

The Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization, City of Morgantown, and Town of Star City invite you to:

# JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AT A PUBLIC IDEA GATHERING MEETING

for

## CROSSROADS

*IT'S TIME TO CHART OUR FUTURE*

*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.*

ATTEND THE MEETING THAT IS MOST CONVENIENT FOR YOU.

Wednesday **JAN 25**

7 – 9 pm

**South Middle School**

500 East Parkway Drive, Morgantown

Thursday **JAN 26**

7 – 9 pm

**North Elementary School**

825 Chestnut Ridge Road, Morgantown



**PARTICIPATE!  
TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!  
MAKE HISTORY!  
ALL IDEAS ARE WELCOME!**

### **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

If you live or work in Monongalia County you are invited to participate. Small group discussions will allow your ideas, thoughts, and aspirations to be heard. All ideas will be written down. They will become the foundation for the comprehensive plans for Morgantown and Star City and for the long-range transportation plan for the region.

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# 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 MEETINGS IN JANUARY 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 conduct two activities.

- First, you will brainstorm ideas about what the community needs.
- Second, you will identify on a map of the region places that are strong and contribute to its quality of life of the region and places that are weak and detract from it. Once your group has agreed on strong and weak places you will consider why strong places work and why weak places don't.

**7. HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE TO PARTICIPATE?** The two sessions in January will last two hours — not long considering the impact your ideas can have. The format of the two meetings is identical so you should participate in only one of them. Plan ahead now and select the meeting most convenient to you. 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 HAPPENS AFTER THE PUBLIC MEETINGS?** All the ideas collected in the public meetings will be data-based, organized and posted on the web for anyone to review. Your ideas will be used to identify shared community goals and principles to guide the development of the two comprehensive plans and of the long-range transportation plan.

Later in March, the community will convene again to focus on future growth. You will be asked to map where growth should go and to recommend the type of growth best suited for this region. At that meeting you will also have an opportunity to review and comment on the goals and principles developed with your ideas.

**9. WILL I BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT I CARE MOST?** Yes, all ideas count! If you care about the future of our community and have thoughts and ideas about how to maintain and enhance quality of life, transportation, and the things that are important to you, this is your opportunity to have those ideas heard. The facilitator will carefully record all ideas and create a safe and positive atmosphere in each group.

**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?