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Citizens Information Meeting on the Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill Connector Road Study

The Danville-Pittsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is holding a Citizens Information Meeting on **Thursday, June 21, 2018 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Brosville Elementary School, 195 Bulldog Lane, Danville, VA** to provide information and solicit public comments on the *Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill Connector Road* planning study it is conducting. The study intent is to evaluate a future highway connection on a new alignment from the Oak Ridge Farms interchange on the US 58 Danville Bypass to Berry Hill Road for the purpose of providing more direct access to the industrial site. The study evaluates route alternatives, cost estimates, property impacts, environmental aspects, and other factors associated with the potential construction of a connector road.

The meeting will be held in an open house format. Display boards, maps, and other information will be available to convey project information and facilitate comments from persons attending. Those attending will be able to ask questions of the project consultants and the MPO staff. A copy of the project study is posted on the Danville MPO website (wppdc.org) under Danville MPO – Reports and Studies. Additionally, a copy of the study is available for public review at the Brosville Public Library. Further, persons attending will be able to submit comments that will be incorporated as a part of the final project study. Anyone desiring to comment and unable to attend the public meeting may submit written comments to Danville-Pittsylvania MPO Administrator David Hoback, 1100 Madison Street, P.O. Box 5268, Martinsville, VA 24115; (276) 638-3987; fax: (276) 638-8137); dhoback@wppdc.org until June 21, 2018.

To conduct this study, the Danville-Pittsylvania MPO engaged the engineering consulting firm Dewberry from Danville to update an existing transportation plan for the Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill which was first prepared for Pittsylvania County in 2009. The intent of this planning study is to develop project phasing and cost estimates for a connector road and serve

as a basis for future funding opportunities. The study examines the future transportation network necessary to support the phased future development of the Berry Hill Site considering projected demand for the years 2022, 2032, and 2047.

The Danville-Pittsylvania MPO is committed to ensuring no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need further information on these policies or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency to attend and participate in this meeting, please contact the Danville MPO Administrator David Hoback, 1100 Madison Street, P.O. Box 5268, Martinsville, VA 24115; (276) 638-3987; fax: (276) 638-8137; dhoback@wppdc.org in advance of this public input meeting.

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What is the Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill Connector Road Study?



- A study to determine potential alignments, costs, and other components of a proposed connector road extending from Berry Hill Road to the Danville Expressway, via the Oak Ridge Farms Road interchange.
- The connector road would become Route 311 as it extends east of Berry Hill Road to the Danville Expressway.
- The purpose of the connector road is to efficiently channel freight and employee traffic between the developing Berry Hill Industrial Park and the Danville Expressway, while rendering the industrial park more marketable to potential employers.
- A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review will be completed prior to a final route determination.

Citizen Input Meeting

- The meeting will be facilitated as an open house format to enable members of the public to view materials, ask questions, and provide input at their own pace.
- Study display materials will be made available, and the consultant study team and Danville MPO staff will be available to answer questions.

Major Study Elements

- Study includes information about existing conditions of the transportation system.
- Information is provided about future background traffic (future traffic conditions that are likely in the absence of development of the industrial park).
- Anticipated trip distribution of the industrial park.
- Connector Road Options and Cost Comparisons.
- To access the draft study, navigate to:
http://www.wppdc.org/content/wppdc/uploads/PDF/transportation/corridor_studies/2018_05_09-berry_hill_transportation_plan_update.pdf

Southern Virginia Mega Site at Berry Hill Transportation Update

Connector Road, Vandola Drive, and Vandola Church Road

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