

The Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization, City of Morgantown, and Town of Star City

INVITE YOU TO THE

UNDERSTANDING FUTURE GROWTH

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Help us prevent future problems with transportation, land development, housing, and economic prosperity. This workshop will engage the public, stakeholders, and elected officials in exploring two critical questions:

“Where should we grow?”

“How should we grow?”

Wednesday
MARCH 28
7-9 pm

University High School
131 Bakers Ridge Road, Morgantown



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Crossroads is a unique opportunity to bring residents of Morgantown, Star City, and Monongalia County together to envision and plan growth and mobility choices for the future.

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CROSSROADS
It's time to chart our future.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS CROSSROADS? Crossroads is a program to develop land use plans for the City of Morgantown and the Town of Star City in coordination with the long-range transportation plan for all of Monongalia County. It is also a partnership among the three jurisdictions to create a transportation plan that helps these communities grow the way the public wants. The long-range transportation plan will also be coordinated with planning efforts in Westover, Granville, and portions of unincorporated Monongalia County. The first step in the process is the creation of a unified vision that can be personalized to the needs of each jurisdiction.

2. WHY CREATE A REGIONAL VISION NOW? There has never been a better time to develop shared land use and transportation goals, objectives, and actions that benefit and strengthen our fast growing communities and region.

3. HOW IS CROSSROADS DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS EFFORTS? Previous land use plans were successful in capturing residents' visions of how they wished their communities to grow. But these plans were not coordinated across boundaries creating uneven expectations among area residents and they were not integrated with a regional multi-modal transportation plan. Integrating land use and transportation plans will create more efficient development, bus service, roads, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities that better meet the needs and values of our residents.

4. WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN? A comprehensive plan integrates facilitated civic dialogue with professional analysis to create a future land use document that guides community, physical, transportation, and economic development. It identifies a variety of ways of how and where growth needs will be met over a twenty-year period.

5. WHAT IS A LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN? The transportation plan is the statement of ways the region plans to invest in its transportation system for at least the next 20 years. These plans must be updated every five years in areas (like ours) that are not currently subject to air quality planning requirements. Per federal regulations, the plan shall "include both long-range and short-range program strategies and actions that lead to the development of an integrated, intermodal transportation system that facilitates the efficient movement of people and goods." These strategies and actions can include improved transit service, roadway improvements that accommodate not only automobile travel but also cyclists and pedestrians. The plan can also encourage activities like car pooling and ridesharing.

6. WHAT WILL THE UNDERSTANDING FUTURE GROWTH MEETING BE LIKE? After a brief introduction of the process in assembly you will be randomly assigned to a small group and will work for the remainder of the time with a trained facilitator. While in the small group you will identify open space conservation areas, allocate projected growth through the region, determine the characteristics of such growth, and express visual preferences. The totality of the responses will provide a preliminary indication of a vision for the future of the Monongalia region directly correlated to the physical reality of the region.

7. HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE TO PARTICIPATE? The meeting will last two hours — not long considering the impact your work can have. Because all the work takes place in small groups, we recommend that you arrive promptly by 7pm to fully participate in the group activities.

8. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PUBLIC INPUT FROM THE JANUARY MEETINGS? All the ideas collected in the January public meetings have been organized, summarized and posted to the project website. The ideas were used by the Regional Vision Group to develop draft community goals to guide the two comprehensive plans and the long-range transportation plan. These draft goals will be presented for comment during the Understanding Future Growth meeting.

9. WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE MARCH PUBLIC MEETING? All the input will be recorded, summarized and posted to the project website for anyone to review. Your work will be used to refine the regional goals and growth preferences that will guide the two comprehensive plans and the long-range transportation plan. Later in April, another set of public meetings will focus on translating the Regional Vision into the comprehensive plans.

10. DO I HAVE TO BE AN EXPERT TO CONTRIBUTE IDEAS? You are an expert if you live or work in Monongalia County. Who knows the community better than someone who lives here?