

MARKET STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Informational Workshop Public Meetings | May 18-19, 2026



Public Involvement Purpose

Thank you for attending today's public meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to share information about the Market Street Bridge Replacement Project.

The project will involve replacing the existing bridge either at its current location or at an alternative location depending on engineering feasibility, environmental impacts, and community input.

The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) recognizes the significance of this project to the local

community and values the diverse perspectives of those who live and work in the area. This meeting is designed to be informal to encourage open dialogue and meaningful interaction between community members and the project team.

We invite you to:

- Review the project maps and displays
- Speak directly with members of our project team
- Share your thoughts by completing a comment sheet

Meeting Format

WVDOH procedures for public meetings are established to ensure meaningful citizen input in the development for proposed projects, in compliance with all applicable regulations and requirements.

This Public Meeting is from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and there will be **no formal presentation.**



Registration

1. Print your name and address on the registration sheet. Additional copies of this handout and the comment sheet are available at the registration table.
2. Comments are welcome as you visit the displays around the room.
3. Completed comment sheets can be:
 - **PLACED** in the Comment Box.
 - **MAILED** to the WVDOH at the address on page 4 of this handout.
 - **SUBMITTED** via the WVDOH's website on page 4 of this handout.



Environmental Studies

Representatives from the WVDOH and consultant team are available to discuss the environmental study process and what studies are anticipated to be completed. These studies are anticipated to begin in 2026 and continue through 2027.

This meeting complies with the public involvement requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.



Engineering

Representatives from the WVDOH and consultant team are available to discuss the alternatives being considered for the project. Boards depicting the background and history, purpose and need, alternatives, and schedule are available for review.

Project Background and History

Market Street Bridge

- Completed in 1905
- Triple-span steel suspension bridge
- Has undergone multiple repairs and rehabilitation efforts, most recently in 2011, including upgraded lighting and new paint
- Serves as a key interstate transportation link between Ohio and West Virginia

Bridge Closure

- Inspection revealed significant structural deterioration
- Permanently closed on December 21, 2023, to all vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic
- Closure implemented to protect public safety

Future Replacement

- \$87.5 million in federal funding announced in July 2024; additional funding will be needed for construction
- \$1 million approved in March 2026 for initial engineering

Historic Preservation Efforts

- Market Street Bridge Preservation Committee formed in 2018
- Nomination submitted to the West Virginia Archives and History Commission
- Listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 21, 2019
 - Recognized for national significance in:
 - Transportation history
 - Engineering achievement



Purpose and Need

The purpose of the proposed action is to replace the historic Market Street Bridge to provide a safe, reliable, and efficient transportation facility that maintains regional mobility and connectivity across the Ohio River. The existing bridge is structurally deficient and functionally obsolete due to its age, advanced deterioration, and inability to meet current geometric, load, and operational standards, and it has been closed since 2023.

Replacement of the bridge is needed to address these deficiencies, restore transportation connectivity, and ensure long-term system reliability, while complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and coordinating with applicable historic, environmental, and regulatory requirements.

Alternatives

Bridge location alternatives are being evaluated in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), assessing the needs of users and stakeholders while considering potential impacts to environmental and cultural resources.

Alternatives 1 through 5 would cross from West Virginia State Route 2 (SR 2) into Steubenville, Ohio, using the following streets:

Alternative 1: Ross Street

Alternative 2: Logan Street

Alternative 3: Washington Street

Alternative 4: Market Street

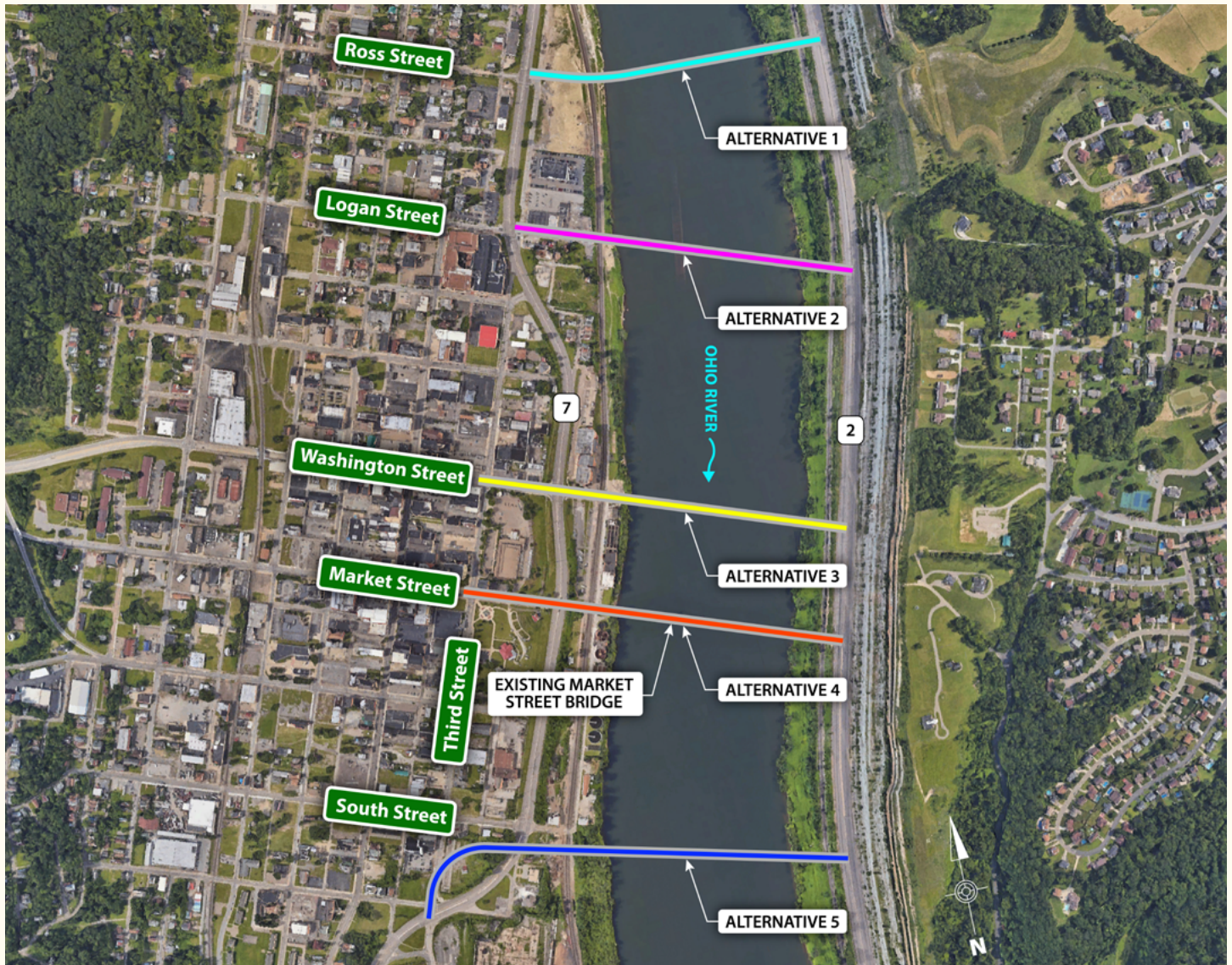
Alternative 5: South Street

Alternative 6: No Build

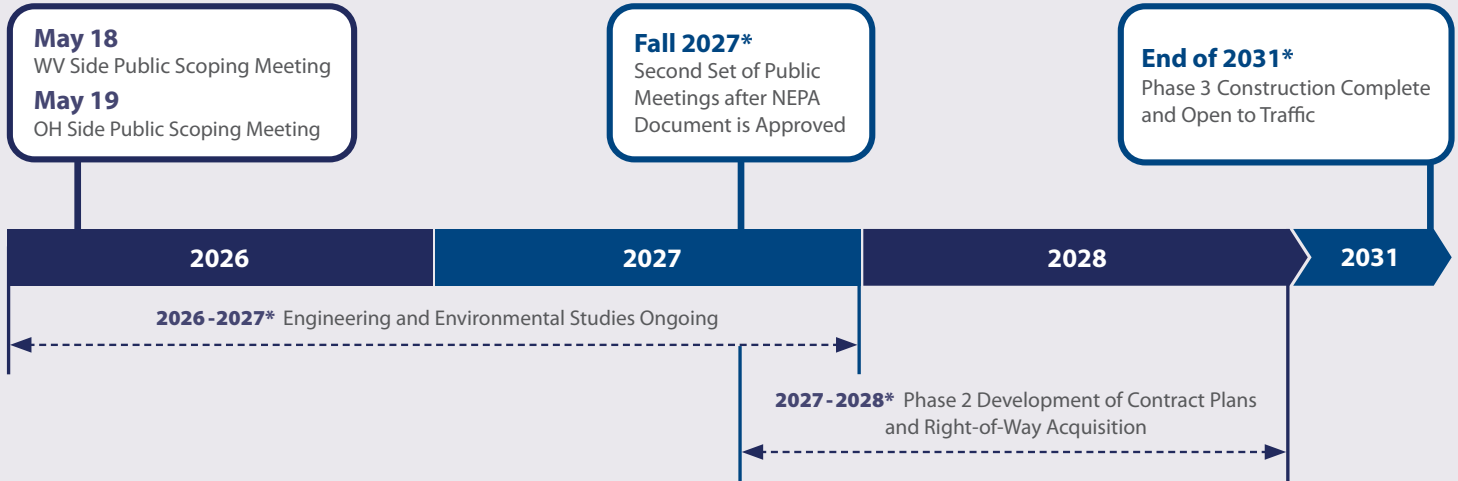
The Market Street Bridge has been closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic since 2023. Under the No Build Alternative, the bridge would not be replaced. The structure would eventually need to be removed due to ongoing public safety concerns.

Alternative 7: Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation of the currently closed Market Street Bridge in Steubenville, Ohio, is not feasible due to advanced structural deterioration and its failure to meet current design, capacity, and safety standards. The bridge has reached the end of its lifespan, and rehabilitation is no longer a viable option.



Proposed Schedule Timeline



*Dates are Subject to Change

Why Should You be Involved in the Project?



Each comment and suggestion provided will help the involved agencies hear directly from the public. Your input is important and will be used to guide the project team as the project progresses.

Please send written comments on or before **Monday, June 22, 2026**, to:



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Project information and comment sheets can also be found online at: go.wv.gov/dotcomment



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