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FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

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Preliminary Corridors to be Displayed at Second Public Meeting  
Route 219 Meyersdale to I-68 Project Team Welcomes Public

GRANTSVILLE (February 12, 2003) - PENNDOT with its partners Maryland State Highway Administration (MDSHA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) invite the public to attend the second public meeting for the U.S. Route 219 transportation improvement project from Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pa. to Interstate 68 in Garrett County, Md.

The meeting will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2003 from 5 to 8 P.M. at the Holiday Inn, Grantsville, Md. The meeting will follow an open house format and the public is welcome to visit the meeting at anytime during the scheduled three-hour period.

This is an opportunity for the public to review project related information, including the proposed corridors in which alignments may be developed. Project Team members will be on-hand to answer questions, provide information and collect public input.

The meeting location is accessible to persons having disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Anyone who needs additional information, has special needs, or requires special aids should contact David Sherman, P.E. Project Manager, PENNDOT, District 9-0 (814) 696-7170.

Route 219 is a major north-south route through western Pennsylvania. It links I-68 in Maryland to the Pennsylvania Turnpike and I-80 providing important access to small cities, towns and rural communities throughout the region.

In recent years, portions of Route 219 in southwestern Pennsylvania have been upgraded to a four-lane, limited access facility. When this southernmost section is completed, it will provide a much needed transportation improvement for this region of the state.

With support provided by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), PENNDOT obtained the services of McCormick, Taylor & Associates Inc. of Harrisburg, along with a team of engineering and environmental consultants, to prepare an environmental document and conduct preliminary engineering for the project. The preliminary design work is expected to be completed in late 2004 or early 2005.

Information regarding this project can also be obtained through the project website [www.us219.com](http://www.us219.com).