

LEITCHFIELD NORTHWEST BYPASS STUDY

Fact Sheet

October 2003

1. Who is conducting the study?

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is conducting the study to determine the need, feasibility, and possible corridors for a western bypass around Leitchfield in Grayson County. The Cabinet has selected the consulting engineering firm of Parsons Brinckerhoff to prepare the planning study and to conduct a comprehensive public involvement program.

2. What is the purpose of the study?

- The purpose of the study is to determine if there is a need for a new highway west of Leitchfield, KY; and
- If a need exists, the project team will evaluate possible corridors for the new highway and then recommend a preferred corridor as well as a phasing plan if appropriate. (Note: A corridor is a broad area up to 2,000 feet wide within which a highway could be located.)

3. What is the study process? (Refer to Figure)

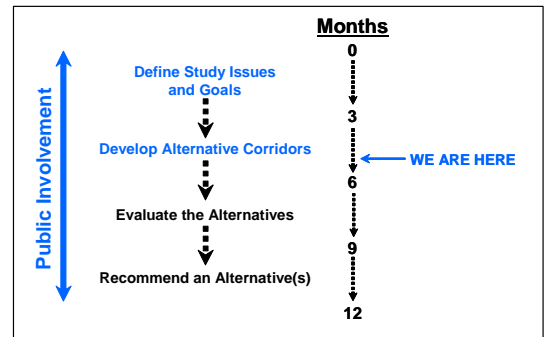
Simply stated, the study has four major elements:

- Define the Study Issues and Goals
- Develop Alternative Corridors
- Evaluate the Alternatives
- Recommend a Preferred Alternative(s)

4. What is the study area boundary? (Refer to map on back)

The study area is divided into two parts: (1) the primary study area for the development and evaluation of alternative corridors; and (2) the auxiliary study area to be included in the traffic analysis (to account for the Eastern Bypass).

Study Process / Schedule



5. What are the project goals and what alternatives will be examined?

Based on technical analysis and public input, six goals have been identified for the project. They include:

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| 1. Improve Traffic Flow | 3. Economic Development | 5. Improve Access |
| 2. Improve Safety | 4. Improve Highway for Trucks | 6. Enhance System Efficiency / Connections |

Over 18 alternative corridors have been put forth by the public and the project team. Major differences between the corridors include the northern and southern end points and the proximity of the bypass to town. These corridors, any additional new corridors, and the no-build alternative will all be examined to determine which best addresses the project issues and goals. The evaluation will consider a broad range of transportation, community, environmental, and economic benefits and impacts.

7. How far along is the study and when will it be complete?

The study is in the alternative corridors development phase. The project team is developing and refining possible new highway corridors for further study. The next phase will be to evaluate each of the possible alternatives. The study is expected to be completed by May 2004.

8. How can I get involved?

- (1) Attend public meetings. A second public meeting will be held during the corridor evaluation phase of the project (late January / early February). The meeting will be widely advertised in advance. The meeting will give you an opportunity to provide feedback on alternatives before a recommendation is made.
- (2) Fill out comment forms. Comment forms will be available at both this meeting and the upcoming public meeting. Please take the time to fill out these forms and give us your feedback.
- (3) Watch for announcements. Watch for news of meetings, special events, or other project developments.

9. If you have further questions or comments please contact:

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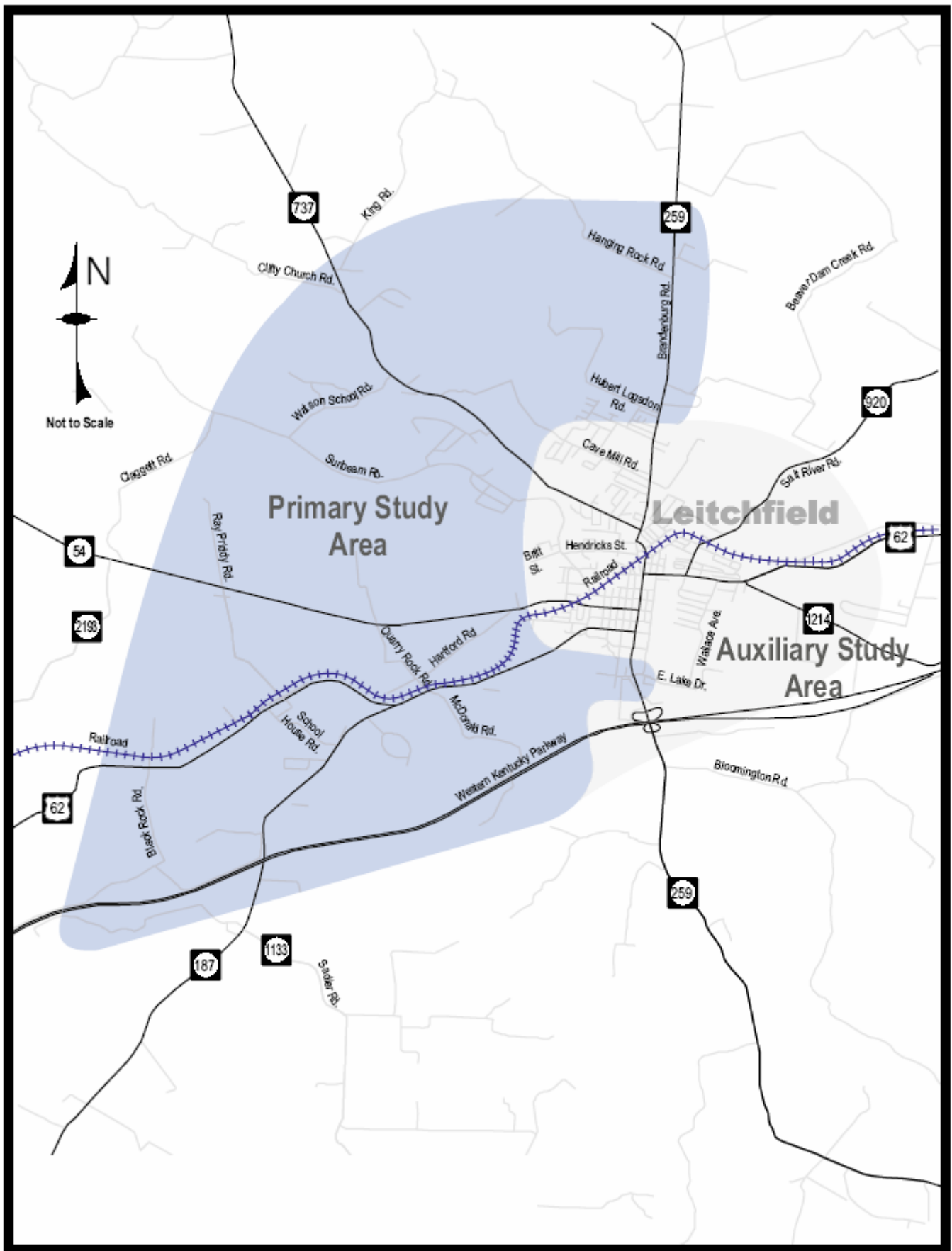
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Study Area Map