

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

INTERSTATE 79-EXIT 99 at WESTON



4-7 PM Tuesday, December 9, 2014
Peterson-Central Elementary School
509 Berlin Road, Weston

The West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways (WVDOH) will hold a planning-level informational public workshop on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at the Peterson-Central Elementary School, 509 Berlin Road, Weston, West Virginia. The public workshop is concerning the Interstate 79 Weston interchange (Exit 99) with US 33.

This will be an informational workshop through which WVDOH officials will seek public input regarding improvements to the interchange, including the configuration of US 33 at Interstate 79.

NO FORMAL PRESENTATION WILL BE MADE. Information identifying the area of interest and study alternatives will be displayed for discussion. Representatives from the WVDOH will be available. Verbal and written comments will be accepted during the meeting; written comments are requested by January 9, 2015.

Your comments are important. Comment sheets will be provided at the workshop; they may be given to a WVDOH representative, or mailed to:

Richard L. Warner, P. E., Director, Planning Division
West Virginia Division of Highways
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Charleston, West Virginia 25305

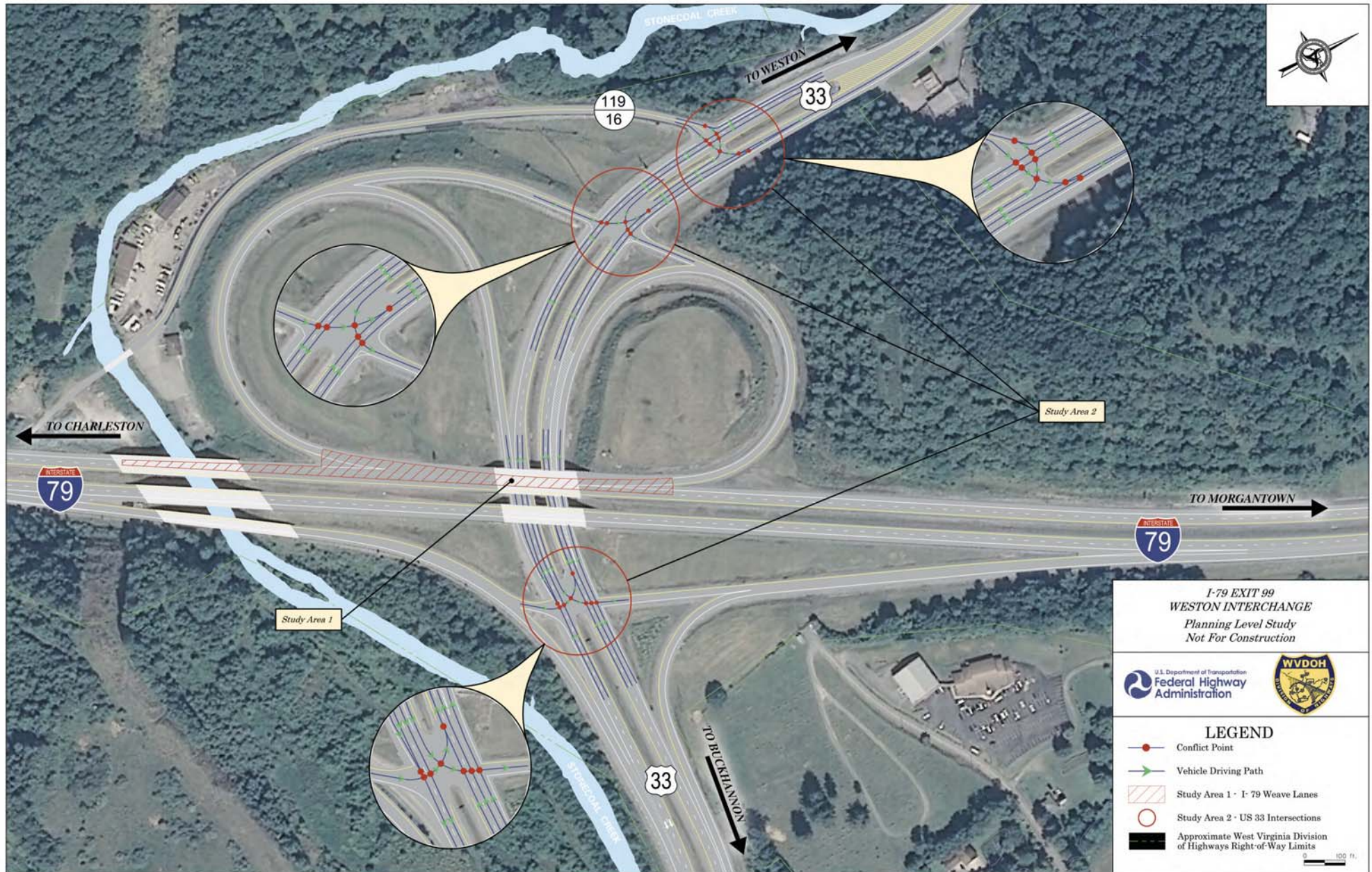
Comments or questions can be sent via email to Tim Sedosky at timothy.b.sedosky@wv.gov. Following the public workshop, visit the WVDOH website at www.transportation.wv.gov or <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment> for project information and the opportunity to comment on the project.

The WVDOH will, upon request, provide reasonable accommodations including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford an individual with a disability and equal opportunity to participate in our services, programs and activities. Please contact us at (304) 558-3931. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may reach all state agencies by calling (800) 982-8772 (voice to TDD) or (800) 982-8771 (TDD to voice), toll free.



EXIT 99, WESTON

EXISTING CONDITIONS



INTERSTATE 79 WESTON INTERCHANGE PLANNING STUDY

The Interstate 79 Weston Interchange Planning Study was initiated to identify and study potential alternatives to improve the interchange with US 33. This study is currently being developed in the Planning Division at the West Virginia Division of Highways. There is no construction scheduled at this time, nor has there been funding allocated for a construction project.

ALTERNATIVE 1

This alternative would involve the construction of a new southbound exit ramp (off-ramp) north of the existing southbound entrance ramp (on-ramp). There would be a “T-intersection” with US 33 for the traffic headed east. A separate lane would be constructed for US 33 westbound traffic. A preliminary construction cost estimate for this alternative is approximately \$15,400,000.

ALTERNATIVE 2

This alternative would involve the construction of a new southbound exit ramp north of the existing southbound entrance ramp. There would be a bridge over US 33 for eastbound traffic. A separate lane would be constructed for US 33 westbound traffic. A preliminary construction cost estimate for this alternative is approximately \$22,300,000.

ALTERNATIVE 3

This alternative would involve the construction of a new southbound entrance ramp south of the existing exit ramp. The southbound exit ramp would remain in its current location. A preliminary construction cost estimate for this alternative is approximately \$24,400,000.

ALTERNATIVE 4, OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

This alternative consists of identifying operational improvements that could be made on both I-79 and US 33. Potential improvements could include additional signage or modification to lane striping or existing lanes. The operational improvements would not be expected to be the ultimate modifications to the interchange; however they could be made at a relatively low cost and could be implemented more quickly than the other conceptual alternatives listed above.

A preliminary construction cost estimate for this alternative has not been calculated.

ALTERNATIVE 5, NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE

No changes would occur to the interchange. There would be no cost for this alternative.

DATE:

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DATE: December 9, 2014

LOCATION: Peterson-Central Elementary School

SUBJECT: Informational Public Workshop

PROJECT: I-79 Weston Interchange Planning Study

COMMENTS REQUESTED BY: January 12, 2015

Please consider the following comments:

(Please print the following information)

NAME:

ADDRESS:

ORGANIZATION (if any):

How did you hear about the Informational Public Workshop?