

# PUBLIC MEETING

September 17, 2013

Item No. 3-199.00

US 31W Widening

Warren County

## PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES

Two alternative alignments have been developed for this project based on maximizing use of the existing pavement and right of way, minimizing impacts to adjacent properties and minimizing impacts to existing utilities. These two build alternatives will be considered along with the do-nothing alternative.

**Alternate 1** – Do Nothing Alternative – Existing road remains in its current condition with two through lanes and turn lanes only at the Rich Pond Road (KY 242) intersection. This portion of US 31W is essentially straight with a curve at the northern end, which ties into a recently reconstructed section of US 31W.

**Alternate 2** – Equal widening about the existing centerline – approximately 20 feet left and right. Existing pavement would be widened and include a paved shoulder-ditch combination. A shared-use path is included along the east side of US 31W from Buchanan Park to the southernmost entrance into South Warren High School.

**Alternate 3** – Equal widening about the existing centerline from Buchanan Park to Morehead Road then shifting east and transitioning into the curve at the south end of the previous construction project. This alternate includes the shared-use path and uses an urban curb and gutter section with a 10-foot roadside border area from South Glen Gables to just north of KY 242.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Comments from this meeting will be reviewed and taken into consideration by the project team as a recommended alternate is selected and moved into Final Design. The current project schedule is shown below:

### Project Schedule

Right of Way Acquisition – 2014

Utility Relocation – 2014

Construction – 2017

## CONTACT

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## WELCOME

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) welcomes you to a public meeting for the widening of US 31W from Buchanan Park to the recently completed project at Dillard Road. The purpose of this meeting is to gain input on the material presented tonight in order to move the best possible project forward in the design process.

KYTC appreciates your interest in the project and encourages you to speak with project team members stationed around the room to gain a better understanding of the material being presented. This is your opportunity to view the proposed alternatives, ask questions, and voice any comments or concerns.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

US 31W is a major transportation corridor for this region that was an even more important north – south transportation corridor before I-65 was constructed. Even with a major expansion of I-65, the need for improvements to US 31W have increased as a result of the continued growth and development of Bowling Green and Warren County.

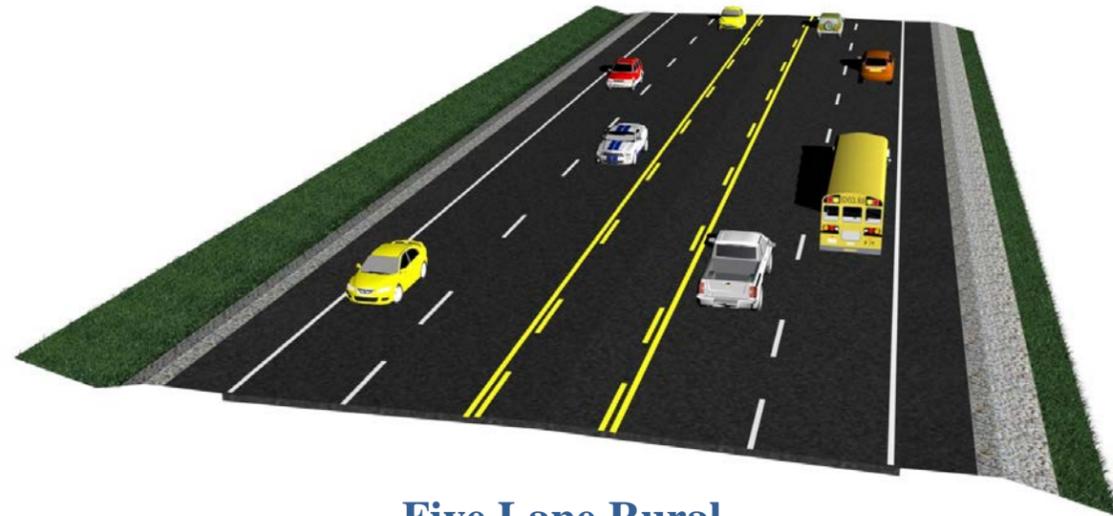
The existing roadway carries a high volume of traffic including a mix of commuter traffic and truck traffic between Franklin and Bowling Green, school traffic for one of the largest school campuses in the state, and tourists visiting Chaney's Dairy Barn and other historic/cultural places in the immediate area.

An improved roadway to accommodate the increasing demand of traffic is essential for providing both safe and efficient traffic flow.

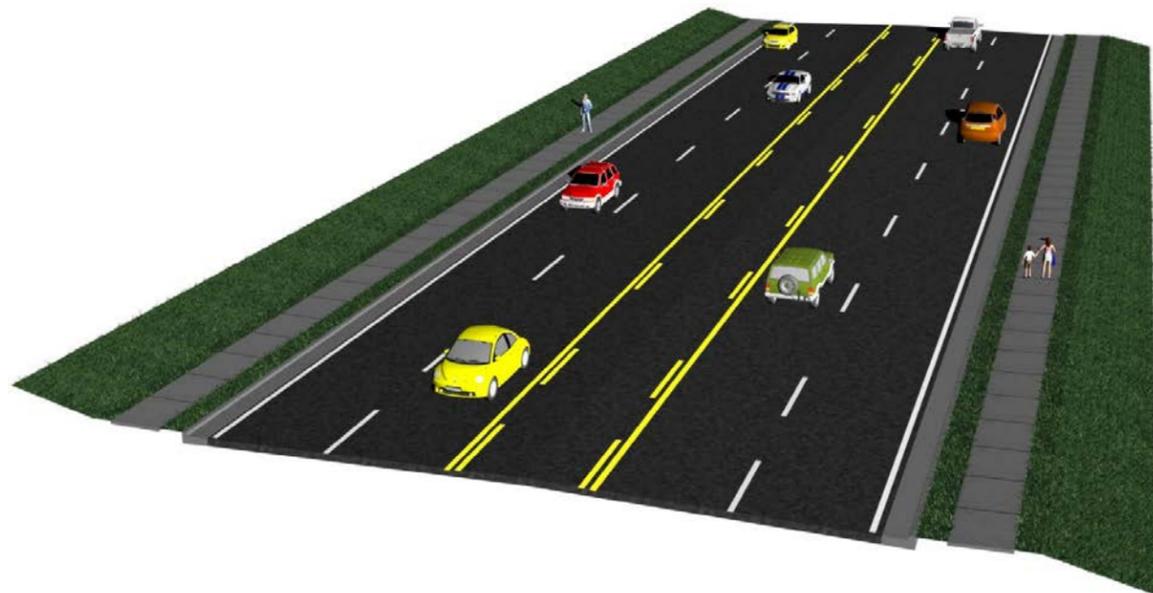
The purpose of this improvement is to address the existing and future safety and congestion issues along US 31W and to provide a safe and reliable connection from Franklin to Bowling Green.



# TYPICAL ROADWAY SECTIONS



**Five Lane Rural**  
(Alt. 2 and Alt. 3)



**Five Lane Urban**  
(Alt. 3 near KY 242)

