




## What do you think?

As part of the Harrison County Transportation Study planning process, you will be provided numerous opportunities to get involved. We want to hear your ideas, issues and concerns about the transportation system that serves Harrison County. Your input will provide WVDOT and the consultants with useful information and community perspective.

Open, collaborative planning processes have proven successful in communities facing similar decision making processes. During the process, public workshops, focus groups, newsletters and a web site will provide opportunities for your involvement. During these forums stakeholders will have the opportunity to review technical documents, ask questions, and identify concerns to each other, WVDOT and the consultants. Collaboration among local officials, state and federal agencies, land owners, local advocacy groups and individuals will provide a foundation for consensus. 

## A Plan for Transportation in Harrison County

To plan for the future transportation needs in Harrison County, the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) is sponsoring the Harrison County Multi-Modal Transportation Study. The study will take about 24 months to complete with the outcome being a long range transportation plan for Harrison County. A range of issues and ideas related to the existing transportation network, demographics, socioeconomic characteristics, land use and future travel demand will be considered during the study. Throughout the process consultants will work closely with the residents of Harrison County and with officials of WVDOT in developing an integrated plan that represents community consensus.

It has been almost 25 years since a comprehensive transportation planning effort has been undertaken for Harrison County. In that time, Harrison County has experienced economic growth and development along with increased demand for transportation infrastructure and services. Ensuring that the transportation network in the county adequately serves future needs is a challenging effort. New residential, commercial and industrial development continues to occur in Harrison County, and in nearby areas. Traffic congestion is becoming more of an issue as volumes continue to increase.

## Who is Leading this Study?

The study effort is being led by the West Virginia Department of Transportation with assistance from a team led by BRW, Incorporated. BRW is a multidisciplinary consulting firm *(continued on page two)*

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**A multimodal transportation plan sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Transportation. Please visit the project web site for additional information and updates: [www.harrisontrans.org](http://www.harrisontrans.org)**




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with offices throughout the US, including Hurricane, West Virginia. BRW staff have expertise in all aspects of transportation planning—ranging from roadway analysis and design, traffic circulation and computer modeling applications to bridge design, transit facilities planning and environmental impact evaluation. Mary Means & Associates, Inc. (MMA) of Alexandria, Virginia will provide community engagement support to the process. MMA is known for having pioneered the application of group processes, media and communication as effective interactive vehicles to encourage public involvement in complex, sometimes controversial, transportation planning processes. Students and staff from West Virginia University are involved in the extensive data collection efforts of the study. You likely met students in May as they completed travel surveys along many routes.

## Advisory Committee Formed

A 40-member plus Advisory Committee composed of county stakeholders has been formed to guide the work of WVDOT and its consultants. The Committee will serve as a sounding board for the planners, review technical reports and findings, and testing ideas and proposals. The Committee represents a wide range of local interests. State and local officials, representatives from local institutions and businesses, cyclists, and conservationists all have a place at the table.

The Committee first met in June for an introduction to the study process and a preliminary discussion of issues and ideas. A second meeting on November 2 will give members an opportunity to continue the dialogue, discussing issues and setting long-range goals for the plan. The Committee is scheduled to meet four more times during the study to guide WVDOT and their consultants through the process. Input from the Committee will be a key factor in the evaluation of study alternatives. 

## Advisory Committee Members

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# What is a Multi-Modal Transportation Study?

The last transportation plan for Harrison County was completed in 1977, with a horizon year of 2000. This multi-modal study will review the elements of that plan to see what has been completed, what may still be needed and what the future may hold. The purpose of the multi-modal transportation plan is to:

- Identify current and emerging transportation issues within the county. These may be concerns over congestion at specific intersections or along a stretch of country road, or concerns about the number or severity of accidents in a location.
- Estimate future traffic demand for 10 and 20 year periods along key routes in the county. Changes in traffic will be most closely related to the location, type and level of development within the county and in areas just outside the county.
- Identify improvements to the roadway system, transit system and trails that are needed to meet existing and future conditions.

As a multi-modal planning process, the following areas will be addressed:


- Streets & highways
- Transit
- Trails

- Recommendations in the Airport Master Plan will be incorporated into the Transportation Plan
- Impacts of freight movement on streets/highways
- Parking (focusing on downtown)

Work has initiated on the study and is scheduled to be completed by December 2001. Thus far work has been focused of the first phase of a three part study. The phases of the study are:

- Data collection/documentation of current conditions.
- Evaluating current and future unmet transportation needs, potential solutions to provide for those needs and analysis of funding alternatives. In evaluating potential improvements to the transportation system, the study team will be asking three basic questions:

- > *Does the proposed system improvement reduce or eliminate a transportation concern?*
- > *What is the potential for significant impacts to adjacent areas?*
- > *What does the improvement cost, and is funding available?*

- Documentation of the technical analysis and decisions concerning improvements and investments. 

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## A Closer Look at Route 19


As a part of the Harrison County Transportation Study, a more detailed look at the US Route 19 corridor from north of US 50 in Clarksburg to the Marion County line will be completed.

Included in the more detailed study will be:

- Identification of congested intersections and segments along the route.
- Identification of high accident locations.
- Evaluation of the need and alternatives for improving the corridor. This might include adding travel lanes

along the existing alignment, relocating portions of the route to a new alignment, completing only limited spot improvements or choosing a no-action alternative.

- Determination of adjacent land use, and the environmental and cultural resource impacts associated with potential widening or moving of the corridor.
- Preparation of cost estimates associated with identified corridor improvements.

The findings of the US Route 19 corridor study will be incorporated into the long-range transportation plan. 

## Public Meeting Scheduled

Throughout the course of the study a total of six public information meetings will be held to inform the public about the progress of the study, and to gather input and comment. The first set of public information meetings is scheduled for the week following the Thanksgiving holiday.

**November 28, 2000, 6:30 to 8:30 PM**

**Robert C. Byrd High School Cafeteria, Clarksburg, WV**

**November 29, 2000, 6:30 to 8:30 PM**

**City of Salem Recreational Barn Facility, Salem, WV**

## Questions or Comments?

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## Study Schedule

### Summer-Fall 2000

#### INVENTORY & ANALYSIS

Analyze existing conditions, inventory transportation facilities, traffic operations and parking systems.

#### ISSUES & GOALS

Residents, business owners, WVDOT and the consultants will work together to identify transportation issues and goals.

### Winter-Spring 2001

#### SYSTEM ALTERNATIVES

Determine alternative transportation system improvements and costs.

### Fall 2001-Winter 2002

#### DRAFT PLAN REVIEW

Prepare draft plan and present for public review and discussion. Refine draft and prepare final plan.

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