

**SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

**2:30 p.m.  
March 13, 2012**

**President's Conference Room, Ikenberry Hall  
Shepherdstown, WV**

**Conference Call 866.545.0859, Participant Code 7110873349**

**AGENDA**

Regular Session

Call to Order

Chair Gat Caperton

WV Route 480 Pedestrian Underpass

Mr. Rick Staisloff, Executive Officer for  
Strategic Initiatives

New Business

Chair Caperton

Adjournment

## WV ROUTE 480 PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS

During its September 2011 meeting, the Shepherd University Board of Governors approved the WV Route 480 Underpass Project and Project Budget of \$4.15 million, authorizing the University President and Executive Officers to execute all contracts and agreements necessary to complete the project.

Since that time, planning for the project has continued, including the construction bidding process. Due to a number of factors, the lowest construction bid received during this phase of the project was higher than previously estimated. The most significant issues have been structural modifications to the retaining walls and the storm drains that were added subsequent to the State Department of Highways' review, which resulted in an estimated increase of nearly \$600,000. Combined with the costs associated with an extremely compressed project timeframe and the elimination of the option for the contractor to blast any rock that may impede the project (hydraulic hammering, a more expensive method due to increased equipment and time, is the required option), the revised project estimate including a contingency is \$5.65 million. The following reflects the revised Project Budget:

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| Construction                                | \$4,618,300     |
| Architectural and Engineering               | 430,000         |
| Easements and Miscellaneous Temporary Costs | 24,620          |
| Utilities Relocations                       | 65,000          |
| Contingency of 10 percent                   | <u>512,080</u>  |
| <br>TOTAL BUDGET                            | <br>\$5,650,000 |

While the project costs have increased markedly, so have additional external funding sources, with the commitment of up to \$1.7 million from the State Department of Highways. The total net investment by Shepherd at this point, without factoring the potential \$1 million from a Federal TCSP grant still under consideration, is estimated to be \$3.55 million, less than the \$3.75 million estimated at the time of the Board's September approval of the project.

Since a solid contingency is factored into this number, it is our expectation that the total project costs will not exceed this revised estimate. Barring the need to tap into the contingency, there is a potential of returning nearly \$.5 million back to the capital budget.

The following resolution is recommended for adoption by the Board:

**RESOLVED**, That the Shepherd University Board of Governors approves the WV Route 480 Underpass Project and Project Budget as presented in the Agenda Book.