

**Minutes**  
**Citizen's Advisory Committee - Meeting #2**  
**US 25 – Item No. 8515.00**  
**US25/25E/25W – KY 1006**

**Meeting Location: Laurel County Judge Executive's Conference Room**  
**Meeting Date: March 28, 2012**

- 1) Introduction: The meeting began at 10:00 am. Mr. Gregory introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The following individuals attended the meeting:

Mayor Troy Rudder	City of London Representative
Jane Rice Williams	Tourist Commission
Charles Pennington	London - Laurel Industrial Dev. Authority
Deanna Herrmann	London - Laurel Chamber of Com.
Chris Robinson	London Downtown Group
Joseph Mosley	KYTC-District 11
David Fields	KYTC-District 11
Jonathan Dobson	KYTC-District 11
Dean Croft	KYTC-District 11
Sherri Chappell	KYTC-District 11
Randall Thomas	HMB Professional Engineers
Randy Gnau	Municipal Engineering Co.
Brad Gregory	Municipal Engineering Co.

Those in attendance new to the group introduced themselves and Mr. Gregory outlined the goals for the meeting:

- a) Discuss the recent public meeting
  - b) Summarize the comments received at the public meeting
  - c) Verify the goals of the Committee are in agreement with the Public's concerns
  - d) Establish a framework for the next Citizen's Advisory Meeting
- 2) Mr. Gregory briefly described project limits and the upcoming milestones for the project
- 3) A summary of the recent public meeting was presented. This meeting was held at the Hunter Hills Elementary School on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Approximately 77 individuals attended the meeting and 20 comment sheets were submitted either the night of the meeting or submitted by mail later. Several comments were also recorded on the map displays that were presented at the meeting.

Mr. Gregory presented a summary of the number of responses to each item on the comment questionnaire. A copy of that summary is attached to these minutes.

- 4) Mr. Gregory highlighted and discussed several of the responses on the questionnaire and categorized them into these major areas: safety concerns, traffic delays, entrance management, enhanced tourism, and truck traffic.

Of these major areas, safety seemed to be the major priority of the public attending the meeting. Mr. Gregory noted that the concerns for traffic delays and congestion could likely be associated with safety also along with the number of entrances and the concern for trucks by-passing the weigh station on I-75 using US 25. Mr. Fields indicated that there is currently some discussion going on at KYTC about the possible re-opening of a weigh station along this section of US 25 to address the truck issue.

It was also noted that very few of the questionnaires indicated a perceived problem with highway geometry or alignment and only one person seemed to not be in favor of the project. Two comments were received with concerns for the proximity of the widening and impacts on adjacent property.

Specific safety concerns from the public seemed to be aimed at rear-end type crashes, providing more passing opportunities, and providing safer access to the roadway from side streets and entrances.

After Mr. Gregory highlighted the number of rear-end type crashes along the corridor as being one of the major safety problems, Mr. Thomas asked if there seemed to be any type of directional bias to number of crashes. After the meeting, the crash data was reviewed again by MEC and there proved to be no such bias. Of the total 367 rear-end crashes during the data period, 47% were in the southbound direction while 53% were in the northbound direction.

- 5) Mr. Gregory presented copies of the maps that were displayed at the public meeting along with the comments from the public that were recorded on them.

Several of the Committee members expressed interest in the area of the project that will be looked at for possible re-location of US 25. Mr. Gregory described the area in the northern section of the project from the AISIN factory to KY 1006 to the west of the existing US 25 corridor.

The group then discussed the possibility of accommodating bicycle traffic with the project. Some of the committee members informed the group about a Comprehensive Plan developed by London and Laurel County for a bike path system in the area. The Consultant and KYTC expressed interest in obtaining a copy of the Plan and indicated that making accommodations for bike traffic may be possible with the project. Representatives of the Project Design Team agreed to investigate this Plan and will coordinate with Mr. Robinson and possibly set up a meeting to discuss this issue.

- 6) Mr. Gregory outlined the goals for the next Advisory Committee meeting. These goals were established to address the concerns that were summarized from the input received at the public meeting. These goals are enhancement of safety, reduction of traffic delay, and entrance management. Mr. Gregory hoped to present various methods to satisfy these goals such as wider roadway cross sections, traffic separation, improved intersection geometry, and ways to restrict or combine access points.
- 7) Possible meeting times for the next meeting were discussed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm.

(Please Print)  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# Results

**I travel US 25 between Levi Jackson Rd. (KY1006) and US 25E:**

- Multiple times daily **115**
- Once a day **1**
- Once a week **2**
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ **2**

**What problems do you see with existing US 25 between Levi Jackson Rd. (KY1006) and US 25E?**

- No Problems
- Safety **13**
- Traffic delays **10**
- Entrances **7**
- Number of lanes **14**
- Alignment **3**
- Other Robinson Creek Bridge **1**
- Other School Area **1**

**What are your expectations for improving US 25 between Levi Jackson Rd. (KY1006) and US 25E?**

- Improve Safety **13**
- Increase Capacity **12**
- Enhance Tourism **9**
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Economic Development **7**
- Access (entrance) Management **10**
- Improve connectivity between Corbin and London **8**

**If you have an interest in property within the project area, please check all that apply.**

- Commercial Property **9**
- Residential Property **11**
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe any problems that you see with the existing US 25 between Levi Jackson Rd. (KY1006) and US 25E?**

Want more lanes = 4      Traffic Concerns = 1

Want more passing opportunities = 4      Overweight Trucks by-passing scales on I75 = 6

Traffic too slow = 3      Turning across multiple lanes = 2

**Are there any resources, areas, or issues (example: wetlands, cemeteries, hazardous waste, flooding, oil/gas wells, etc.) that the Project Development Team needs to consider when developing improvements to US 25?**

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**Any Additional Comments on the Improvement of US 25 between Levi Jackson Rd. (KY1006) and US 25E:**

**One person does not think curb and gutter is needed for entire route**

**Two individuals are concerned with the 25E/25W intersection safety and capacity**

**One wants no project at all – Does not want property impacted**

**One concerned for proximity damages to her business or loss of business if road moves to other side of railroad tracks**

**One person reduce speed Corbin to Lily**

**One person feels congestion is major factor**

**One commented “too many entrances”**

**One commented about some previous scales and possibly putting back into service**

**One thinks moving the route to the other side of the R.R. tracks and Fariston Rd. makes most sense**

Your response to this questionnaire will be given to the Citizen’s Advisory Committee and Project Development Team for their use in developing proposed improvements to US 25 between Levi Jackson Rd. and US 25E.

Please turn this form in tonight at the registration desk or by mail to the following address by Monday, March 5, 2012.

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