



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is invited to participate in the next step of the comprehensive plan updating process by attending focused workshops on the four key areas that resulted from the visioning session held on September 19. The four areas to be addressed are:

Downtown • New River Park Area • Transportation • Neighborhoods

# FOCUSED WORKSHOPS ON FOUR KEY TOPICS

**1.** The **Downtown workshop** will be held on **Tuesday, October 15**, starting at **1:00 PM** and lasting through the early evening hours. Representatives from Poggemeyer Design Group (PDG), Land Use | USA, and Land Design Studios (LDS) will facilitate development of designs to resolve problems and opportunities discussed at the September 19 meeting, including:

- downtown districts,
- pedestrian connectors between UC Beckley and the downtown,
- upper floor utilization,
- development opportunities based on market data,
- leveraging and maximizing the BIG project,
- parking issues,
- design regulations,
- a downtown image, and other issues.

**2.** The **New River Park Area workshop** will address recreational opportunities and creating a greater tourism draw. It will be held on **Wednesday, October 16** at **1:00 PM** and will extend into the evening hours. PDG, Land Use | USA and LDS will also facilitate this workshop, based on issues identified at the September 19 meeting including:

- Motorized and non-motorized access to and through the area
- Potential complimentary land uses, activities, and facilities, as well as existing adjacent land uses
- Marketing and branding
- Development of adjacent land along New River Park Drive
- Needed infrastructure improvements
- Signage

**3.** The **Transportation workshop** will be held on **Thursday, October 17** from **1:00 PM** until evening hours. PDG and LDS will facilitate this workshop. Solutions for the issues identified at the prior session will be discussed including:

- A map of planned vehicular transportation routes
- Opportunities for Complete Streets projects
- Expansion of the bike trail system and safety issues along the trail
- Expansion of the sidewalk system to enhance pedestrian movement, including over the interstate at Harper Road
- Expansion of the wayfinding signage system and signage on the interstate system
- Public transit
- Traffic signal synchronization, intersection improvements, and pedestrian signals
- Potential use of roundabouts
- Cross town connectors

**4.** The **Neighborhood workshop** will be held on **Friday, October 18** at **9:00 AM** until early afternoon. PDG and LDS will facilitate the development of solutions to issues raised at the earlier sessions, including:

- In-fill development, appropriate land uses, and new construction
- Gateway entry features and neighborhood themes—street signs, lighting, stone walls, street furniture, etc.
- Land banking, demolition, neighborhood gardens, and side lot programs
- Creating parking lots within blocks to remove parked cars from streets
- Storm drainage, through traffic, maintenance, law enforcement and other issues

Residents, property and business owners, and other interested stakeholders are invited to attend one or all of these sessions to help determine development decisions for the future of Beckley. The format for these workshops will be casual and informal, so people should feel free to join any session at any time to share thoughts and ideas.

**All workshops will be held at the John W. Eye Center at UC-Beckley.**