



## WVDOT Seeking Input on Dingess Tunnel Project

MINGO COUNTY- The West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is seeking comments regarding the rehabilitation of Dingess Tunnel. The project consists of rehabilitating the Dingess Tunnel by replacing the steel liner and replace or repoint loose or missing bricks. LED lighting with vandal shields will be installed inside the tunnel. Drainage above the northern end of the tunnel will be intercepted by constructing a concrete gutter. Also, warning and guidance signs will be installed outside of the tunnel to warn motorists of the one-lane driving conditions inside the structure. County Routes 3/12 and 3/10 will be upgraded to serve as a detour over the tunnel to accommodate traffic during constriction.

Dingess Tunnel has been determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places for improving access and transportation in the region and its engineering significance.

FHWA and WVDOT will process this project using a Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 Net Benefit finding on the use of a historic property. A Net Benefit is achieved when the transportation use, the measures to minimize harm, and the mitigation incorporated into the project results in an overall enhancement of the Section 4(f) property when compared to the No Build Alternative, Avoidance Alternatives, and present condition of the property.

Those wishing to file written comments may send them to R.J. Scites, P.E., Director Engineering Division, West Virginia Division of Highways, 1334 Smith Street, Charleston, WV 25301 on or before Monday, September 19, 2016. Visit the WVDOT Website at <http://go.wv.gov/dotcomment> for project information and the opportunity to comment on the project.

Excerpt from: <http://www.transportation.wv.gov/communications/PressRelease/Pages/WVDOT-Seeking-Input-on-Dingess-Tunnel-Project.aspx> DOT 8/29/2016



### About The West Virginia DOT

The purpose of the West Virginia DBE program is to encourage, cultivate and support equal opportunities for firms owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

The WVDOT provides support for its certified DBE firms through the DBE Supportive Services Program with the intent to improve economic growth and future of WV DBE firms by utilizing the following tactics:

- Expand and Enhance business knowledge
- Increase project quality
- Create marketability of WV DBEs

### About The Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT) as the statewide provider of the federally funded Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program.

We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

## DOH to Host Informational Workshop and Public Hearing on US 340 Improvement Project

CHARLES TOWN - The West Virginia Division of Highways (WVDOH) will hold an Informational Workshop/Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 30, 2016 in the Council Chambers of Charles Town City Hall located on 101 East Washington Street, Charles Town, Jefferson County, West Virginia on the proposed US 340 – 4 Lane Project from the Virginia Line to the Charles Town Bypass. The project consists of upgrading the existing two lane section of US 340 in Jefferson County from 0.5 miles southwest of the state line to approximately 2 miles north of the community of Rippon in Jefferson County, West Virginia. This will result in constructing a 4-lane divided highway to complete the 2 lane gap section.

The total project length is approximately 5 miles. This meeting will update the public on the progress of the US 340 Improvement Study since the last public meeting/hearing in June 2013. Preferred Alternative 4A and the availability of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be the focus of the workshop.

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

The informational workshop is scheduled from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and representatives from WVDOH and FHWA will be available to answer questions about the proposed project.

THE PUBLIC HEARING PORTION WILL OCCUR FROM 8:00PM to 10:00PM. Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to provide testimony during the Public Hearing may sign the Speakers List at the registration desk from 5:00 PM to 7:45 PM. A five minute time limit will be imposed on testimony to provide all parties the opportunity to comment.

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- Building Capacity
- Mobilization Financing
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- Creating a Business Plan
- Building a Website



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