

ALTERNATIVE RETAINED FOR DETAILED EVALUATION

GREEN + SPUR ALTERNATIVE



ENGINEERING / TRAFFIC / SAFETY / COMMUNITY

Advantages

- Low impact on existing and proposed communities (within 600 feet)
- Greater potential to minimize effects on adjacent communities since alternative passes under most local roads
- Lowest impacts on traffic during construction
- Improves safety by separating local from through traffic, including truck traffic
- Mid-range number of properties directly impacted
- Significant reduction in traffic on existing US 301, Boyds Corner Road, Cedar Lane Road, Choptank Road and SR 299
- Highest volume of traffic using new US 301
- Lower cost alternative
- Mid-range residential noise impacts
- Green South reduces indirect effects on the Airmont community (Scott Run Business Park would provide a buffer) and St. George's Vo-Tech High School

Disadvantages

- Skewed (angled) crossing of Scott Run (environmental impacts) – South Option
- Proximity to new Appoquinimink High School (under construction) west of Middletown, and Cedar Lane Schools – South Option
- Potential indirect effect on the Ratledge Road residents, Airmont community and St. George's Vo-Tech High School – North Option
- Direct impact on Wooleyhan Farm

Note: Visual earth berms would be provided between new US 301 and Southridge, Middletown Village, Springmill, Chesapeake Meadow, Ratledge Road, Airmont communities

Comparison of the Retained Alternatives - Engineering

NOVEMBER 2006 ALTERNATIVES IMPACT MATRIX	YELLOW RANGE OF IMPACTS	PURPLE + SPUR RANGE OF IMPACTS	BROWN NORTH RANGE OF IMPACTS	BROWN SOUTH RANGE OF IMPACTS	GREEN + SPUR NORTH RANGE OF IMPACTS	GREEN + SPUR SOUTH RANGE OF IMPACTS
General Considerations						
Preliminary Cost (\$ millions)	\$686-\$758	\$616 - \$680	\$550-\$608	\$499-\$551	\$534 - \$590	\$526 - \$582
ENGINEERING CONSIDERATIONS						
Total length of alternative (miles)	19.4	16.9	17.5	15.9	17.5	17.3
Total Area of Limit of Construction (acres)	870.5	801.9	895.9	894.3	897.4	876.3
Number of Properties Impacted	377	154	100	100	132	130
Interchanges						
Number	4	5	5	5	6	6
1 Location(s)	Levels Road/SR15	Levels Road/SR15	Levels Road/SR15	Levels Road/SR15	Levels Road/SR15	Levels Road/SR15
2 Location(s)	Split Diamond	Diamond	Diamond	Diamond	Diamond	Diamond
3 Location(s)	North of Middletown	North of Middletown	SR896 at the base of Summit Bridge	North of Middletown	North of Middletown	North of Middletown
4 Location(s)	SR1 at Boyds Corner Road	SR1 at Boyds Corner Road	SR896 north of Summit Avation	SR896 north of Summit Avation	Jamison Corner Road	Jamison Corner Road
5 Location(s)	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road	Jamison Corner Road	Jamison Corner Road	SR1 North of Fall Plaza	SR1 North of Fall Plaza
6 Location(s)	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road	SR1 North of Fall Plaza	SR1 North of Fall Plaza	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road
7 Location(s)	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road	SR1 North of Fall Plaza	SR1 North of Fall Plaza	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road
8 Location(s)	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road	SR1 North of Fall Plaza	SR1 North of Fall Plaza	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road	SR15/SR896/Choptank Road
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Note 1: Cost Estimate includes Right of Way costs and Relocation costs for displaced properties.
 Note 2: The Brown alternative includes costs for property acquisition at Summit Airport, however, it does not include any costs for improvements to the airport that may be required due to property acquisition.
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CULTURAL & NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Advantages

- Mid-range wetland impacts
- Mid-range high quality wetlands impacts
- Mid-range Waters of the US impacts
- Low floodplain impacts
- Low forestland impacts
- Mid-range impacts to Species Habitat Areas (wildlife & plants)

Disadvantages

- High Agricultural District impacts
- South Option impacts of one of the last three operating dairy farms (Emerson Farm) in New Castle County. Difficulty in implementing Nutrient Management Plan with reduced acreage

Comparison of the Retained Alternatives - Cultural Resources

CULTURAL RESOURCES ALTERNATIVES IMPACT MATRIX NOVEMBER 2006	YELLOW Boys Corner Road Option 2	PURPLE with Spur Boys Corner Road Option 4 Armstrong Corner Road Option 2A Spur Option 3B	BROWN NORTH	BROWN SOUTH	GREEN with SPUR NORTH Armstrong Corner Road Option 2A Spur Option 3B	GREEN with SPUR SOUTH Armstrong Corner Road Option 2A Spur Option 3B
Number of Properties Impacted	4	8	8	8	8	8
Number of Properties Impacted with Cultural Resources	15	17	15	15	15	15
Area of Limit of Construction (acres)	870.5	801.9	895.9	894.3	897.4	876.3
Area of Wetlands (acres)	18	24	24	24	24	24
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