



PRELIMINARY PROJECT PURPOSE AND GOALS

KY 32 Alternatives Study, Rowan and Elliott Counties

KYTC Item No. 9-192.00

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed highway improvement project under study is for the reconstruction, relocation, or realignment of the portion of KY 32 from KY 504 near Elliottville in Rowan County to KY 7 near Newfoundland in Elliott County.

PROJECT PURPOSE

Improve highway access and safety from Sandy Hook, Elliott County, and southeastern Kentucky to businesses, medical facilities, post-secondary education facilities, other services or attractions, and I-64 at Morehead through:

- Improved travel time,
- Improved travel conditions at high crash locations, and
- Improved travel conditions for emergency medical services and school buses.

OTHER GOALS

- Support, preserve, or enhance economic opportunities in Elliott County and the surrounding region by providing improved access for:
 - Commuters, delivery vehicles, work-related travel, and visitors to the Little Sandy Correctional Complex;
 - Commuters, delivery vehicles, work-related travel, and customers or clients of existing businesses and commercial or professional services;
 - Local citizens, delivery vehicles, work-related travel, and clients of locally-based city, county, state, and federal government services or other public services; and
 - Potential new businesses, services, or attractions that may locate in Sandy Hook, Elliott County, or the surrounding area.
- Support, preserve, or enhance tourism in the region through improved access to Laurel Gorge and Grayson Lake, as well as for agritourism, ecotourism, local arts and crafts, scenic tours, and motorcycle tours and rallies.
- Incorporate context sensitive design features as appropriate to support or enhance local goals and initiatives to establish a scenic byway along KY 32 in the study area.