## Informational Workshop Public Meeting

WV 2 – New Cumberland

Madison Street to Chester Street Intersection and

Widening

Hancock County, WV



West Virginia Department of Transportation Division of Highways

> State Project U215-2-6.20 Federal Project N/A





John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center (IMC Room)
80 Rockefeller Circle
New Cumberland, WV
Thursday, May, 29, 2014
4:00pm to 7:00pm

#### WV 2 – NEW CUMBERLAND STATE PROJECT U215-2-6.20 FEDERAL PROJECT N/A

#### WORKSHOP PURPOSE

The purpose of this Informational Workshop Public Meeting is to provide information on the proposed WV 2 – New Cumberland Project (Madison Street to Chester Street) located in New Cumberland, and how you can provide your comments. The workshop is intended to be informal to maximize the interaction between the citizens and project team.

We encourage you to examine the project maps and displays, discuss the project with the members of our project team who are here today, and complete the enclosed comment sheet.

#### WORKSHOP FORMAT

The WVDOH procedures for public workshops are established to ensure meaningful citizen input in the development for proposed projects, in compliance with all applicable regulations and requirements. This informational workshop public meeting is from 4:00pm to 7:00pm and there will be **NO FORMAL PRESENTATION.** 

#### Registration

If you have not already printed your name and address on the registration sheet, please remember to do so before you leave. Additional copies of this handout and the comment sheet are available at the registration table. The WVDOH welcomes your comments on the project; therefore, please feel free to write comments as you visit other displays around the room. You can drop the completed sheet in the Comment Box; return it to any WVDOH representative at the meeting, or mail it to the WVDOH at the address below or on the WVDOH Website at <a href="http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment">http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment</a>, under Engineering Projects/ WV 2- New Cumberland.

#### **Environmental Studies**

Representatives from the WVDOH are here today to discuss the environmental study process. Maps depicting the proposed project location are available for viewing. This meeting complies with the public involvement requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Preservation Act.

#### **Engineering**

Representatives from the WVDOH are available to discuss the location and preliminary design of the project area. These representatives also have information regarding the area studied for the project.

#### Right-of-Way

WVDOH Right-of-Way representatives are available to answer your questions regarding any right-of-way acquisitions.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

West Virginia State Route 2 is a north-south highway that extends from Huntington, WV to the northern panhandle of the state in Hancock County. Various sections of the route have been upgraded to four-lanes and other sections are scheduled to be upgraded from two-lanes to four-lanes in the future.

WV 2 goes through the town of New Cumberland and makes up some of the city streets. This portion of WV 2 is functionally classified as a Rural Principle Arterial in rolling terrain. The speed limit is posted as 25 mph in the area of concern. Traffic consists of all types of vehicles including commercial carriers, buses and mail carriers. The 2013 average daily traffic (ADT) on WV 2 in the New Cumberland area is 6,630 vehicles per day (VPD).

Two main areas of concern are noted along this section of WV 2 in New Cumberland. The first concern is the geometry of the road. At the

intersection between Chester Street and Madison Street which creates a 90-degree turn and this reverses to create another 90-degree turn up Ridge Avenue on WV 2. These turns make it difficult for large trucks to navigate without running onto the sidewalk. The second concern is located along a section of road between Jefferson and Court Street. This section of road is narrow, measuring 16 feet in some places. A combination of these two

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areas and the significant amount of large truck traffic that navigates this route causes concern for pedestrian safety.

Five alternatives and a no-build option were studied. See plan sheets for project details.

- <u>Alternative #1</u> includes 1,200 feet of roadway construction including widening and intersection improvements. **Total project cost is \$3,121,000.**
- <u>Alternative #2</u> includes 975 feet of roadway construction including widening and a new alignment of Madison Street. **Total project cost is \$3,425,000.**
- <u>Alternative #3</u> includes 1,075 feet of roadway construction including widening and a new alignment of Madison Street. **Total project cost is \$4,119,000.**
- <u>Alternative #4</u> includes 1,925 feet of roadway construction including widening and new roadway construction to bypass the intersection of Madison and Chester Street. **Total project cost is \$6,474,000.**
- <u>Alternative #5</u> includes 6,250 feet of a new alignment for WV 2 traffic, widening and new roadway construction. **Total project cost is \$10,008,000.**
- <u>No-Build Option</u> this option will maintain the area as it is today and make no significant improvements.

#### CURRENT PROJECT SCHEDULE

Public Information Workshop......May 29, 2014

Public Meeting Comments Due By......June 30, 2014

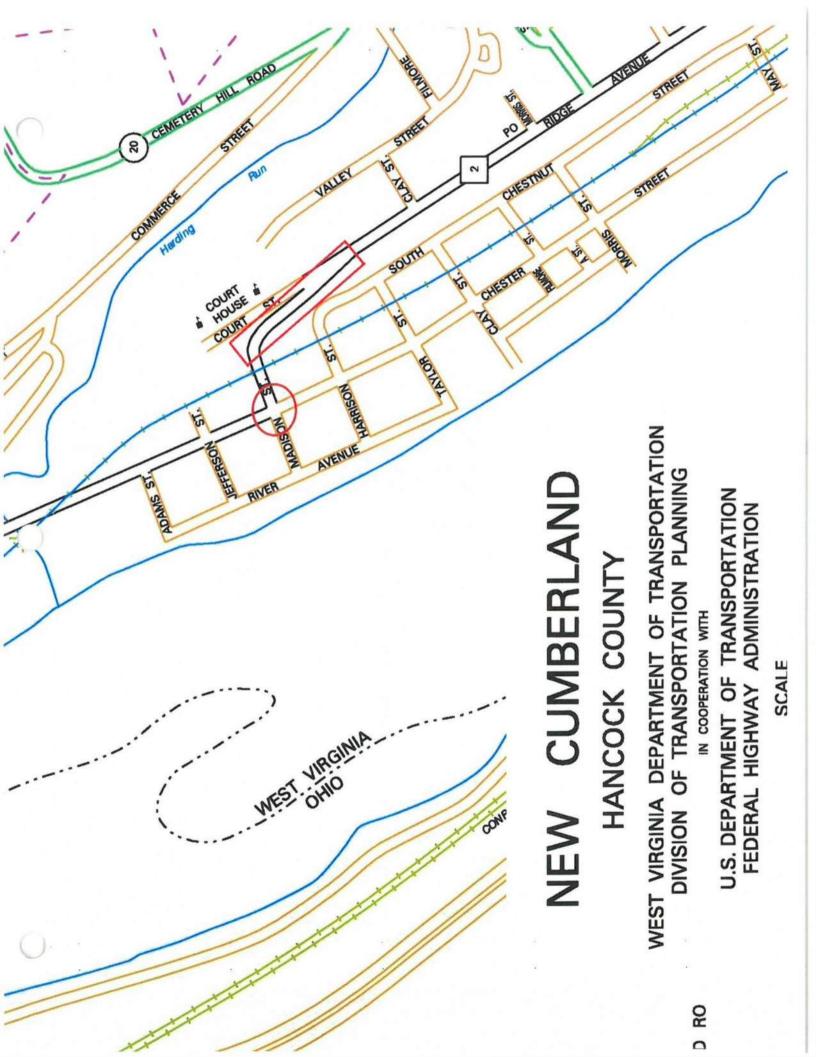
#### COMMENTS

Please send written comments on or before Monday, June 30, 2014 to:

Mr. R.J. Scites, P.E., Director, Engineering Division West Virginia Division of Highways Capital Complex Building Five, Room 317 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0430

Project Information and Comment Sheets can be found online at our web page:
http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment
Click on "Comment on Engineering Project", then "Open",

And then click on "WV 2 - New Cumberland".













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DATE:

Thursday, May 29, 2014

LOCATION:

John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center (IMC Room) INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP PUBLIC MEETING

SUBJECT:

WV 2 – New Cumberland Project

PROJECT:

State Project # U215-2-6.20

Federal Project # N/A Hancock County

Please consider the following comments:					
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# OPEN HOUSE / PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER IV CAREER CENTER 80 ROCKEFELLER CIRCLE NEW CUMBERLAND, WV



# WV 2 IMPROVEMENTS – NEW CUMBERLAND MADISON STREET AND CHESTER STREET INTERSECTION AND WIDENING

State Project Number: U215-2-6.20 00 Hancock County, West Virginia

Join us on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at the John D. Rockefeller IV Career Center for an open house and scoping meeting to learn more about the New Cumberland Route 2 Project. The Career Center is located off of Rockyside Road about two miles north of downtown New Cumberland.

Representatives from the West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) and Federal Highway Administration will be available between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm to discuss the proposed project and answer your questions. No formal presentation is planned, however, project maps and other materials will be available for you to review. This public meeting complies with the requirements of the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) and Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act*.

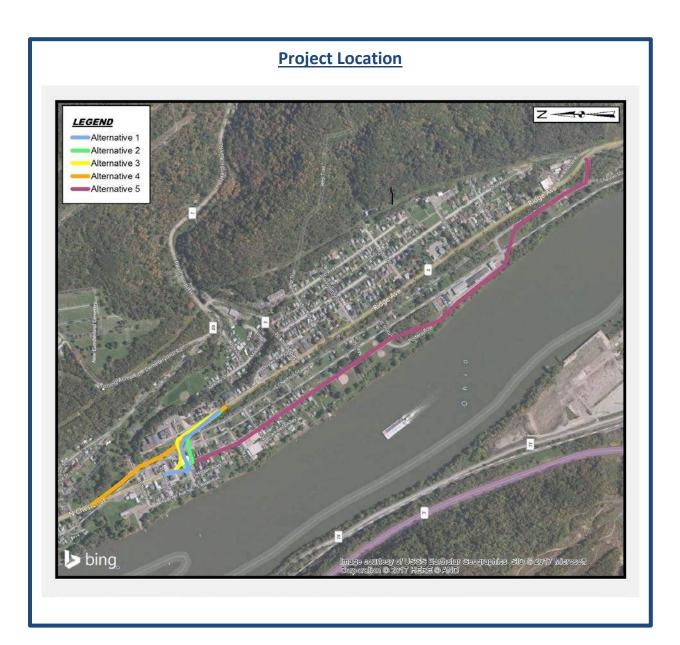
Upon request, WVDOH will provide reasonable accommodations to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate.

Please contact us at (304) 558-3931, or (800)982-8722 (voice to TTD), or (800) 982-8771 (TDD to voice) to make such a request, if needed.

#### **Project Summary**

Route 2 carries approximately 7,000 vehicles per day through the City of New Cumberland. Over 10 percent of these vehicles are trucks, many of them tractor trailers and other types of large, over-the-road vehicles. The efficient flow of this amount of car and truck traffic is hindered by two 90-degree turns and at-grade rail crossings on Madison and Chester Streets. The steep grade and tight width on Madison Street also compounds traffic movement through New Cumberland, creating an undesirable condition for motorists and pedestrians.

WVDOH has developed five alternatives that could correct the existing traffic problems on Route 2 within the central business district of New Cumberland and is currently developing an environmental assessment to measure the potential impacts of the proposed project. Preliminary engineering studies have already been completed and more detailed design studies and environmental analysis is underway.



#### **To Comment on the Project**

Comments can be submitted at the meeting or sent to:

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

Comments can also be submitted via our website at:

http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment

Click on the blue tab: Public Comments, Engineering Projects, then click on the tab: New Cumberland Route 2 Project

Comments are due on August 14, 2017





### Welcome!

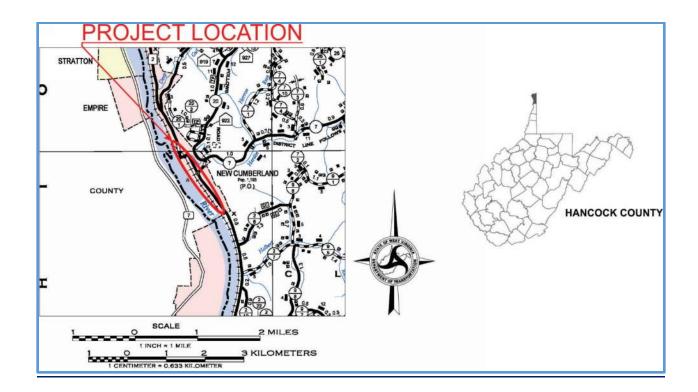
WV 2 Improvements – New Cumberland Madison Street and Chester Street Intersection and Widening Open House / Public Scoping Meeting State Project: U215-2-6.20 00

Wednesday, July 12, 2017 / 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
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80 Rockefeller Circle
New Cumberland, West Virginia

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) is conducting an Open House / Public Scoping Meeting for the WV 2 Improvements – New Cumberland Project (Madison Street and Chester Street Intersection and Widening). The purpose of this meeting is to answer questions and listen to ideas or concerns about the proposed project. This meeting also 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 and are also available online. Members of the study team are available to discuss these materials.

#### **Purpose and Need**

West Virginia Route 2 (WV 2) carries approximately 7,000 vehicles per day through the City of New Cumberland. Over 10 percent of these vehicles are trucks, many of them tractor trailers and other types of large, over-the-road vehicles. The efficient flow of this amount of car and truck traffic is hindered by two 90-degree turns and at-grade rail crossings on Madison and Chester Streets. The steep grade and tight width on Madison Street also compounds traffic movement through New Cumberland, creating an undesirable condition for motorists and pedestrians.



#### **Alternatives**

Besides a no-build alternative, WVDOH has developed five alternatives to correct the traffic problems on WV 2. Based on these alternatives, WVDOH is currently developing an environmental assessment to identify potential impacts of the project. Preliminary engineering studies have been completed and detailed design studies are underway. The alternatives currently under consideration are described below. The estimated costs provided here include design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocations, and actual construction.

- Alternative 1: Alternative 1 improves the 90-degree turns by widening the existing alignment, including intersection improvements at Madison and Chester Streets. Estimated cost is \$3.1 million.
- Alternative 2: Alternative 2 improves the 90-degree turns by shifting the road between them approximately 70 feet south. Widening also improves the Madison and Chester Streets intersection. Estimated cost is \$3.4 million.
- Alternative 3: Similar to Alternative 1, but instead of creating a skewed intersection and widening to the south, Alternative 3 improves the inside radius at the intersection of Madison and Chester Streets. Estimated cost is \$4.1 million.
- Alternative 4: Alternative 4 improves the existing 90-degree turns by creating a short bypass of the existing road. This new segment begins near Hardin Run, parallels the

- railroad tracks, and ends on Ridge Avenue near the library. Estimated cost is \$6.5 million.
- Alternative 5: Alternative 5 creates a new routing for WV 2 through New Cumberland. The new roadway begins at the intersection of Chestnut and Madison Streets and runs closer to the Ohio River than current WV 2, generally following South Chestnut Street, Pottery Road, and Industrial Park Road to Ridge Avenue. Estimated cost is \$17 million.

#### **Tentative Project Schedule**

Public Meeting	Wednesday, July 12, 2017	
Comments Due	Monday, August 14, 2017	
Approve Environmental Assessment	March 30, 2018	
Informational Workshop/Public Hearing	April 5, 2018	
Comments Due	May 7, 2018	
Final Environmental Clearance	August 27, 2018	

Note: Above dates are tentative and subject to change.

## Comments following tonight's meeting are due on August 14, 2017.

You may comment through our website: <a href="http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment">http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment</a>.

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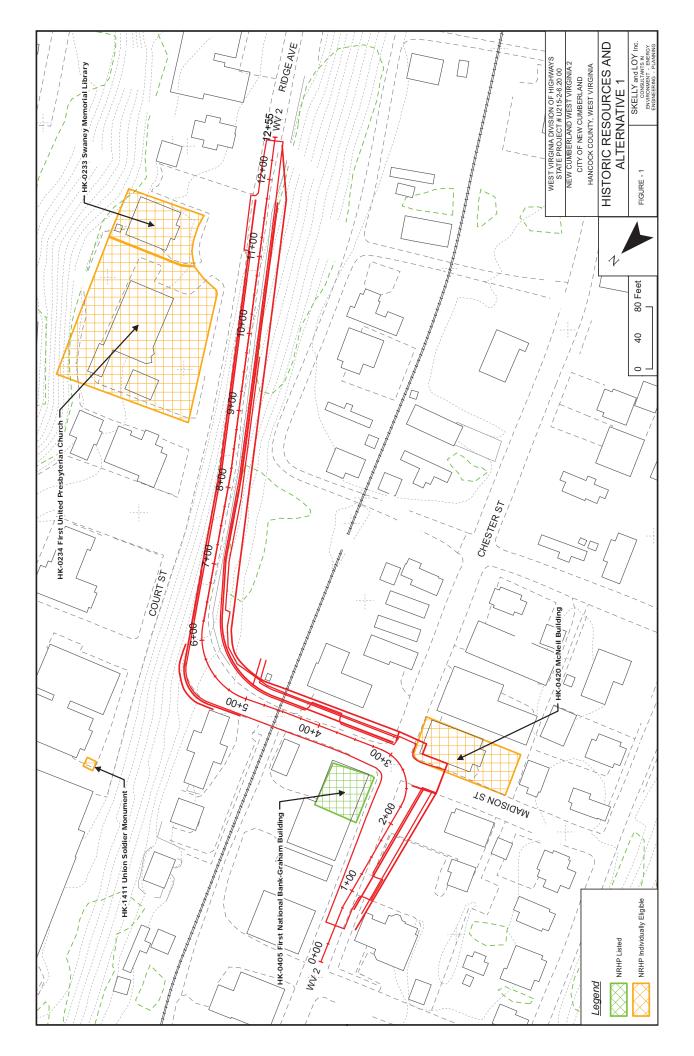
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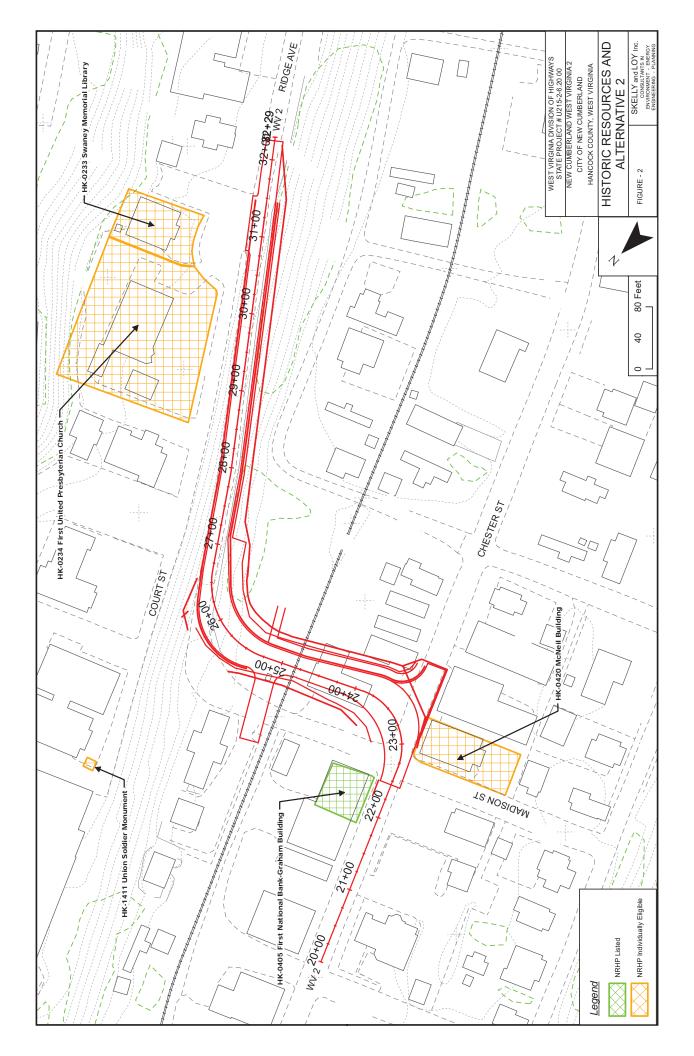
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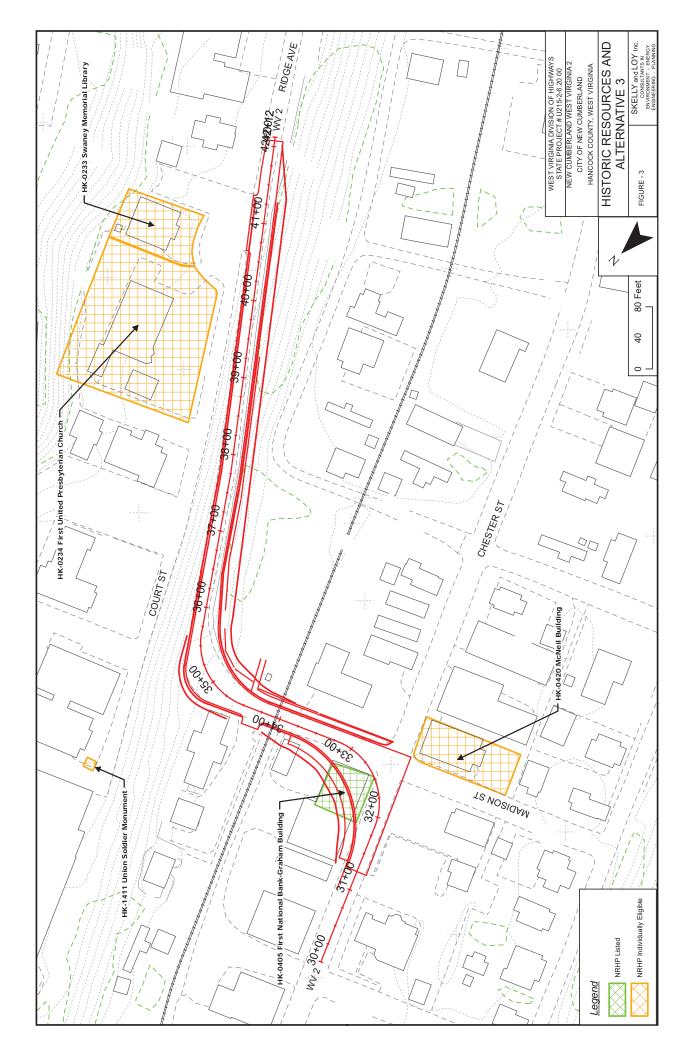
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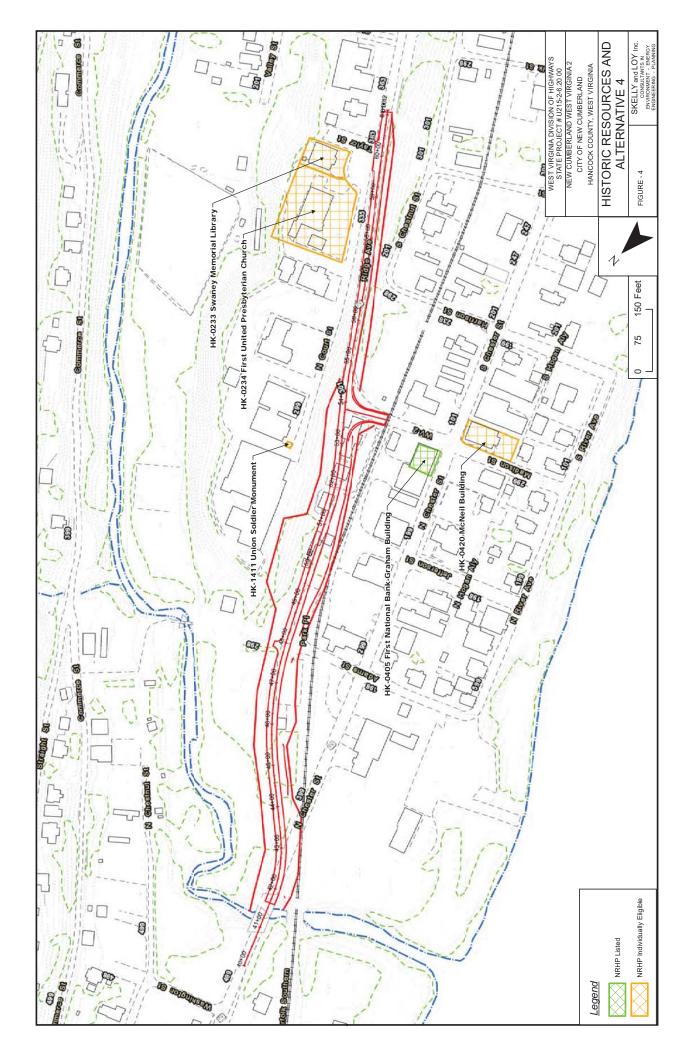
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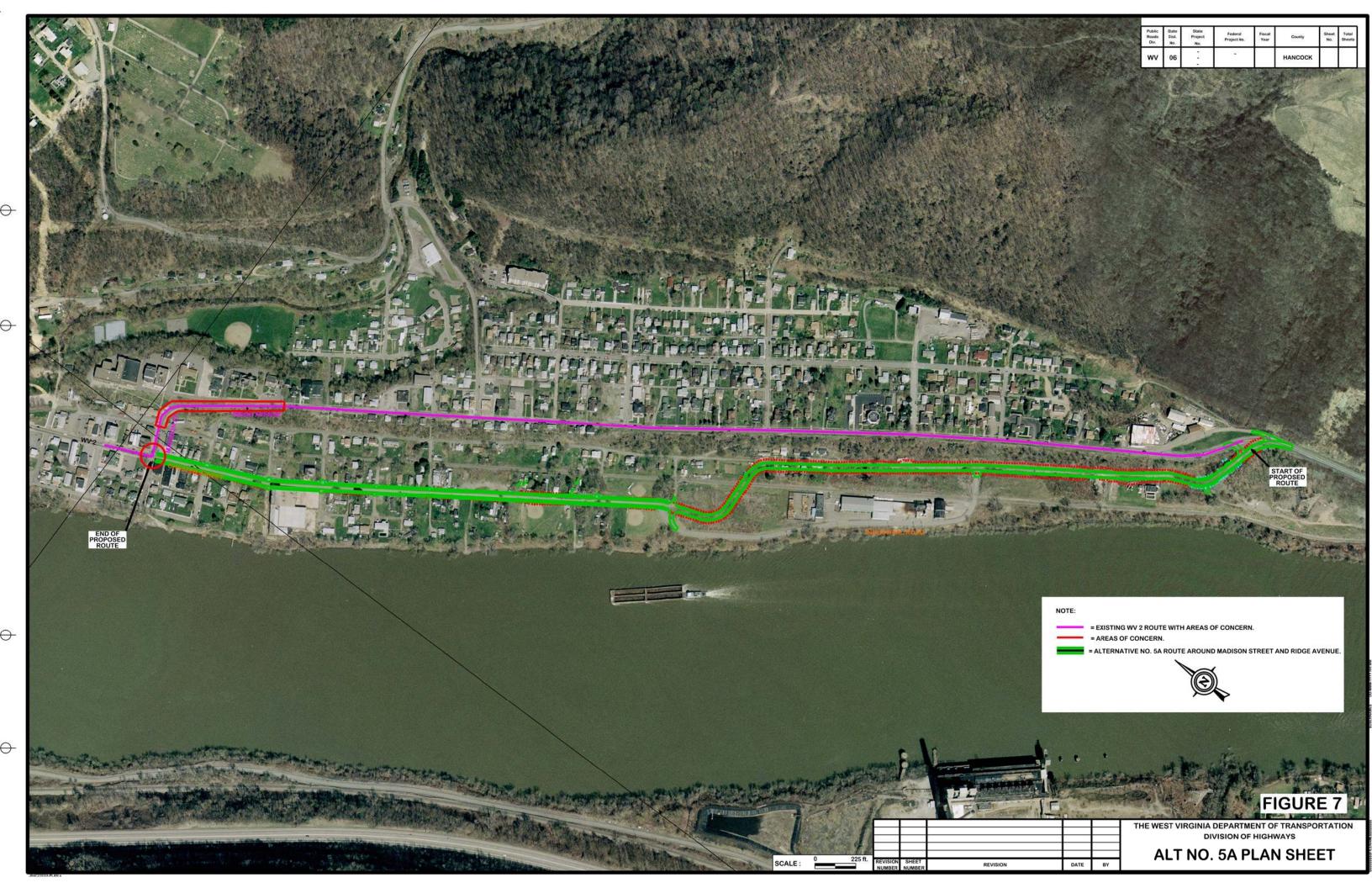
Thank you for attending our meeting! Your interest in the project is greatly appreciated.











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