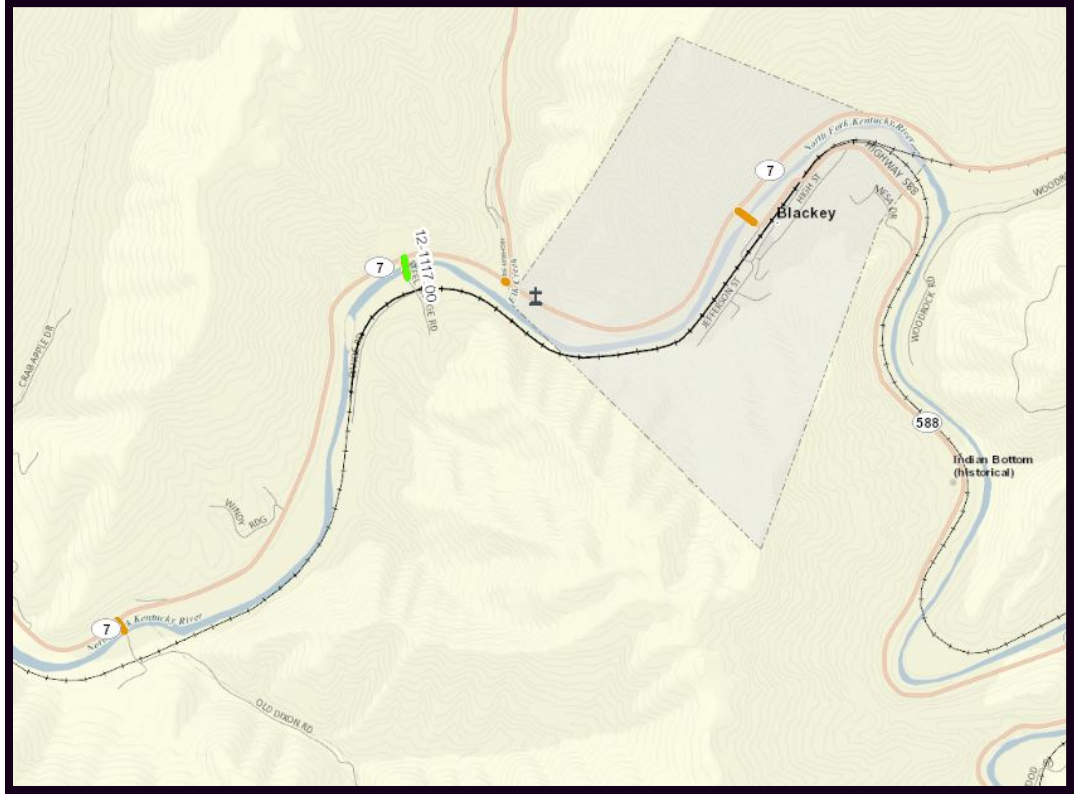


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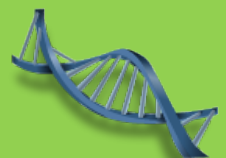
## Scoping Study



Bridge Replacement  
Letcher County  
Replace Bridge on Steel  
Bridge Rd. over North Fork  
of Kentucky River at JCT  
with Highway 7 (KY 7)(SR  
24) C00080N  
Item Number 12-1117.00

Prepared by KYTC  
Division of Planning  
District 12

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### I. PRELIMINARY PROJECT INFORMATION

|                             |                |                      |                        |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>County:</b>              | Letcher        | <b>Item No.:</b>     | 12-1117.00             |
| <b>Route Number(s):</b>     | CR 1359Q4      | <b>Road Name:</b>    | Steel Bridge Road      |
| <b>Program No.:</b>         | 8750901D       | <b>UPN:</b>          | FD 52 067 1359 000-001 |
| <b>Federal Project No.:</b> | BRZ 1203 (355) | <b>Type of Work:</b> | Bridge Replacement     |

2012 Highway Plan Project Description:

Replace bridge on Steel Bridge Road (CR 1359Q4) over North Fork of Kentucky River at Junction with Highway 7 (KY 7)(SR 24) C00080N

Beginning MP: 0.002      Ending MP: 0.042      Project Length: 0.04 Miles

**Functional Class.:**  Urban  Rural  
**State Class.:**  Primary  Secondary  
**Route is on:**  NHS  NN  Ext Wt

**MPO Area:** Not Applicable  
 In TIP:  Yes  No  
**Truck Class.:**      **% Trucks:**      **Terrain:**

**ADT (current):** 30 (2012)  
**Access Control:**  None  Permit  Fully Controlled  Partial Spacing:      **Median Type:**  Undivided  Divided (Type):

**Existing Bike Accommodations:**      **Ped:**  Sidewalk  
**Posted Speed:**  35 mph  45 mph  55 mph  Other (Specify): N/A

**KYTC Guidelines Preliminarily Based on :** 20 MPH Proposed Design Speed

#### COMMON GEOMETRIC

| Roadway Data:         | EXISTING | PRACTICES* |  |
|-----------------------|----------|------------|--|
| No. of Lanes          | 1        | 1          | <a href="#">Existing Rdwy. Plans available?</a><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Lane Width            | 9'       | 11'        |  |
| Shoulder Width        | N/A      | 2'         | Year of Plans: _____   |
| Max. Superelevation** | N/A      | 4%         | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Traffic Forecast Requested</a>  |
| Minimum Radius**      | N/A      | 125'       | Date Requested: _____  |
| Maximum Grade         | N/A      | 16%        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mapping/Survey Requested  |
| Minimum Sight Dist.   | N/A      | 115'       | Date Requested: _____  |
| Sidewalk Width(urban) | N/A      | N/A        | Type: _____  |
| Clear-zone***         | N/A      | N/A        |  |

Project Notes/Design Exceptions?:

\*Based on proposed Design Speed, \*\*AASHTO's A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, \*\*\*AASHTO's Roadside Design Guide

**Bridge No.\*:** 067C00080N (Bridge #2)

|                         |                |   |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|
| Sufficiency Rating      | 24             | <a href="#">Existing Geotech data available?</a><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Total Length            | 164'           |   |
| Width, curb to curb     | 10'            | Detour Length(s): _____   |
| Span Lengths            | 30'            |   |
| Year Built              | 1927           |   |
| Posted Weight Limit     | 4 tons         |   |
| Structurally Deficient? | Yes            | *If more than two bridges are located on the project, include additions sheets.   |
| Functionally Obsolete?  | Yes            |   |
| Existing Bridge Type    | Steel Stringer |   |

**II. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED**

**A. Legislation**

|   |                |              |             |               |
|---|----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| This following funding was listed in the 2012 General Assembly's Enacted Highway Plan | <b>Funding</b> | <b>Phase</b> | <b>Year</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|   | BRZ            | D            | 2013        | \$300,000     |
|   | BRZ            | R            | 2014        | \$250,000     |
|   | BRZ            | U            | 2014        | \$50,000      |
|   | BRZ            | C            | 2015        | \$875,000     |

**B. Project Status**

Design funds for this project have been authorized.

**C. System Linkage**

CR 1359Q4 is a Rural Local road located in the western part of Letcher County that connects Canoe Road to KY 7. It serves as a connection for 10 residences located across the North Fork of the Kentucky River to KY 7. CR 1359 is currently the only connection for these residence, so it is critical for this connection to remain open.

**D. Modal Interrelationships**

There are presently no bike or pedestrian facilities along this section of highway.

**E. Social Demands & Economic Development**

There is no economic development anticipated in this area.

**F. Transportation Demand**

The bridge located on CR 1359Q4 is the only connection for the residences located across the North Fork of the Kentucky River to access other parts of the county. No other projects are scheduled for this area. Access to the residences must remain open and a bridge repair or replacement must be completed.

**II. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED (cont.)**

**G. Capacity**

There are no congestion issues that would contribute to the need of this project.

**H. Safety**

A ten year review of collisions was conducted of the project area finding (0) zero total.

**I. Structure Deficiencies**

The abutments have stairstep cracking with some missing mortar and the columns have surface rust with some scaling. Drift is causing scour around the piers and needs removed. Trees are crossways at piers, restricting channel flow. On May 26, 2009, it was recommended to close the bridge due to the load rating of the steel beams. In 2010, beams were added to span #6.

**Draft Purpose and Need Statement:**

Need: Replace (1) one-lane bridge that has a Sufficiency Rating of 24.0 and is structurally deficient.

Purpose: Improvements through replacement that will address the structure deficiency concerns associated with the project.

**III. PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW**

**A. Air Quality**

Project is in:  Attainment area  Nonattainment or Maintenance Area  PM 2.5 County

STIP Pg. #: 81 of 127

TIP Pg. #:

FY 2013-2016

**B. Archeology/Historic Resources**

Known Archeological or Historic Resources are present

No Section 106 notifications have been generated from the District at this point. If the historical survey indicates that there may be an impact to historical sites, then the 106 process will be started.

**C. Threatened and Endangered Species**

The Indiana Bat (*Myotis Sodalis*), Gray Bat (*Myotis Grisescens*), and Blackside Dace (*Phoxinus Cumberlandensis*) are listed as threatened or endangered species in the project area. A BA may be required to satisfy Section 7 requirements for all species or an IBCMOA or tree-cutting restrictions may be utilized to compensate for any potential habitat loss for the Indiana Bat.

**D. Hazardous Materials**

Potentially Contaminated Sites are present  Potential Bridge or Structure Demolition

At the time of the Environmental Overview, no UST/HAZMAT issues were noted in the project area.

**E. Permitting**

Check all that may apply:  Waters of the US  MS4 area  Floodplain Impacts  Navigable Waters of the US Impacts

Are 401/404 Permits likely to be required?  Yes  No Impacts to:  Wetlands  Stream/Lake/Pond

ACE LON  ACE NW  ACE IP  DOW IWQC  Special Use Waters

ACE LON will be required from impacts associated with bridge replacement

**F. Noise**

Are existing or planned noise sensitive receptors adjacent to the proposed project?  Yes  No

Is this considered a "Type I Project" according to the [KYTC Noise Analysis and Abatement Policy?](#)  Yes  No

**G. Socioeconomic**

Check all that may apply:  Low Income/Minority Populations affected  Relocations  Local Land Use Plan available

Possible relocations associated with project. Relocation surveys will need to be completed to see if any low income or minority populations are affected.

**H. Section 4(f) or 6(f) Resources**

The following are present on the project:  Section 4(f) Resources  Section 6(f) Resources

No anticipated 4(f) or 6(f) impacts associated with project.

Anticipated Environmental Document:

CE Level 1



**IV. PROJECT SCOPING**

| One alignment has been considered for this project. | Alternate 1 Estimate |                    |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|
|   | Phase                | Estimate           |
|   | Planning             |                    |
|   | Design               | \$300,000          |
|   | R/W                  | \$71,000           |
|   | Utilities            | \$50,000           |
|   | Const                | \$875,000          |
|   | <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$1,296,000</b> |

The alternative would allow for construction of a new one-lane structure at a location that is adjacent to the existing bridge on the upstream side. By changing the location of the bridge, the existing bridge would be used as access for residents and removed upon completion of the new structure. Advantages of this alternative are that the existing bridge would stay open to traffic and the costs associated with creating a detour could be avoided. There could be one (1) relocation possible depending on the location chosen.



**Exhibit 1**

### **V. Summary**

This study is a Data Needs Analysis (DNA) of a reconstruction project to address structure and functional deficiencies of Steel Bridge in Letcher County, Item Number 12-1117.00. Through analysis of the existing roadway geometrics, crash data, site visits, and discussion with the Project Team, several needs were identified within the project limits. The following were identified as project needs:

- The No Build Alternative is not feasible due to the poor Sufficiency Rating of the bridge.
- The proposed design shall be a one-lane bridge.
- Improvement of the bridge approach from KY 7 should be made if possible.
- Maintenance of traffic will be a critical component of the proposed design.

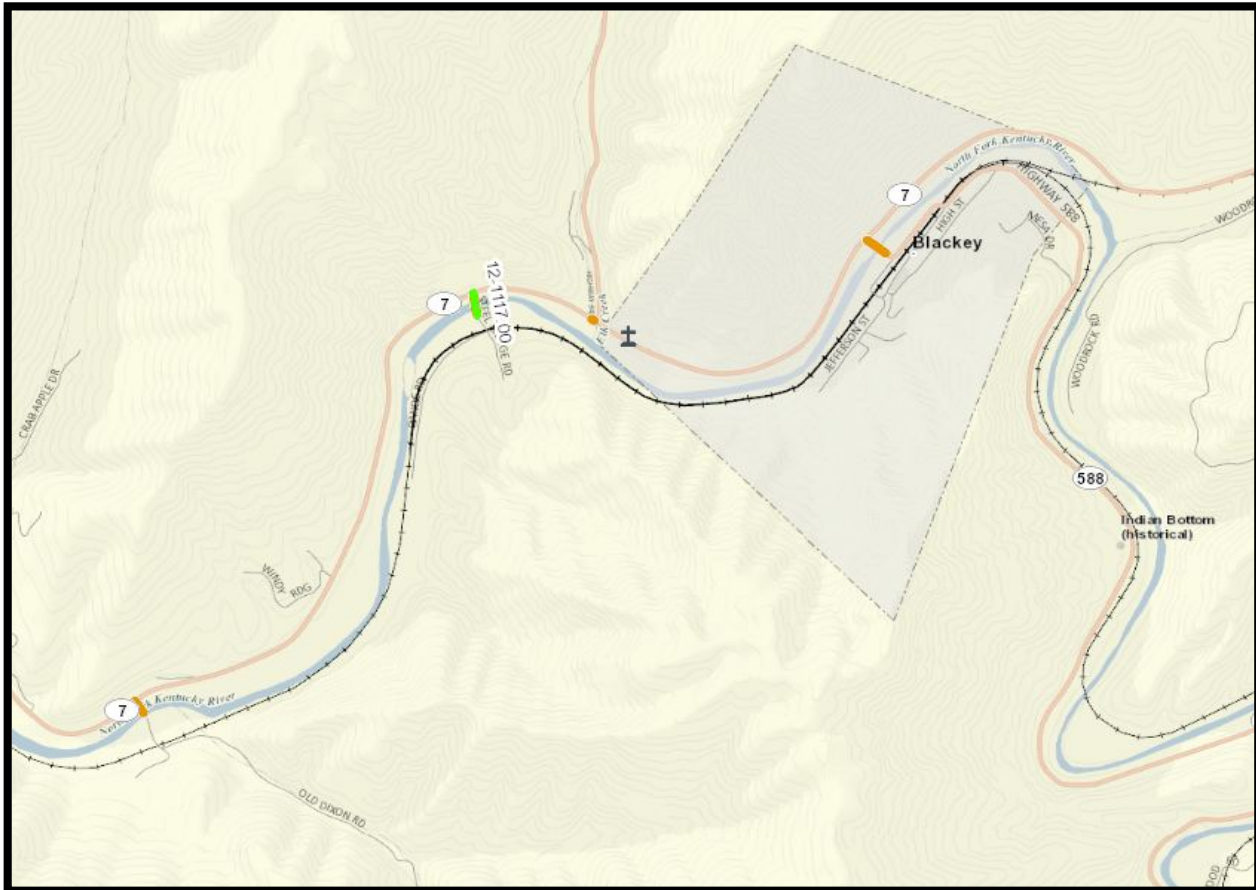
**VI. Tables and Exhibits**



**Exhibits 2 & 3**



**VI. Tables and Exhibits**



**Location Map**

**VI. Tables and Exhibits**

