

Informational Workshop Public Meeting

WV 705 Connector Airport Road to Easton Elementary Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) and Sequence of Construction Alternates



**WV Department of Transportation
Division of Highways
In cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration
and the
Greater Morgantown Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**State Project U331-119-16.00 04
Federal Project STP-0119-349(D)**

**Morgantown Municipal Airport
Morgantown
Monongalia County
Tuesday, April 19, 2016
4 to 7 pm**

The Mileground Road from Airport Road to Easton Elementary project is part of an overall plan to relieve traffic congestion, improve safety and provide better access to and from the greater Morgantown area. This section of the project consists of widening and upgrading the Mileground Road WV 705 (US 119) to four lanes from the existing intersection Hartman Run Road/Airport Boulevard/Mileground Road to the intersection of Point Marion Road (US 119)/Cheat Road Monongalia CR 857/WV 705 (US 119) at the bottom of hill. Mileground Road will be realigned at the bottom of the hill to make Cheat Road the through traffic movement.

Constructing such a project near the same alignment while maintaining traffic through this section of existing roadway proposes problems for the traveling public. Tying the proposed roadway to the existing intersection at the bottom of hill causes issues with allowing vehicles to pass through on a day to day basis when under construction. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss these issues and provide alternates on how this work will be done. This is an informal meeting, participants will be able to review various drawings and narratives on the alternates and be able to ask questions and provide feedback. The Maintenance of Traffic plans show how the roadway will be completed while maintaining traffic flow. The plans are broken down in phases referring to when a portion of work can be done while closing some part of the road and for how long of a duration. The Maintenance of Traffic plans along with their phases are shown as alternates below.

Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) and Sequence of Construction Alternates

Alternate 1 – Construction to begin August 2016

Alternate 1 constructs all phases of the project that can be done without impeding the existing traffic pattern. The existing traffic pattern will remain in place until December 2016. The construction of the proposed right turn lane onto Point Marion Road from Cheat Road will temporarily act as a two-lane, two-way road. Once all possible construction is done up to the intersection of Point Marion Road and Cheat Road, the intersection will close temporarily for three weeks while allowing two-lane, two-way traffic to be maintained between Point Marion Road and Cheat Road. No traffic will be allowed to travel from Cheat Road or Point Marion Road onto the Mileground Road. Traffic from Easton Hill Road will be allowed to travel west on the Mileground Road toward the Airport. The partial closure of the intersection to complete the new alignment will take approximately three weeks. An Incentive/Disincentive (I/D) clause in the construction contract will help assure the aforementioned closure phase is completed in the allotted time.

Alternate 1 – Open to traffic by August 2017

Alternate 2 – Construction to begin August 2016

Alternate 2 constructs all phases of the project that can be done without impeding the existing traffic pattern which will remain in place until December 2016. Next, several different traffic patterns must be constructed to complete the project. One phase will restrict the left turning movement from Mileground Road onto Point Marion road. All of these intermittent traffic patterns will be two-lane, two-way traffic. Due to the narrow lanes and turning radii, all truck and bus traffic will be restricted from driving on the Mileground Road between Airport Road and Cheat Road. Due to the increased number of Maintenance Of Traffic phases and work related in these transitions, Alternate 2 will increase the construction time of the project by 6-8 weeks. An Incentive/Disincentive (I/D) clause in the construction contract will help assure the aforementioned restricted access phase is completed in the allotted time.

Alternate 2 – Open to traffic by October 2017

The preferred alternate is Alternate 1 which allows for the partial closing of the intersection of Mileground Road WV 705(US 119)/Point Marion Road/Cheat Road at the bottom of the hill for three weeks. The alternate will reduce the amount of overall traffic disruption during the construction of the project and shorten the project duration which are the main concerns of the traveling public.

CURRENT PROJECT SCHEDULE

Public Information Workshop.....April 19, 2016

Public Meeting Comments Due By.....May 19, 2016

***Environmental Clearance/FHWA NEPA Document**

Approval.....June 2016

***Expected Construction Start Date.....August 2016**

***Dates are subject to change**

COMMENTS

Please send written comments on or before Thursday, May 19, 2016 to:

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

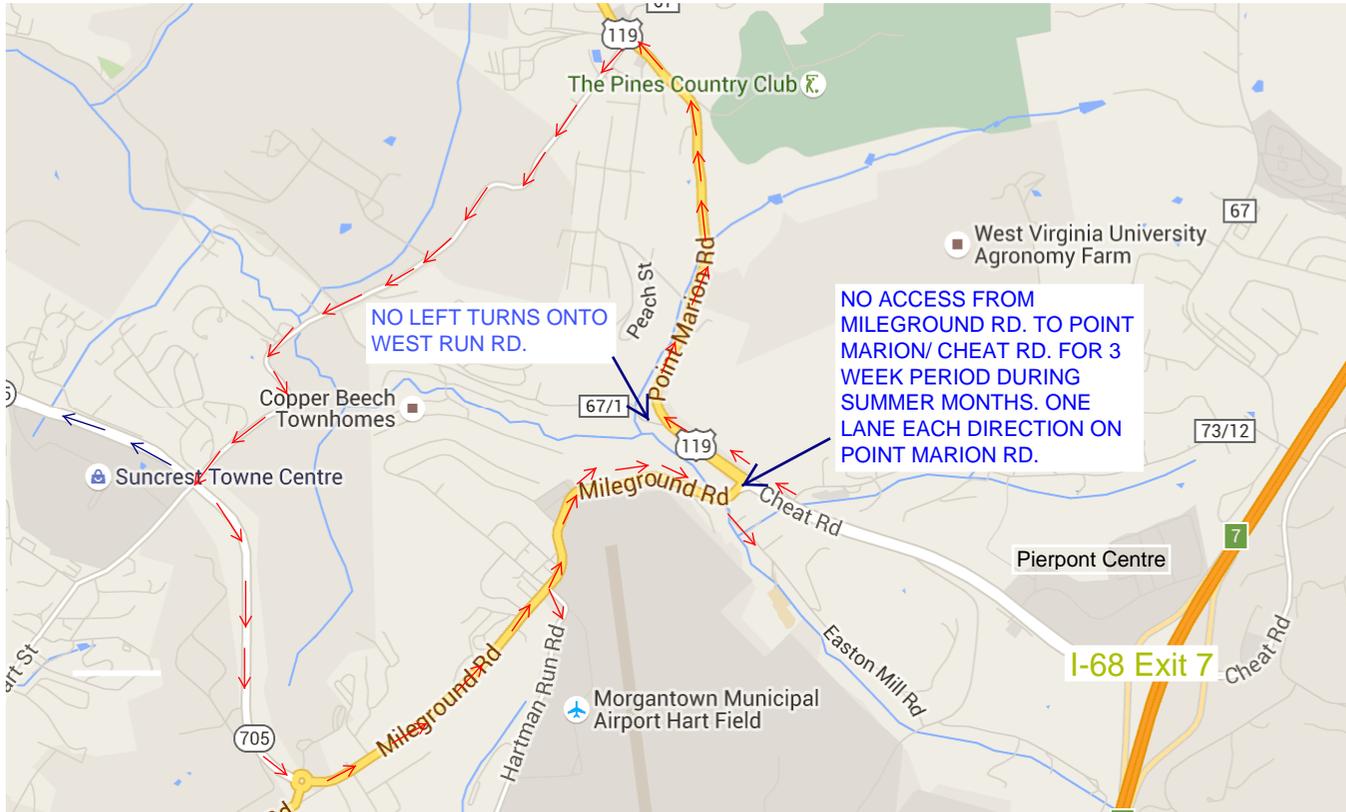
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And then click on “WV 705 Mileground Project”.**

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC ALTERNATE 1

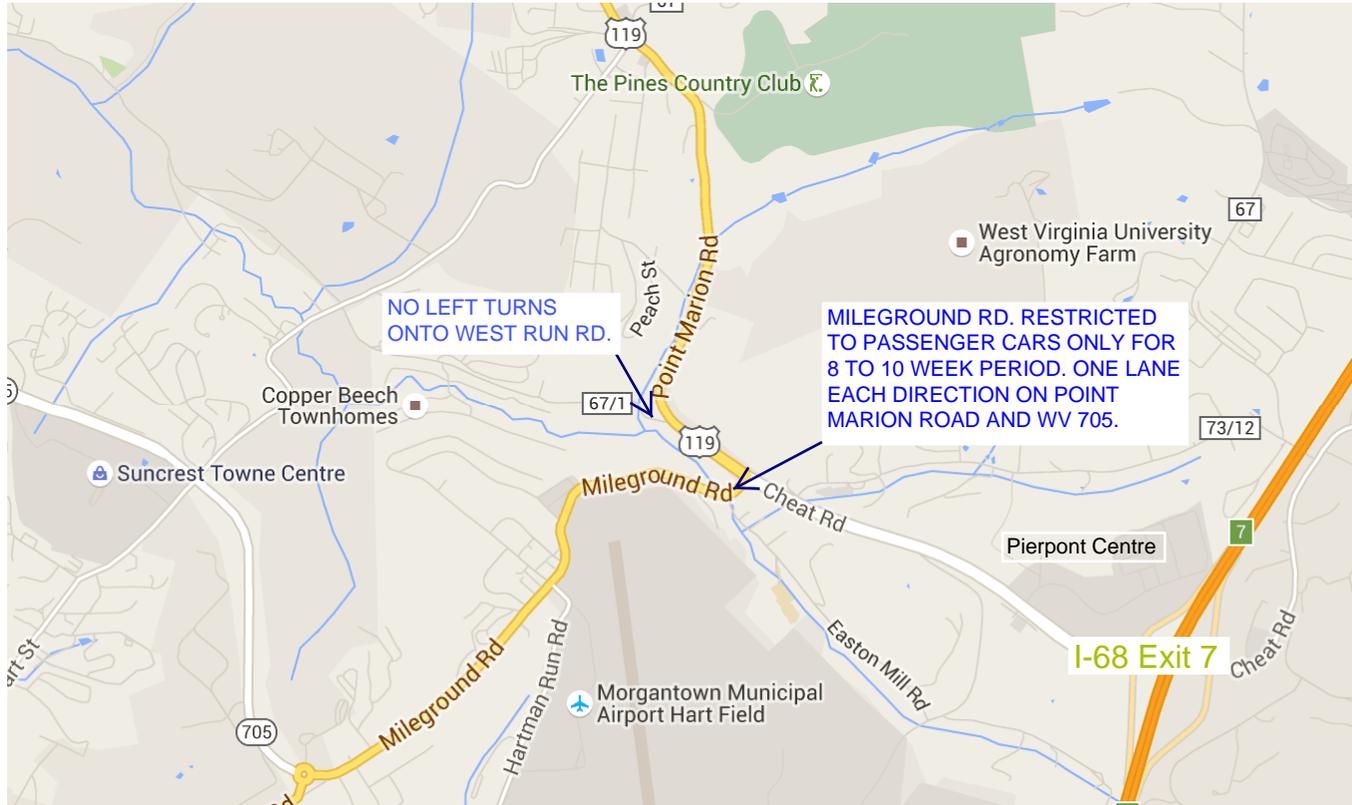
WV 705 (MILEGROUND RD.) Partial Closure



→ Mileground and Easton Mill Rd Temporary Detour
Note: All traffic minimum 1 lane each direction

MAINTENENCE OF TRAFFIC ALTERNATE 2

WV 705 (MILEGROUND RD.) RESTRICTED ACCESS



WV 705 Airport Road to Easton Elementary



Relocated Mileground Road / WV 705

To I-68

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DATE:

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PROJECT: WV 705 Connector
Airport Road to Easton Elementary
Monongalia County

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Please consider the following comments:

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