

GREEN COUNTY

Item No. 4-398.00

Greensburg Connector

from Industrial Park Road to US 68/KY61



**Public Information Meeting
January 30, 2025**

Project Schedule

KYTC Enacted Highway Plan projects are broken up into four phases of delivery, each with separate funding determined by the Kentucky Legislature. The four phases are: Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition, Utility Relocation, and Project Construction. We are currently in the Design phase of this project. Completion of this phase will likely be late 2025.

The 2024-2026 Enacted Highway Plan passed by the Kentucky General Assembly in 2024 provides funding for this project for the Right of Way and Utility phases. The Construction phase will be dependent on funding in future Highway Plans

What are the next steps?

After the Public Meeting, the Project Team will review and consider all comments received. All comments will be evaluated as to their impacts upon the alternates presented. Once all comments have been received, a decision will be made by the project team to select an alternate and move forward into the final design phase.

Who do I contact with concerns and questions?

Please return the comment forms from tonight's meeting by February 14th, 2025 for consideration by the project team in selecting alternates. If you have any additional questions or comments, please use the contact information provided.

Where can I find this information outside of the meeting?

- Webpage: <http://transportation.ky.gov/district-4/> and look for the "Greensburg Connector" link or scan the QR code below



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WELCOME

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) welcomes you to the Public Information Meeting for the proposed Greensburg Connector Project in Green County. As you may recall, a public meeting for this project was held a few years back, in 2015. After that meeting, a preferred alignment was selected based on public input, analysis by the project team and coordination with local officials. The Orange & Yellow alternatives were combined to create a preferred alternative that stayed closer to the Green River and tied the south end to the existing KY 61 east of the US 68 intersection. In 2016 the project was put on hold for funding reasons and a decision was made to correct the Vaughn Curve along US 68 to address the immediate safety needs of the area. The Vaughn Curve correction was completed in 2019.

Since the project was paused in 2016, several things have changed with the project. First, the project now has Federal funding, and the state legislature added it to the Highway plan with right of way funds available in the current biennium (2025) and utility and construction work slated for fiscal years 2026 & 2027. With the addition of Federal funds, certain requirements must be met such as a more in-depth environmental analysis and more public involvement. That brings us to today's meeting. In addition to the original preferred alternative, we are presenting several modifications to avoid key resources and potentially provide more pedestrian and bicycle elements into the design.

PROJECT SUMMARY

This project is being designed to address the safety, connectivity, and mobility in and through Greensburg. The design is to meet the requirements for a 55-mph design speed and will have partial access control, with entrances onto the Connector limited to 1,200 spacing. The proposed Connector roadway will have 12' travel lanes and 10' shoulders (8' paved). Several key elements to provide pedestrian and bicycle users access across the Green River are also being considered and can be seen in detail on the project displays.

We would like to receive your input as to which alternate you believe would best serve the Greensburg community and the surrounding region, and why. Please review the exhibits and ask any questions that you may have. Below is an alternate comparison matrix that shows preliminary estimates of the impacts of each alternate.



PURPOSE & NEED

The purpose of the Greensburg Connector project is to improve safety, connectivity, and mobility in and through Greensburg.

The US 68 Corridor provides the only connection for areas east and west of Greensburg and one of only two crossings of the Green River in the area (the other being KY 417, Legion Park Rd). The nearest Green River crossing upstream of Greensburg is KY 55 in Taylor County, and a detour utilizing this route around Greensburg would be approximately 35 miles in length. The nearest downstream crossing is KY 88 in Green County, which would require a detour of approximately 19 miles. Through Greensburg, US 68 currently carries as many as 9,100 vehicles per day, eight percent of which are trucks. Between January 2011 and December 2013, there were 71 crashes between the US 68/KY 61 intersection south of Greensburg and the KY 61/KY 3535 (Industrial Park Rd) intersection to the north. Providing a new or improved connection through or around Greensburg will better accommodate existing and future traffic volumes, provide a new or improved Green River crossing, and offer a better connection for regional traffic and commercial vehicles.

Comparison Matrix

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 1C	Original Pref.
ML Length (miles)	2.86	2.28	0.88	3.12
Est. Parcels Impacted	19	19	7	24
Est. ROW (acres)	91	89	7	115
Est. Relocations	2	2	0	3
Est. Buildings Impacted				
Residential	2	2	0	3
Commercial	0	2	0	0
Barns	2	2	0	3
Sheds	1	1	0	3
Garages	1	1	0	1
Est. Construction Cost (Millions)	\$40.68	\$33.13	\$3.62	\$34.90