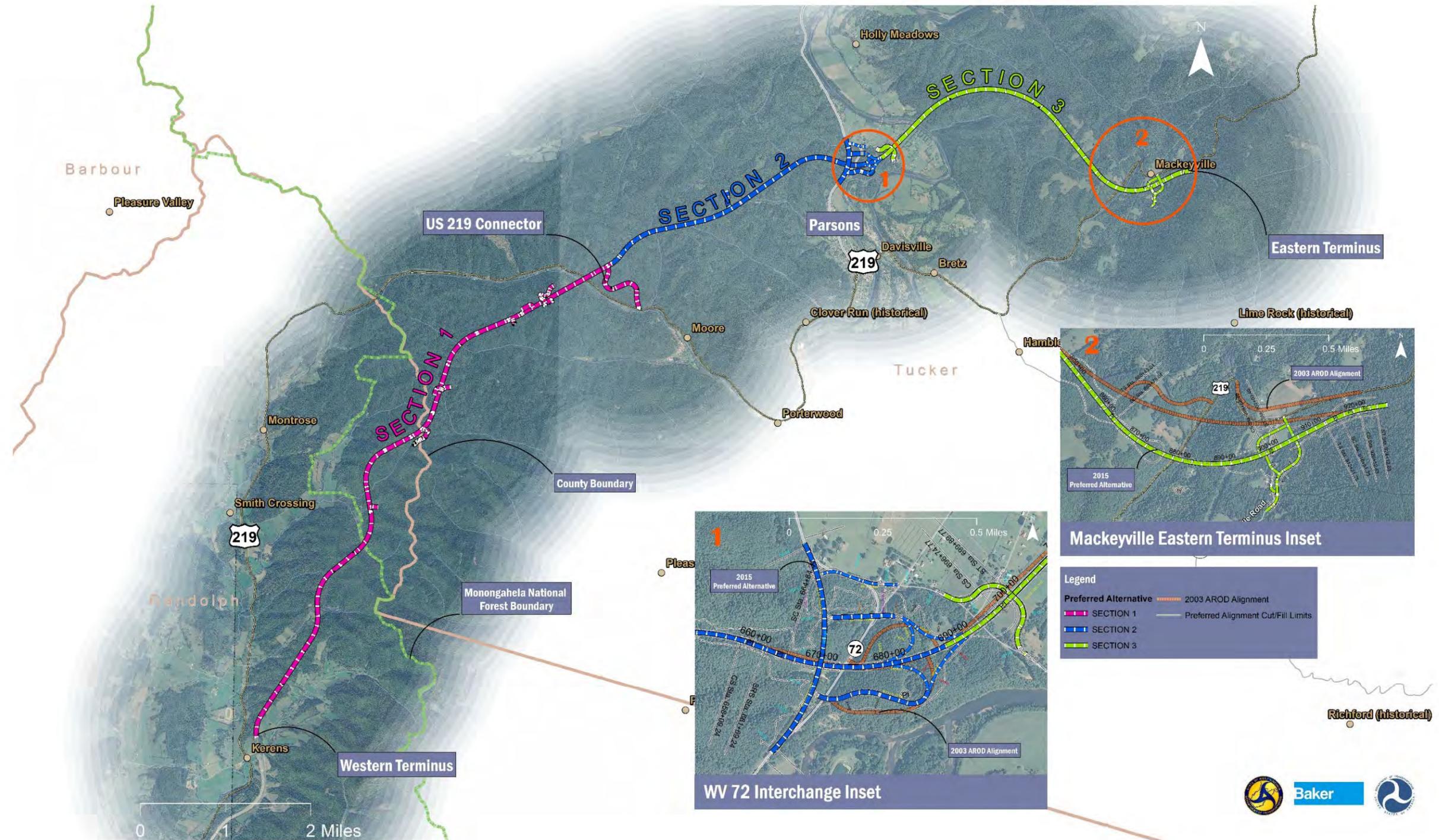
A re-evaluation focuses on “the changes in the project, its surroundings and impacts, and any new issues identified since the final EIS was approved.” (FHWA Technical Advisory T.A. 6640.8A)



Since 2003, updated field survey findings and continued coordination with the U.S. Forest Service have resulted in adjustments to the 2003 Selected Alternative. These adjustments were made to the 2003 Selected Alternative primarily to minimize impacts to the Monongahela National Forest (MNF) and protected species, resulting in the 2015 Preferred Alternative.



2015 Preferred Alternative



Impacts

Resource / Issue	2003 AROD Selected Alternative	2015 Preferred Alternative
Length (mi)	15.4	15.6
Excavation (mil cu yd)	25.6	26.3
Waste (mil cu yd)	3.2	1.4
Footprint (ac)	692	774 (includes 39 ac for excess excavation)
Residences	23	23 (includes 6 apartments)
Mon Forest Public Lands (ac)	281	339
Project Cost (mil \$)	\$424 (2003 \$ revised with current costs)	\$450

Current Activities

- Re-evaluation for Section 1
- Final Design Activities for Section 1
- Solicit Bids for Construction of Section 1
- Fieldwork for Cultural & Natural Resources in Sections 2 & 3

Future Activities

- Core Borings in Sections 2 & 3
- Re-evaluation for Sections 2 & 3
- Final Design Activities for Sections 2 & 3
- Solicit Bids for Construction of Sections 2 & 3



