

WELCOME!

Thank you for your interest in the Laurel Valley Transportation Improvement Project (LVTIP)! The purpose of this public meeting is to introduce SR 981, Section V20 (Norvelt to Bingham Road) to the public and collect feedback to assist the Project Team in Preliminary Design. The formal public comment period runs from September 30 to October 7, 2021, and all feedback received will be made part of the public meeting record.

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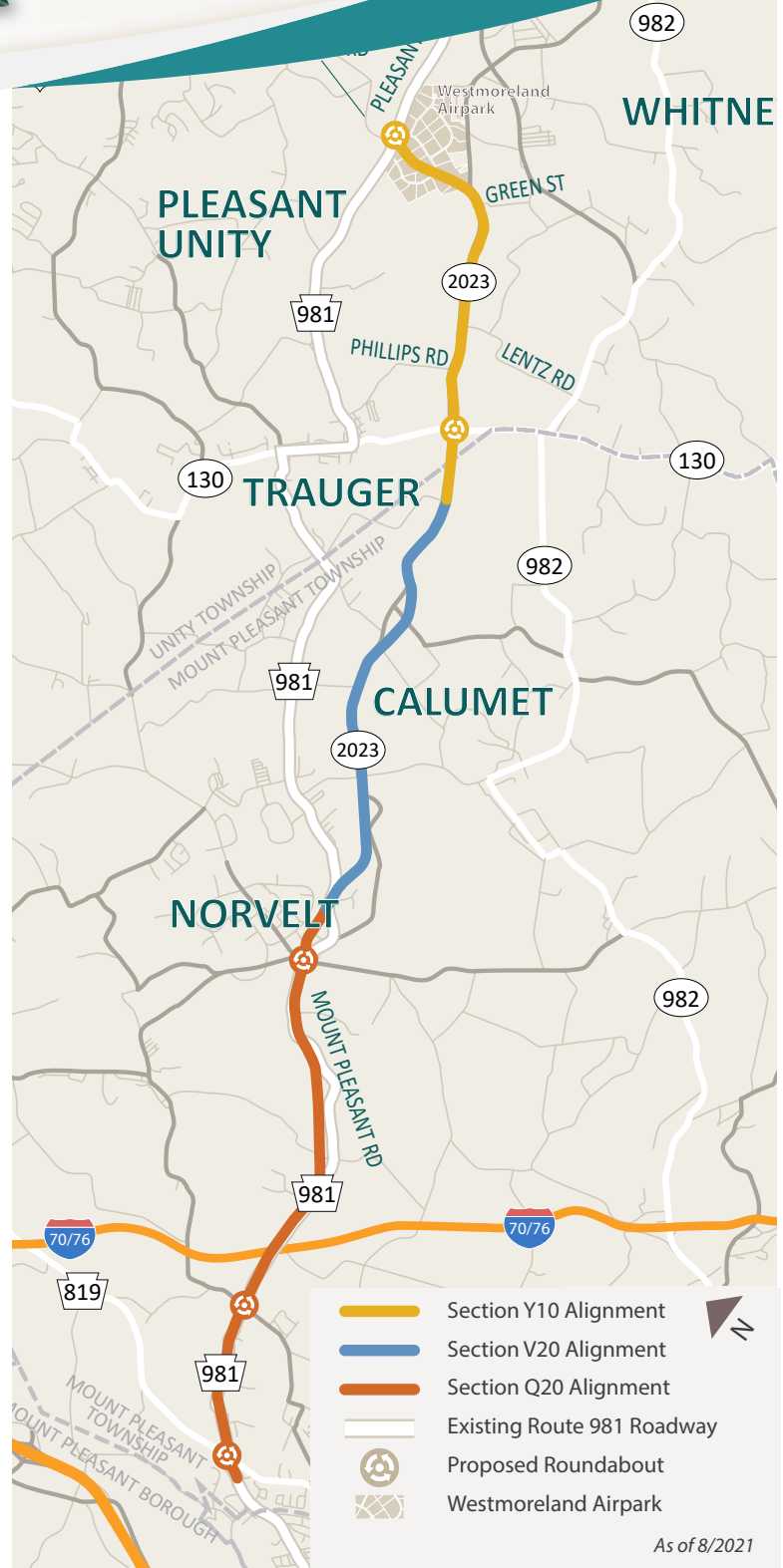
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Contact the Project Team

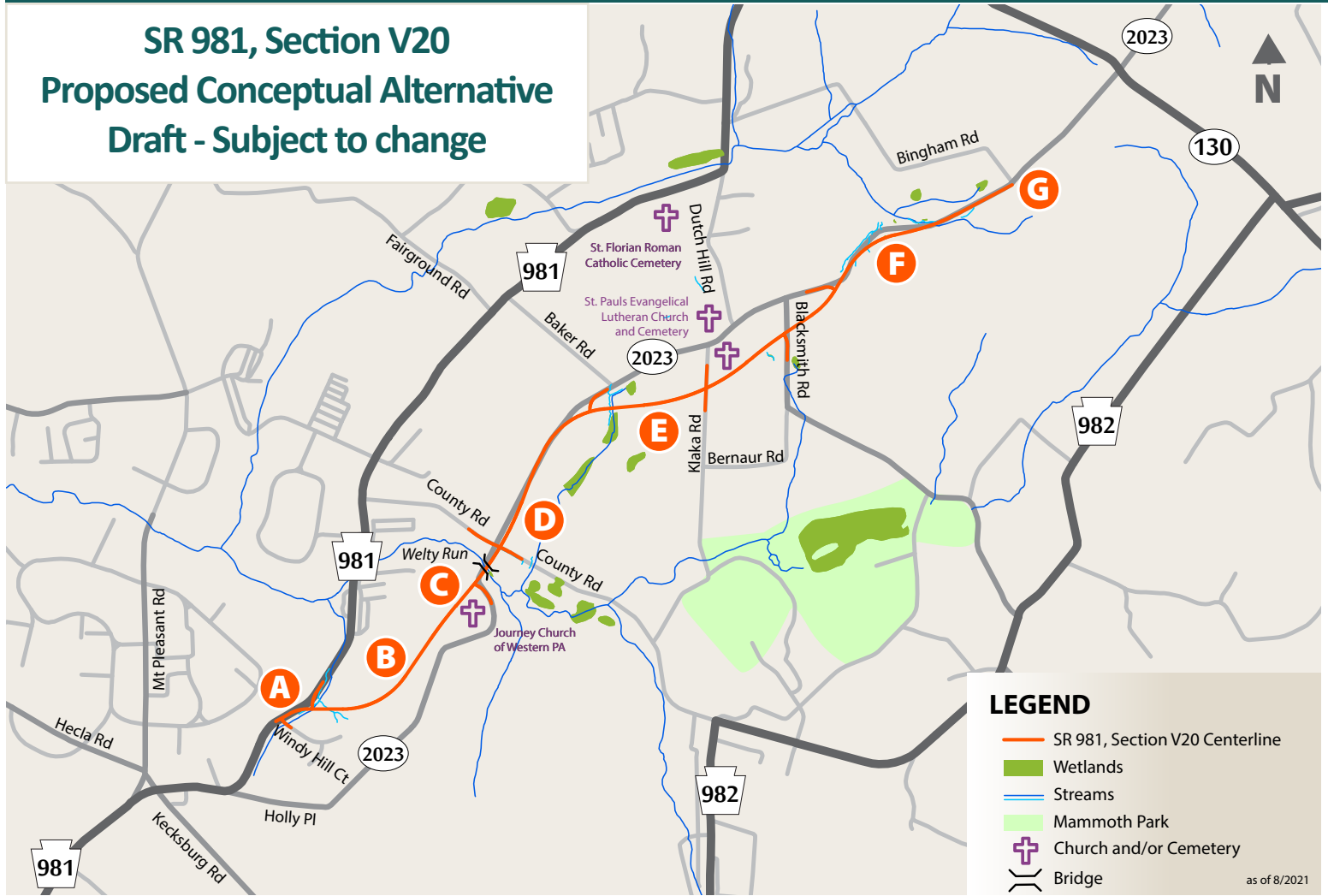
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SR 981, V20 Alignment: SR 981, Section V20 is the last of three projects within the Laurel Valley Transportation Improvement Project Corridor to advance to Preliminary Design. It extends about 3.5 miles from north of the Norvelt intersection in Mount Pleasant Township along SR 2023 to Bingham Road, just south of the SR 2023/SR 130 intersection in Unity Township.

SR 981, Section V20 Proposed Conceptual Alternative Draft - Subject to change



- A.** A “T” intersection will transition SR 981 to the new SR 981 alignment just north of Windy Hill Court.
- B.** The roadway will continue eastward, off alignment, to connect with the existing SR 2023.
- C.** A new bridge using the proposed typical section will be built over Welty Run.
- D.** County Road will be stop-controlled at the Section V20 alignment. The Section V20 alignment will have left turn-lanes to access County Road.
- E.** The alignment will shift east to avoid St. Paul’s Cemetery.
- F.** The alignment shifts slightly east just south of Bingham Road to minimize farm impacts and a floodplain mitigation area.
- G.** The northern terminus for the project was moved south to the intersection of Bingham Road and SR 2023 to better tie into the SR 981, Section Y10 Project.

V20 Project Schedule*



Preliminary Design:

2020 – 2023



Final Design:

2023 – 2025

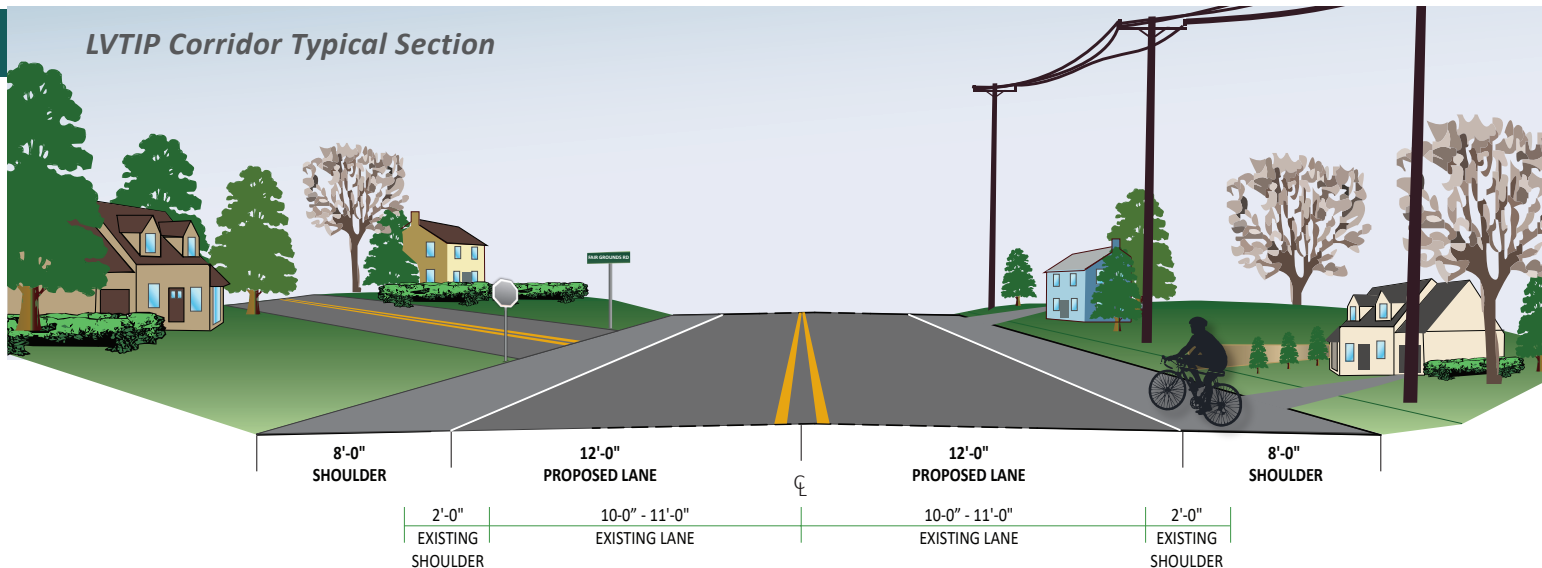


Construction:

2026 – 2027

*Schedule subject to change due to funding availability

LVTIP Corridor Typical Section



Improvement Examples

Section V20 will look very similar to the Section V10 improvements completed near the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport. This project will utilize similar driveway tie-ins and lane and shoulder widths.



Driveway tie ins will be incorporated into the new alignment. (SR 981, V10 Project at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport)



Similar to the completed V10 project immediately north, the V20 project will include 12 ft. travel lanes and 8 ft. shoulders.

Environmental Features Overview

The environmental resources surrounding the project area are an important part of overall project development. Once the Project Team refines the alignment, they will prepare and submit the environmental document for approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Identifying Key Environmental Features in the V20 Project Area

Some of the key environmental features that the Project Team identified during their research, field work, and interviews include:



Wetlands and streams

- Field delineated
- Report underway



Historic structures

- Background research and field analysis underway



Archaeology

- Field work to be conducted



Agricultural land

- Information collected
- Farmer interviews complete



Hazardous waste

- Field work completed
- PA DEP file review scheduled

SR 981, Section Q20 Update

Current Project Status: Construction

SR 981, Section Q20 extends approximately 4.5 miles from the intersection of SR 981 and SR 819 to just north of the SR 981 and SR 2023 intersection in Norvelt, Mount Pleasant Township. This project will start construction in the fall of 2021.

Proposed Construction Schedule

Advertised for Bids:

June 10, 2021

Bids Opened:

July 29, 2021

Anticipated Construction Start:

Fall 2021

Construction:

Fall 2021-2024

SR 981, Section Y10 Update

Current Project Status: Preliminary Design

SR 981, Section Y10 extends about 2.5 miles from Bingham Road, just south of the SR 130 intersection with the Section Y10 alignment in Unity Township, to the southernmost project limits of PennDOT's completed SR 981, Section V10 improvement project near the Westmoreland County Airpark and Arnold Palmer Regional Airport. Roundabouts will be considered as shown on the map (see cover page).

Anticipated Schedule*

Preliminary Design:

2020 - 2022

Final Design:

2022 - 2024

Construction:

2025 - 2026

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There are several ways to provide feedback:

Review Virtual Public Meeting Materials

- Digital informational displays are available on the project website at www.laurelvalleyproject.com for review between 6 p.m. Thursday, September 30 and 6 p.m. Thursday, October 7.

Complete a Comment Form

- Provide feedback on the project by completing an electronic or paper comment form by October 7. All feedback received will be made part of the public meeting record and will be considered by the Project Team during the Preliminary Design phase of the project. A list of Frequently Asked Questions with responses will be developed and placed on the project website based on feedback received.

Visit an Informational Outpost

- Information from the Virtual Public Meeting is also available in hard copy at the following locations from September 30 to October 7:

Mount Pleasant Township Building

208 Poker Road, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Unity Township Building

154 Beatty County Road, Latrobe, PA 15650

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, Concierge Desk

148 Aviation Lane, Latrobe, PA 15650

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Adams Memorial Library

1112 Ligonier Street, Latrobe, PA 15650

Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development

40 North Pennsylvania Avenue

Fifth Floor, Suite 520, Greensburg, PA 15601

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.