

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM (EAF)

This form is to assist the reviewers in determining whether a proposed action could cause significant natural and socio-Economic environmental effects and thus require an Environmental Effects Report.

DEPARTMENT      Transportation, State Highway Administration  
DIVISION         Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering; Office of Highway Development

PROJECT TITLE    US 6219, Section 050 Transportation Improvement Project  
                         from Meversdale, PA to Old Salisbury Rd, MD

EST. COST         Draft FY 2025-2030 MDOT CTP includes \$22 Million for Planning, Engineering, & Right of Way

### I      BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Give a brief description of the proposed action/project(s)

**The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) in cooperation with the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) with federal oversight from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have initiated improvement studies for US 219 from Meversdale, Pennsylvania to Old Salisbury Road in Garrett County, Maryland.**

**The purpose of the project is to complete Corridor N of the Appalachian Development Highway System, to improve the system linkage in the region, provide safe and efficient access for motorists, and provide a transportation infrastructure to support economic development within the Appalachian Region. The project needs include lack of efficient mobility for trucks and numerous roadway and geometric deficiencies along existing US 219 that do not meet current design criteria and contribute to slower travel speeds through the corridor. Existing US 219 does not provide infrastructure needed to access the surrounding municipalities, and labor and business markets. It is thereby a contributing factor in limiting economic opportunities in the Appalachian Region of Maryland and Pennsylvania.**

**In accordance with NEPA, several alternatives are being considered to meet the purpose and need. The No Build Alternative is included as the baseline condition for comparison. Four build alternatives are carried forward to detailed analysis in the DEIS: Alternatives DU Modified, DU-Shift Modified, E Modified, and E-Shift Modified. Each of these four alternatives includes relocating US 219 east of its existing location. Detailed descriptions of all alternatives considered are included in Section 2 of the DEIS.**

2. Describe the geographical area(s) which will be affected by the action/project(s). Specifically locate the project by using the Maryland Coordinate Grid System, include distinguishing natural and man-made features and a brief description of the present use of the area(s). Include a suitable location map (sketch map, USGS map, etc.).

**The entire project extends approximately eight miles from the southern end of the Meversdale Bypass in Somerset County, Pennsylvania to the newly constructed 1.4-mile section of US 219 in Maryland between I-68 and Old Salisbury Road. Approximately six miles of the project are in Pennsylvania and two miles are in Maryland. The project area encompasses northeastern Garrett County, the Borough of Salisbury, and portions of Elk Lick and Summit Townships in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. The Maryland portion of the project area is mostly rural, with scattered residential and commercial properties, and agricultural areas. The project area is at and around Easting: 220,911.3619 Meters; Northing: 229,916.4945 Meters on the Maryland Coordinate Grid System. See Figure 1-3 and Figure 1-4 in the DEIS.**

### II      ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The following questions should be answered by placing a check in the appropriate column(s). If desirable, the "comments attached" column can be checked by itself or in combination with an answer of "yes" or "no" to provide additional information or to overcome an affirmative presumption. In answering the questions, the significant beneficial and adverse, short and long term, effects of the proposed action, on-site and off-site, during construction and operation should be considered. All questions should be answered as if the agency is subject to the same requirements as a private person requesting a license or permit from the State or Federal Government.

<b>A. LAND USE CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1. Will the action be within the 100-year floodplain?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.21</b>
2. Will the action require a permit for construction or alteration within the 50-year floodplain?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec 3.21</b>
3. Will the action require a permit for dredging, filling, draining or alteration of a wetland?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.20</b>
4. Will the action require a permit for the facilities for solid waste disposal including dredge and excavation spoil?		<b>No</b>	
5. Will the action occur on slopes exceeding 15%?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.15</b>
6. Will the action require a grading plan or a sediment control permit?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.17</b>
7. Will the action require a mining permit for deep or surface mining?		<b>No</b>	
8. Will the action require a permit for drilling a gas or oil well?		<b>No</b>	
9. Will the action require a permit for airport construction?		<b>No</b>	
10. Will the action require a permit for the crossing of the Potomac River by conduits, cables, or other like devices?		<b>No</b>	
11. Will the action affect the use of a public recreation area, park, forest, wildlife management area, scenic river, or wild land?		<b>No</b>	
12. Will the action affect the use of any natural or man-made features that are unique to the county, state, or nation?		<b>No</b>	
13. Will the action affect the use of an archaeological or historical site or structure?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.8</b>

<b>B. WATER USE CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
14. Will the action require a permit for the change of the course, current, or cross-section of a stream or other body of water?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.19</b>
15. Will the action require the construction, alteration or removal of a dam, reservoir, or waterway obstruction?		<b>No</b>	
16. Will the action change the overland flow of storm water or reduce the absorption capacity of the ground?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.18</b>
17. Will the action require a permit for the drilling of a water well?		<b>No</b>	
18. Will the action require a permit for water appropriation?		<b>No</b>	
19. Will the action require a permit for the construction and operation of facilities for treatment or distribution of water?		<b>No</b>	
20. Will the project require a permit for the construction and operation of facilities for sewage treatment and/or land disposal of liquid waste derivatives?		<b>No</b>	
21. Will the action result in any discharge into surface or sub-surface water?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.18</b>
22. If so, will the discharge affect ambient water quality parameters and/or require a discharge permit?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.18</b>

<b>C. AIR USE CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
23. Will the action result in any discharge into the air?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.11</b>
24. If so, will the discharge affect ambient air quality parameters or produce a disagreeable odor?		<b>No</b>	
25. Will the action generate additional noise which differs in character or level from present conditions?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.12</b>
26. Will the action preclude future use of related air space?		<b>No</b>	
27. Will the action generate any radiological, electrical, magnetic, or light influences?		<b>No</b>	

<b>D. PLANTS AND ANIMALS</b>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
28. Will the action cause the disturbance, reduction, or loss of any rare, unique or valuable plant or animal?		<b>No</b>	<b>Sec. 3.23</b>
29. Will the action result in the significant reduction or loss of any fish or wildlife habitats?		<b>No</b>	<b>Sec. 3.23</b>
30. Will the action require a permit for the use of pesticides, herbicides or other biological, chemical, or radiological control agents?		<b>No</b>	

<b>E. SOCIO-ECONOMIC</b>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
31. Will the action result in a preemption or division of properties or impair their economic use?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.7</b>
32. Will the action cause relocation of activities, structures or result in change in population density or distribution?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.2</b>
33. Will the action alter land values?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.73</b> Land in PFA may increase in value. Outside PFA, all build alternatives are access-controlled.
34. Will the action affect traffic flow and volume?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 3.2</b>
35. Will the action affect production, extraction, harvest, or potential use of a scarce or economically important resource?		<b>No</b>	
36. Will the action require a license to construct a sawmill or other plant for the manufacture of forest products?		<b>No</b>	
37. Is the action in accord with federal, state, regional and local comprehensive or functional plans, including zoning?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Secs. 1; 3.1; 3.24</b>
38. Will the action affect the employment opportunities for persons in the area?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 1.6</b>
39. Will the action affect the ability of the area to attract new sources of tax revenue?	<b>Yes</b>		<b>Sec. 1.6</b>
40. Will the action discourage present sources of tax revenue from remaining in the area, or affirmatively encourage them to relocate elsewhere?		<b>No</b>	
41. Will the action affect the ability of the area to attract tourism?		<b>No</b>	

<b>F. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS</b>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
42. Could the action endanger the public health, safety, or welfare?		<b>No</b>	
43. Could the action be eliminated without deleterious effects to the public health, safety, welfare, or the natural environment?		<b>No</b>	
44. Will the action be of statewide significance?		<b>No</b>	
45. Are there any other plans or actions (federal, state, county or private) that, in conjunction with the subject action, could result in a cumulative or synergistic impact on the public health, safety, welfare, or environment?		<b>No</b>	
46. Will the action require additional power generation or transmission capacity?		<b>No</b>	

<b>G. CONCLUSION</b>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments</i>
47. This agency will develop a complete environmental effects report on the proposed action.		<b>No</b>	<b>Sec. ES-2</b>