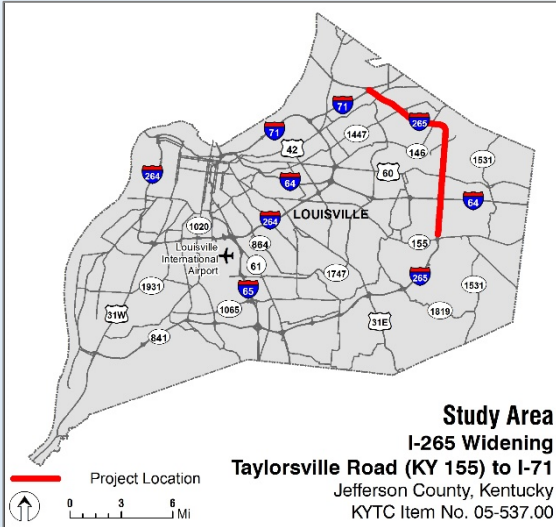


I-265 Widening Project

Between KY 155 (Taylorsville Road) and I-71 in Jefferson County

KYTC Item No. 5-537

May 8, 2018 Public Meeting Handout



Study Area

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The widening of I-265 is the Commonwealth's top priority. During 2017, the KYTC implemented a statewide ranking system of highway projects based on needs, including traffic volumes, congestion, safety, economic benefit, and other factors. The widening of I-265 from four lanes to six lanes ranked the highest priority project in the Commonwealth.

To implement this top priority, KYTC is advancing a project to **add one 12-foot-wide travel lane in both directions of I-265** between KY 155 (Taylorsville Road) and I-71. KYTC is currently advancing other interchange projects on I-265, including the interchanges with I-64 and I-71, but those will not be presented at this public meeting. These interchange improvements are being developed as separate projects, on different schedules.

What build options are being proposed?

Building on the 2014 Scoping Study effort, KYTC has examined two build options alongside the No Build Alternative:

Adding a Lane to the Outside was considered but dismissed as it would require reconstructing each interchange.

Widening to the Inside (Median) would add one 12-foot travel lane in each direction and would not require additional right-of-way. A combination of some inside and outside widening could also be used where existing shoulders are narrower. Details like design speed and shoulder widths are still being evaluated. Illustrations of how this might look are shown below.

What is the Purpose of the Project?

The purpose of the proposed project is to decrease existing congestion on the mainline of I-265 Gene Snyder Freeway between KY 155 Taylorsville Road and I-71.

What are the existing and future traffic volumes?

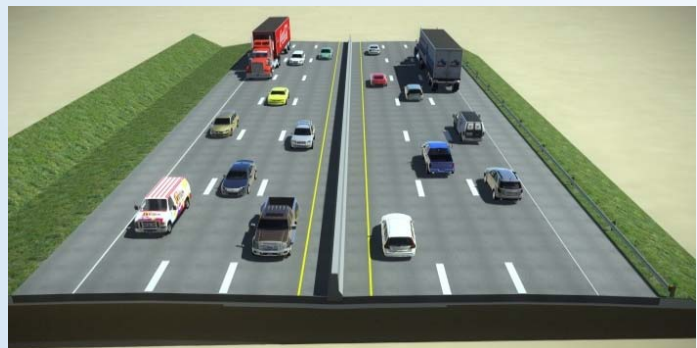
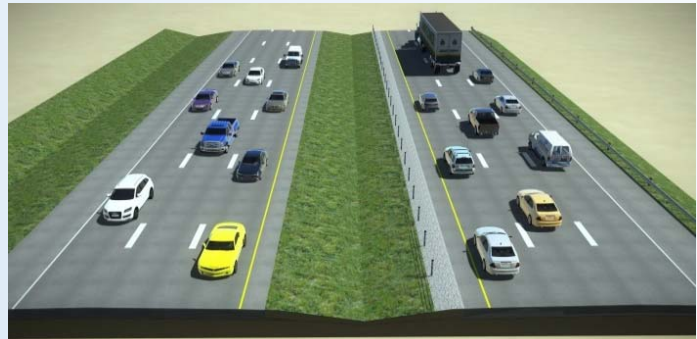
In 2017, mainline traffic volumes ranged from 64,400-87,900 vehicles per day along the study corridor. This is projected to increase to 87,400-162,500 vehicles per day by year 2045.

What do you think?

Take a quick survey to share your opinions about the project, available online at <https://qk4.typeform.com/to/mZAE1C>. If you have other questions, please contact Pat Matheny at KYTC District 5, at 502-210-5400 or patrick.matheny@ky.gov.

What's Next?

Once your input is received, KYTC will wrap up its evaluation of potential environmental impacts this summer. Then, a preferred alternative can be selected and the project can proceed to final design later this year.



Will there be noise barriers? If so, where?

This is a common question from concerned citizens who live near an interstate that is proposed to be widened. The prospect of a wider highway with more traffic and higher levels of noise can be concerning. To address these concerns, the KYTC adopted a *Noise Analysis and Abatement Policy* calling for a noise study when capacity is being added. Study tasks include measuring existing noise levels, modeling future noise levels both with and without the project, determining noise impacts from the project, and a benefit/cost analysis to determine if and where a noise barrier wall is reasonable and feasible. For the I-265 project, the analysis has been completed, and the locations of proposed noise barriers that meet the policy criteria have been proposed. The location of the proposed barriers will be shown at the public meeting.