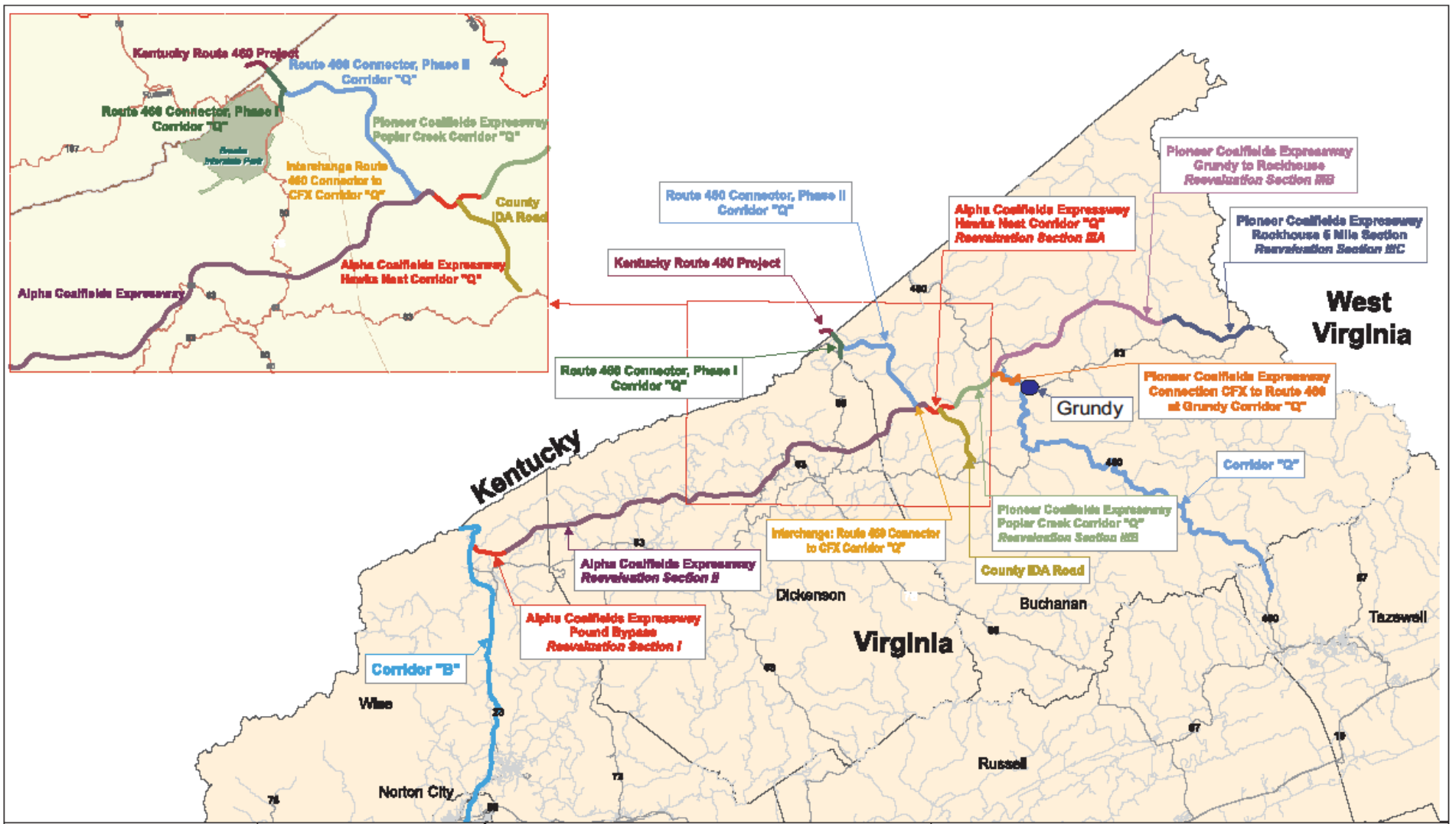


Location Approval for U.S. Route 460 Connector Phase II - Buchanan County (ADHS Corridor Q)

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NO SCALE



US Route 460 Connector, Phase II
Route 460 Connector, CFX, and Corridor Q

Project Overview

- **U.S. Route 460 Connector Phase II will provide four 12-foot travel lanes with a 40-foot (and variable) grass median**
 - **Project is designated as a Limited Access Highway**
 - **Current relocation selected as part of a Coal Synergy initiative proposed by Pioneer Group, Inc.**
 - **April 2008 - FHWA approved Preliminary Authorization Agreement for Project Management, Decision Document, Sole Source Determination and NEPA Study**
 - **Decision Document will include a Mineral Evaluation Study that was completed October 2008**
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Project Overview

- The project is tied to the development, goals and objectives of two separate transportation initiatives
 - Corridor Q of the ADHS – U.S. Route 460
 - CFX
- Project is eligible for ADHS – ARC funding as part of Corridor Q
- Total project length is approximately 6.7 miles
 - U.S. Route 460 Phase II – 6.2 miles
 - CFX Interchange area – 0.5 miles



Project Overview


- **FHWA approved the Environmental Assessment for this location including the CFX interchange in March 2009**
 - **Logical Termini is provided via the approved U.S. Route 460 Connector Phase I Project and the realigned CFX Hawks Nest Section**
 - **Termini is approximately 1 mile east of the Kentucky Stateline and approximately 6 miles west of the town of Grundy**



Recommendation for Approval

- **As District Administrator for the Bristol District I recommend approval of the location of the U.S. Route 460 Connector Phase II for the following reasons:**
 - **Will provide improved regional and local connectivity**
 - **Vital link in development of the Corridor Q – Virginia U.S. Route 460 – Kentucky U.S. Route 460 Initiatives**
 - **Stimulate economic development**
 - **Coal Synergy has the potential to significantly reduce development and construction cost by approximately 40% or \$100M**
 - **140 Citizens attended the Location Hearing of which a majority were in support of moving the project forward**
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Future Project Activities

- **Pending CTB approval of the location**
 - **Complete Decision Document**
 - Obtain Sole Source Determination
 - Advance negotiations with Pioneer Group, Inc.
 - **Submit approved CTB location to FHWA and ARC**
 - Corridor Q Realignment
 - **Update the ARC Cost to Complete Estimate**
 - Evaluate mileage
 - Redefine Nodes
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