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IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY A

Changes in access from Preston Highway, I-65 northbound and I-65 southbound to I-264 eastbound to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow (3 different strategies)



A-1: Remove Preston Highway On-Ramp + Reconfigure I-65 Southbound On-Ramp

- Remove the Preston Highway on-ramp to I-264 eastbound
- Widen the ramp from I-65 northbound to I-264 eastbound to two lanes
- Change the merging pattern from I-65 southbound to I-264 eastbound



A-2: Reconfigure Preston Highway On-Ramp

- Move the I-264 eastbound on-ramp from Preston Highway to the north and make it part of a partial tight diamond interchange
- Widen the ramp from I-65 northbound to I-264 eastbound to two lanes
- Traffic from I-65 northbound and southbound would merge together and then merge onto I-264 eastbound



A-3: Reconfigure I-65 Southbound On-Ramp

- Move the I-65 southbound ramp to merge onto I-264 eastbound to the west of the current merge location
- The ramp from I-65 northbound to I-264 eastbound would remain one lane
- Traffic from I-65 northbound and Preston Hwy would merge together and then merge onto I-264 eastbound

For all three A strategies, Exit 12 (I-65 / KY 61) would be modified to eliminate a dangerous weave on the C-D road at the western end of I-264 eastbound.



- Vehicles exiting to the Fair & Expo Center and I-65 would fly over Crittenden Dr. and the Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport ramp to merge on the right
- Add a slip ramp for traffic from Crittenden Dr. and the airport to merge onto I-264 eastbound for traffic not going to the Fair & Expo Center or I-65

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IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY B

Changes to the I-264 westbound to I-65 southbound loop ramp to address driver confusion and improve traffic flow



- Improve the radius of the loop ramp from I-264 westbound to I-65 southbound
- Traffic will now use Exit 12 (I-65 / KY 61) to Exit 11 (Crittenden Dr.)
 Widened loop ramp would become an added lane of traffic to I-65 southbound mainline
- The I-264 westbound to I-65 southbound loop ramp bridge could be used by the I-65 southbound to I-264 eastbound ramp to improve sight distance

IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY C

Changes to I-65 exits to improve sight distance and driver decision making



- Reconfigure the I-65 southbound exits to I-264 by joining the I-264 eastbound and westbound exits just north of its existing location
- The result would be two exits:
 131 B to the Fair/Expo Center;
 131 A to I-264 westbound and
 I-264 eastbound
- If done in conjunction with Strategy B, the I-65 southbound to I-264 eastbound ramp could us the I-264 westbound to I-65 southbound bridge over I-264

Long-Term Improvement Strategies

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) launched a planning study late last year to identify improvement strategies for the I-65/I-264 interchange. The project team has proposed three long-term improvement strategies (A, B and C) to reduce congestion and improve safety focusing on three key areas of the interchange. While these proposed improvements may be combined, the public is asked to review and provide feedback on each individually.

SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

Review solutions, share your feedback, watch videos, and see maps and other documents at: https://bit.ly/AirportInterchange. Responses will be accepted through Nov. 22, 2020.