

Meet the Team

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Opportunities to comment on tonight's meeting



Participate Online

For your convenience, you may complete the comment form electronically at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/LaurelValleyPM2



Complete Now

Complete and deposit the comment form in the box provided at **Station 4**



Mail Completed Form

Complete the form at home and mail it to the Study Team at the address on the reverse side by **November 23, 2016**.



WHAT'S NEXT

- **Laurel Valley Mini-Transportation Improvement Project (Mini-TIP) drafted**
December 2016
- **KeyS Committee Meeting #4**
January 2017
- **Alternatives Analysis Complete**
February 2017
- **Draft Alternatives Analysis available for public review**
March 2017

LAUREL VALLEY

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

November 2016

Welcome

Welcome to the Laurel Valley Transportation Improvement Project (LVTIP) Open House! The purpose of this open house plans display is to introduce and gather feedback on the four Draft Improvement Concepts.



STATION OVERVIEW

Station 1: Registration

Attendees will sign-in and receive a comment form at this station.

Station 2: Study Overview

This area will include background information on the project and key activities to date.

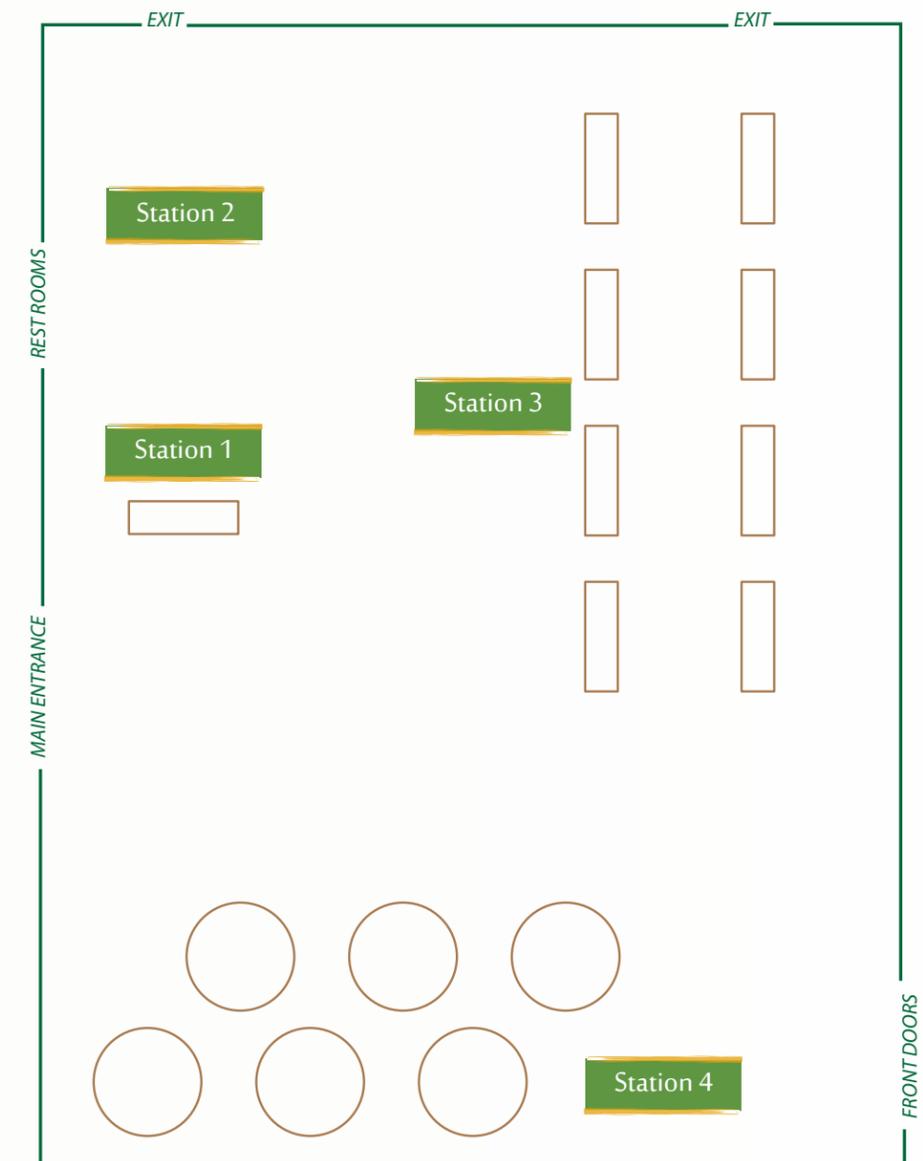
Station 3: Draft Improvement Concepts

Two sets of mapping of the four Draft Improvement Concepts will be displayed. Project team members will be stationed at each map to explain the Draft Concepts and answer questions.

Station 4: Comment Area

A virtual "fly-thru" over the Study Area of each Draft Improvement Concept will be shown on a continuous loop. After viewing the Draft Improvement Concepts, please take a moment to fill out the comment form. The form may also be completed at home and mailed back by November 23, 2016.

The comment form is also available for online completion at www.surveymonkey.com/r/LaurelValleyPM2.



Open House Floor Plan



Draft Improvement Concepts

All four Draft Improvement Concepts share an alignment from the south end of the project area near the intersection of Route 981 and Route 819 to just north of the PA Turnpike. From there, the four Draft Improvement Concepts follow slightly different routes to the north. All four Draft Improvement Concepts generally follow existing transportation alignments with upgraded design features, such as smoothing out curves and widened shoulders. However, the concepts include some limited offline improvements at spot locations where needed. The four Draft Improvement Concepts are further detailed below, starting from a point to the north of the turnpike.

Draft Improvement Concept 1

Draft Improvement Concept 1 generally follows the existing Route 981 alignment north to the Norvelt intersection of Route 981 with Routes 2021 and 2023. From there, it follows a new alignment along the former location of the trolley line for a short distance before intersecting with the existing Route 981 alignment to the north. This alignment generally follows existing Route 981 until north of Baker Road where this concept follows an eastern (east of existing Route 981) off-alignment route, skirting Pleasant Unity to the east, to form a new intersection at Route 130 and Route 981. This alignment then generally follows existing Route 981 north of Pleasant Unity to the project limits near the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport.

Draft Improvement Concept 2

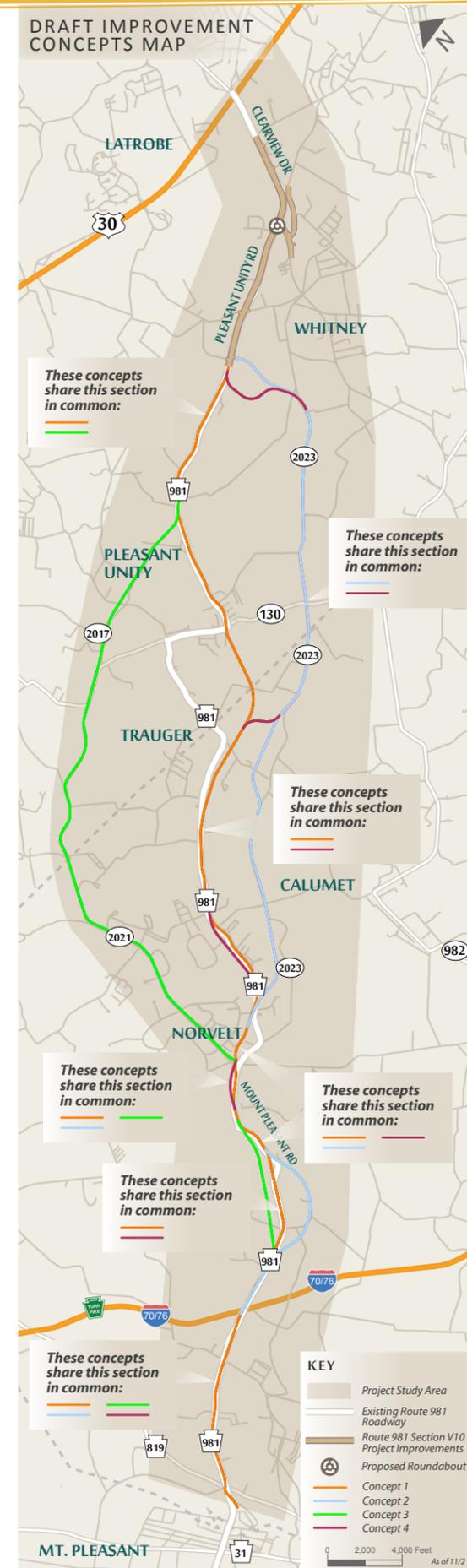
Draft Improvement Concept 2 generally follows the existing Route 981 alignment north of the turnpike for approximately 1500 feet and then follows an off-alignment route to the east of existing Route 981 for approximately one and a half miles prior to reconnecting to existing Route 981. From this point, this concept generally follows the existing Route 981 alignment to the Norvelt intersection of Route 981 with Routes 2021 and 2023. From there, it follows a new alignment along the former location of the trolley line for a short distance and then parallels Holly Place Road (Route 2023) until forming an intersection with Route 2023 at County Road. At this point, the alignment generally follows existing Route 2023, relocating to the west around an existing cemetery near Dutch Hill Road, and follows an off-alignment route at the project limits connecting to the existing Westmoreland County AirPark roadway and then intersecting with Route 981.

Draft Improvement Concept 3

Draft Improvement Concept 3 generally follows the existing Route 981 alignment north of the turnpike for approximately 2000 feet and then follows an off-alignment route to the west of existing Route 981 for approximately one mile prior to reconnecting to existing Route 981. From this point, this concept generally follows the existing Route 2021/County Road/Route 2017 until the intersection with Route 0130. At the intersection of Route 130 and Route 2021 this concept follows an off-alignment route to the northwest of Pleasant Unity. The off-alignment route reconnects to existing Route 981 to the north of Anna Goodman Road. This alignment then generally follows existing Route 981 north of Pleasant Unity to the project limits near the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport.

Draft Improvement Concept 4

Draft Improvement Concept 4 generally follows Concept 1 from the turnpike to Dutch Hill Road with primarily minor variations. One variation of note is this concept follows the former trolley line to the west of Calumet until north of County Road. At Dutch Hill Road, the concept follows a short off-alignment route until connecting to Hill Churches Road (Route 2023) to the south of Trail 581. At this point, the alignment generally follows Concept 2. Near the project limits, this concept follows an off-alignment route to the south of the existing Westmoreland County AirPark and connects to existing Route 981 roadway at the southern portion of the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport property.



Project Background

The LVTIP is a comprehensive approach to identifying fundable, attainable, and sustainable roadway improvements to meet transportation needs on or near the existing Route 981 Corridor. The Study Area extends from Route 30 near the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport to the Routes 819/981 intersection in Mount Pleasant. The study will consider improvements that will enhance safety, mobility and access consistent with land use and projected future growth in the region.



Members of the KeyS Committee reviewed the Draft Improvement Concepts during the second and third KeyS meetings held in October, 2016. Look for KeyS members at the Open House identified by name tags.

Public Involvement to Date

Open House (Public Meeting #2)	November 9, 2016
KeyS Committee Meeting #3	October 14, 2016
KeyS Committee Meeting #2	October 3, 2016
Economic Exchange Day	April 14, 2016
Public Meeting #1	February 25, 2016
KeyS Committee Meeting #1	October 1, 2015