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TAYLOR BLVD/NEW CUT RD SAFETY STUDY



WHAT: Taylor Blvd/New Cut Rd (KY-1865) is a high-crash corridor currently being studied for safety improvements. The study will include crash and traffic analyses and make recommendations on construction funding and phasing.

WHO: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), through engineering consulting firm Burgess & Niple. Funding is provided by KYTC's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

WHEN: The study is expected to be completed by Summer 2024.

WHERE: Taylor Blvd/New Cut Rd (KY-1865) between the Watterson Expressway (I-264) and the Gene Snyder Freeway (KY-841).

WHY: Reduce fatal and serious injury crashes.

We want your feedback!

- What do you like about Taylor Blvd/New Cut Rd?
- What would you like to see in the future?
- If there was one thing you could fix about this road, what would it be?

How do I provide feedback?

- Join us for an open house on Wednesday, September 20 from 5-7pm at Lynnhurst United Church of Christ (4401 Taylor Blvd).
- Scan the QR code below. Provide your input using the online form.

***The public comment window closes on
October 20, 2023.***

Media Inquiries:

Email the project team at KY1865ProjectTeam@gmail.com.



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT MEETING – TAYLOR BLVD/NEW CUT ROAD (KY 1865)

September 20, 2023, 5-7pm, Lynnhurst United Church of Christ

Comment Card

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Circle any of the following that you do along/nearby Taylor Blvd/New Cut Rd on a regular basis:

live work worship visit businesses go to school visit Iroquois Park other _____

If there was one thing you could fix about this road, what would it be?

Additional Comments _____

KY 1865 (Taylor Blvd/New Cut Road) – Staff Fact Sheet (not for distribution)

Project Limits: Taylor Blvd/New Cut Rd (KY 1865) between the Watterson Expressway (I-264) and the Gene Snyder Freeway (KY 841).

Project Scope: Taylor Blvd/New Cut Rd (KY 1865) is a high-crash corridor currently being studied for safety improvements. The study will include crash and traffic analyses and make recommendations on construction funding and phasing, as well as an initial review of environmental resources and public involvement.

Project Team: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), Burgess & Niple, and Louisville Metro Public Works. Funding is provided by KYTC's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

Stakeholder Coordination: Taylor New Cut Mobility Committee, Metro Parks, Olmstead Parks, JCPS, TARC

Schedule (subject to change)

- Environmental Scoping Doc, Project Phasing Summary – Late 2023
- Traffic Analysis, Concept Development – Spring 2024
- Second Public Meeting – Spring 2024
- Study Completed – Summer 2024
- Further steps will require design, RW, utility and construction funding to be identified.

Timelines:

- o Right-of-way acquisition 12-24 months
- o Final Design (depending on level of env documentation) 36-72 months
- o Construction/Implementation 24-36 months

Budget: There's currently not a budget moving forward for this project. Funding needs to be identified for Design, Utilities, ROW and Construction. Estimated project cost will depend upon proposed improvements, which will be determined by the end of this study.

Environmental Info: The environmental scoping document is under development. At this time the project team has identified floodplain, hazmat, 4f/6f (publicly owned parks) and cultural/historic resources along/near the corridor.

Water resources include Mill Creek Cutoff-Ohio River, Lower Southern Ditch-Pond Creek, Northern Ditch and Bee Lick Creek. Hazmat resources include various historical and existing auto stations, cleaners, underground storage tanks, etc. 4f/6f resources are Iroquois Park and Wyandotte Park. Cultural/Historic resources include various houses, churches, and historic districts, some of which may or may not be eligible upon further review.

Traffic: Vehicular traffic is just one metric. We want to move ALL users safely and effectively. Improvements will balance vehicles, bikes, pedestrians, limited mobility, etc. When people are upset and frustrated with traffic not moving or taking a long time, they take more risks. ADT > 27 thousand vehicles per day now, that is a challenge to balance. (Kevin McKeel can take additional questions)

Safety: Every Fatal/Serious Injury crash is a person – not just a number. There were 1715 crashes in 5 years. 42 fatal/serious injury crashes, 31 vulnerable road user crashes. This doesn't account for near misses or things that go unreported to police. 49% of crashes were noted as at intersections. High crash intersections of Bluegrass Ave, Southside Dr, Outer Loop, Palatka Rd. Seeing problem with Angle, Rear End, Sideswipe – Same Direction crash types. (Kevin McKeel can take additional questions)

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Public Comment Summary:

- Ped/Bike crossings/crosswalks feel dangerous
- Pedestrian safety/visibility
 - o Connectivity to parks (including Wyandotte) and other city connectors
 - o Routes to school
- Iroquois Park access
- Speed concerns (police enforcement)
- Concerns about semi-trucks/ban semi-trucks
- Lanes too narrow
- Signal timing
 - o Extended ped crossing times
- More lighting
- More trees
- Requests for left turn lanes/signals at various intersections
- Fix intersection alignment
- Access management
- Want medians is TWLTL installed to deter use at thru lane

Conflicting comments

- Public was split on whether a road diet was appropriate or not
- Public was split on whether bike lanes would be beneficial or not
- Some felt that the intersection at Southern Parkway was fine as-is, while some felt improvements were needed
- Some wanted a bridge across KY 1865 from Iroquois Park
- Some want a roundabout at Southern Pkwy & Kenwood/ Others said no roundabouts
- Some felt the road is safe as-is



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OPEN HOUSE

**Wednesday,
April 24, 2024
5:00-7:00 PM**



**Lynnhurst United
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4401 Taylor Blvd.**

Survey Open April 25th - May 25th

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April 24, 2024, 5-7pm, Lynnhurst United Church of Christ

Thank you for attending our public meeting! There are several stations around the room with graphics we would like to get your reactions to. Please respond to any or all of the questions below. If you have questions, please let us know!

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GENE SNYDER FREEWAY TO SOUTHSIDE DRIVE/3RD STREET ROAD

Do you like the proposed improvements between Gene Snyder Freeway and Southside Drive/3rd Street Road?

YES NO

What do you like or not like about these proposed improvements?

SOUTHSIDE DRIVE/3RD STREET ROAD TO PALATKA ROAD

Do you like the proposed improvements between Southside Drive/3rd Street Road and Palatka Road?

YES NO

What do you like or not like about these proposed improvements?

PALATKA ROAD TO SOUTHERN PARKWAY

Do you like the proposed improvements between Palatka Road and Southern Parkway?

YES NO

What do you like or not like about these proposed improvements?

SOUTHERN PARKWAY TO BLUEGRASS AVENUE

Do you like the proposed improvements between Palatka Road and Southern Parkway?

YES

NO

What do you like or not like about these proposed improvements?

BLUEGRASS AVENUE TO WATTERSON EXPRESSWAY (I-264)

Do you like the proposed improvements between Palatka Road and Southern Parkway?

YES

NO

What do you like or not like about these proposed improvements?

SOUTHERN PARKWAY INTERSECTION

Do you like the proposed improvements at Southern Parkway?

YES

NO

What do you like or not like about these proposed improvements?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

If you would like to provide your feedback or additional feedback following the meeting, please visit our online survey:

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PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

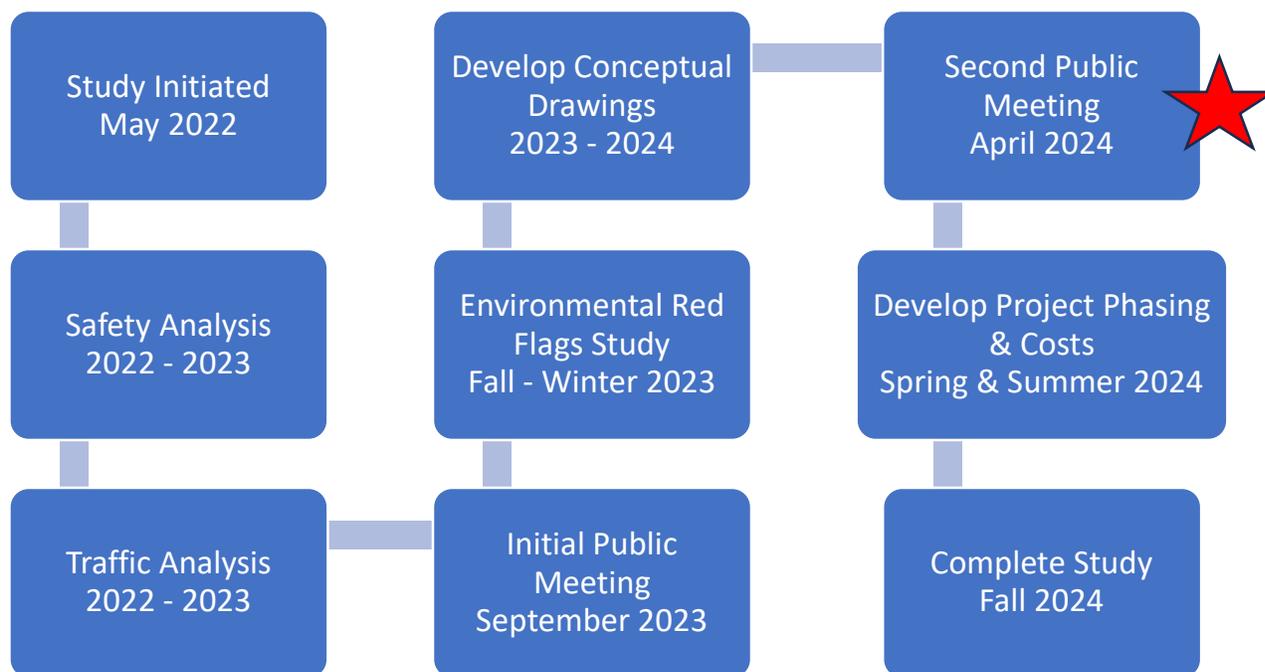
Project Name: KY 1865 (Taylor Blvd/New Cut Road) Safety Study

Study Area: Gene Snyder Freeway to Watterson Expressway (I-264)

Project Goals: This project strives to implement safety improvements for all users along the KY 1865 corridor. The project will reallocate space within the corridor to discourage speeding, accommodate all users, and facilitate connectivity while creating a safer, more comfortable and pleasant environment. Known users along the corridor include motor vehicles, transit vehicles/buses, pedestrians/walkers/runners/transit users, and bicyclists. The context along the corridor is mixed and transitions along the length of the corridor, including commercial areas, single family residential neighborhoods, multifamily residential, Iroquois Park, and several schools and churches.

Project Team: The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Louisville Metro Government are partnering on this study.

Project Schedule:



Project Funding: Potential funding sources are being investigated including federal funding.

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Gene Snyder Freeway - Southside Drive / 3rd Street	
Improves safety in pedestrain and cyclist travel (with protected and dedicated path)	34
Improves road safety with slower traffic	33
Improves aesthetics with greenery	21
Safety concerns for left turners (especially during congestion)	6
Doesn't need improved/other improvements (more signals, better lighting)	9
Concerns about traffic congestion due to inadequate number of lanes (creates road rage)	55
Concerns about turning left due to medians (and emergency vehicles)	32
Concerns about losing property fr homes and businesses	3
Concerns that the lanscaped median will not be upkept (puts a burden on public workers)	2
Concerns about the width of the lanes (being too skinny)	1
Speed llimits being enforced would solve most problems	1
Do you like the proposed improvements between the Gene Snyder Freeway and Southside Drive / 3rd Street Road?	
YES	98
NO	85

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Southside Drive / 3rd Street - Palatka Road	
Improved travel for pedestrians and cyclists (needs to be protected)	43
Improves aesthetics with greenery	24
Improved safety due to reduced size of lanes (traffic calming)	11
Find it unnecessary/see no difference	20
Concerns about size of lanes being too thin (specific concerns regarding trucks in the area)	10
Concerns about the amount of lanes (too many/unsafe)	6
Concerns about construction impacting businesses	1
Concerns about losing property	1
Finds sidewalks unnecessary and a burden to upkeep	1
Concerns for homeowners entering driveways because of the berms	1
Do you like the proposed improvements between Southside Drive / 3rd Street Road and Palatka Road?	
YES	131
NO	49

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Palatka Road - Southern Parkway	
Improves safety in pedestrain and cyclist travel (make sure it is protected)	39
Improves aesthetics with greenery	26
Reduction in crossover collisions with median	17
Calms traffic with road diet	6
Does not see significant change/finds it unnecessary	8
Concerns with losing ability to turn left and forced uturns (mainly to buisness and homes)	35
Concerns about accessibility with first responders	6
Concerns that the lanscaped median will not be upkept (puts a burden on public workers)	4
Concerns about safety with using narrower lanes	4
Need more turn lanes so drivers can get off road	3
Concerns about losing parts of property	3
Needs pedestrain access across New Cut Rd to allow for safe crossing	1
Do you like the proposed improvements between Palatka Road and Southern Parkway?	
YES	123
NO	64

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Southern Parkway - Bluegrass Way	
Improves safety in pedestrain and cyclist travel (ensure that it is protected)	32
Improves road safety with slower traffic (by reducing lanes)	25
Improves aesthetics with greenery	19
Reduction in crossover collisions with median	5
Doesn't need improved/other improvements (more signals, better lighting, enforcing speed lim	7
Concerns about traffic congestion due to inadequate number of lanes (creates road rage)	47
Concerns about losing center lane/left turn due to medians (and emergency vehicles)	26
Concerns about creating more traffic on neighborhood streets	3
Concerns that the lanscaped median will not be upkept (puts a burden on public workers)	2
Concerns about losing property	2
Concerns that these changes will negatively affect businesses	1
Do you like the proposed improvements between Southern Parkway and Bluegrass Avenue?	
YES	98
NO	84

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Bluegrass Avenue - Watterson Expressway	
Improves safety in pedestrain and cyclist travel (ensure that it is protected)	28
Improves aesthetics with greenery and added lighting	23
Reduction in crossover collisions with median	12
Reducing lane widths would slow drivers, improving safety	8
Other improvements would be better (road diet, enfore speed limits, center turn lane)	8
Doesn't need improved	5
Concerns about losing left turn due to medians (and emergency vehicles)	26
Concerns about increased congestion due to u-turns	14
Concerns on the amount of space this project will take away from nearby parking lots/businesses	4
Concerns that the lanscaped median will not be upkept (puts a burden on public workers)	3
Concerns that Taylor Boulevard needs widened	1
Concerns on losing property	1
Concerns on confusion due to change from four to two lanes (may be dangerous)	1
Do you like the proposed improvements between Bluegrass Avenue and the Watterson Expressway?	
YES	119
NO	63

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Southern Parkway Intersection	
Increases safety by reducing approaches and confusion at intersection	27
Improves safety while traveling on Southland by implementing cul de sac	15
In favor relocating Marret (all for option 1) to allow safer entrance and exit point	10
Improves traffic flow travelling on KY 1865	6
In favor of medians	4
In favor of the location of tarc stops	4
In favor of option 2 Marret	1
Wanted the route left alone	4
Supported a round-about as a better solution	3
Closing Southland would force traffic to be diverted onto neighborhood streets	28
Concerns about emergency vehicle travel with the cul de sac	3
Concerns about left turn with medians	3
Concerns with tarc stops being at intersection	2
Option 2 for Marret would cause issues exiting onto KY 1865 during busy times	1
Do you like the proposed improvements at the intersection with Southern Parkway?	
YES	129
NO	48

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These changes provide for safer pedestrian and cyclist travel	15
Public wanting the road left the road alone (especially as 4 lanes)	13
Enforcing speed and traffic laws would solve major issues	11
Medians increase traffic congestion due to lack of left turn	6
Roads need speed changed to improve their safety	4
People who need more details/want to see crash data	4
Changes inhibit emergency response vehicles	3
There is not much space for these suggested improvements	3
Need to fix problems like the potholes in the area first	2
Having more emphasis on public transit would decrease heavy traffic	2
Multi-lane roads encourage poor driving habits	1
A focus on better traffic light cycling would solve major issues	1
Lanscaped medians will need to be maintained by the city	1
Side walks/multi-use trail should extend across street	1
Increasing pedestrian crosswalk delays would improve pedestrian safety	1
Medians would prevent funeral processions	1
Do not add bike paths; waste of space	1
Adding turn lanes will fix traffic problems	1
Signs need to be posted where lanes are being reduced to communicate the changes	1
Should concentrate on removing hill just before Auburn Oaks and Scottsdale (hill makes visibil	1
Plant native plants in medians to avoid needing to upkeep as much	1
Ensure that bikes lanes are protected	1