



# Corbin Bypass Extension Feasibility Study

Laurel and Knox County  
Item No. 11-190.00

Thursday, August 29, 2013  
5 pm to 7 pm  
Hunter Hills Elementary  
8325 South U.S. 25  
Corbin, KY

**Public Meeting #2**

After you’ve talked to project engineers and reviewed these materials, please take a few moments to fill out a brief survey (attached to this handout). Your feedback helps us better respond to your concerns and address them as this project progresses through the study phase.

Comments will be received at the meeting or by mail through **September 13, 2013**. To mail comments or ask further questions, contact **Sherri Chappell, PE** at:

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## Comparison of Revised Draft Alternatives

ALT	Full Extension Corbin Bypass to I-75			Partial Extension US 25 - I-75		
	Length <sup>1</sup>	Cost <sup>2</sup>	Reloc <sup>3</sup>	Length <sup>1</sup>	Cost <sup>2</sup>	Reloc <sup>3</sup>
1	6.3	\$44	34-38	1.7	\$27	8-10
2	7.3	\$40	24-26	1.8	\$24	10-12
3	7.5	\$45	26-28	1.9	\$21	10-12
4	6.3	\$43	26-28	1.8	\$25	8-10

<sup>1</sup>. Length in miles | <sup>2</sup>. Construction cost in millions of dollars | <sup>3</sup>. Estimated residential relocations

Do you think this project is needed?  
*(please explain)*

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know / don't care

Do you think a new interchange is needed on I-75 north of Corbin?  
*(please explain)*

☐ Definitely needed ☐ Somewhat needed ☐ Don't know / don't care

How should this project move forward?  
*(please explain)*

☐ Extend the Corbin Bypass to connect to I-75  
☐ Build a new route that connects US 25 and I-75  
☐ It shouldn't move forward; I like things the way they are  
☐ I have another idea for how this project should move forward  
☐ Don't know / don't care

Are there any sensitive resources (like wetlands, historic homes, etc) within the study area that should be avoided if this project moves forward?

☐ Yes *(please explain)*  
☐ No  
☐ Don't know

Did this evening's meeting/presentation give you the right kind of information about the study for the extension of the Corbin Bypass?  
☐ Yes  
☐ No *(please tell us what we should have addressed or done better)*

Any additional comments?



# Questions and Answers

Below are the answers to the questions we’re most commonly asked about this project.  
Feel free to speak with us during this meeting or contact us later if you have any questions or concerns we haven’t addressed.

## What’s the purpose of this project?

Extending the Corbin Bypass from US 25E in Knox County to I-75 in Laurel County would address growing traffic congestion and safety concerns in the area. It won’t just make travel safer and faster, but it would also reduce traffic congestion along other nearby roads. This planning study will provide specific answers to questions about the placement and impact of a new route to help determine *if* the project is feasible.

## What’s the purpose of this meeting?

While we received feedback from some residents in our meeting back in June, we felt it wasn’t representative of the entire project area. So, we’re trying to reach out to as many people as we can with the project’s possible corridors so we can make better informed decisions. The purpose of this meeting is to cast a wider net so we can have a more productive conversation about this study and address your concerns

## Are you going to take my house?

We hope not, but as the map on the front shows, portions of any of the four proposed alternatives could affect some residences. At this early feasibility phase of the project, we can’t pinpoint exactly how many houses would be impacted. If the project were to move forward, we wouldn’t know until we’re through preliminary design and, even then, things could still change.

Buying residences to build or improve roads isn’t a decision we take lightly. If the project does move forward and reaches the stage that we know if any residences are required for this extension, acquisition specialists—not KYTC officials—will contact homeowners individually to make arrangements. They work closely with owners to offer a fair price for their property well in advance of construction.

While we’re still several steps away from this part of the process, we know this is a concern many of you share. That’s why we’re doing our best to communicate with you about this project during these early study stages and listen to your concerns.

## Will this project de-value my home?

Generally speaking, investing in infrastructure by improving interstate access and connectivity in a growing area like Corbin positively impacts your community and the region. For instance, there are a number of industries and businesses located directly on the existing Corbin Bypass. Many more in the area, like the Southeast Kentucky Regional Industrial Park, are strategically located within this footprint to take advantage of interstate accessibility. Extending the Corbin Bypass will enhance that footprint and increase opportunities to bring jobs and families to the area. Consequently, a project such as extending the Corbin Bypass should not result in reduced property values within the region.

## What about adverse environmental impacts?

Because there are four alternatives being considered, this is a tough question to answer: it depends on which alternative (or combination of alternatives) is moved forward into design. That said, projects of this type require environmental studies later in the process. Environmental specialists will look at air, noise, socioeconomic, historic resources, and wildlife habitat characteristics along the project route.

## What options are available to improve traffic conditions?

As the area continues to grow and attract new industry, traffic is going to grow with it, including truck traffic. If we do nothing, congestion and safety problems won’t go away on their own. One possibility is to extend the Corbin Bypass. Other opportunities—which are being explored as part of separate projects—include widening the existing four-lane US 25E to six lanes and changing the configuration of businesses’ driveways along this road. So, the results of *this* study could impact the types and extent of improvements made as part of necessary for these other projects. That’s because extending the Corbin Bypass could take 30% of today’s traffic off of US 25E, thereby reducing congestion and consequently reducing the occurrence of crashes related to congestion.

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# Your Comments

Please tell us what you think about this study and proposed alternatives, as well as your conerns.  
When you’re done, you can tear the sheet and return it to the sign-in table (or mail later to the address on the front).  
The rest of the handout is yours to keep in case you need to reach us later concerning this project.

## Basic Information

We use this information to follow up with you if needed, to figure out if there are groups along the project route we haven’t heard from, and to figure out the most effective ways of communicating with you.

Name:

Address:

Phone (optional):

E-mail (optional):

## How did you hear about this meeting?

<input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/> Letter/postcard	<input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Don’t remember	<input type="checkbox"/> Flyer/handout
<input type="checkbox"/> Variable message sign	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list)	<input type="text"/>

## Background Information

We use this information to help quantify the impacts of this study/proposed project and to help assess how well we’re communicating about the project.

## How often do you drive through the study area—along US 25E or US 25?

☐ Daily

☐ A few times a week

☐ A few times a month

☐ Rarely

## Do you own or rent/lease property within the study area?

☐ Own

☐ Rent/lease

☐ Neither

## Did you attend the first public meeting in June?

☐ Yes

☐ No

