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RE: US 150 – Springfield to Bardstown
KYTC Item Nos 4-396.10 (Nelson County), and 4-396.20 and 4-396.30 (Washington County)

Dear Interested Citizen:

You are receiving this update as a result of the interest that you have expressed regarding the improvement of US 150 between Springfield and Bardstown. The improvements to the corridor are being developed in two sections:

- Nelson County from the Bluegrass Parkway to the Washington/Nelson County line; and,
- Washington County from the Washington/Nelson County line to the Springfield US 150 Bypass

Public meetings for the projects were held in Springfield and Bardstown in April 2019. More recently, an On-Line Public Hearing and an In-Person Public Hearing for the Nelson County portion were held on November 10, 2020 and March 16, 2021, respectively. After considering input provided by the public, engineering, environmental impacts, and availability of funding, among other criteria, decisions have been made regarding the further advancement of the projects.

Washington County

Two alternatives were developed along the entire length of the project. Both alternatives would improve the road largely along its existing alignment and proposed a 2+1 lane configuration, which provides alternating passing lanes throughout the length of the corridor. In curves, the alternatives depart from the existing alignment as much as 35 feet to improve existing geometry.

After considering engineering factors, operational differences, safety issues, environmental impacts, costs, public input, and other factors, **KYTC identified Alternative 1 as its Selected Alternative**. Exhibits showing Alternative #1 can be viewed at <https://transportation.ky.gov/DistrictFour/>. Between Fredericktown Rd. and Grundy Home Rd. widening is generally symmetrical with curve improvements to the inside of those curves. Between Grundy Home Rd. and Cartwright Creek Bridge the widening is generally to the north, into the hillside and away from the creek (Parker Run). From Cartwright Creek to the Springfield Bypass the widening will be symmetrical. Environmental documentation has been completed and was approved in April 2021. Alternative 1 is currently undergoing geotechnical investigation and detailed design to finalize plans.

Right-of-way funds are available in the current budget for the section from Fredericktown Rd. to Mayfield Ln. It is anticipated an informational meeting will be held in early 2022 for affected property owners to view the final plans and discuss the Right-of-Way acquisition process. Invitations will be sent for this meeting when scheduled.

The section between Mayfield Ln. and Springfield Bypass does not have Right-of-Way funds currently programmed. The next opportunity for funds to be programmed is when the KY General Assembly convenes in early 2022.

Nelson County

Five build alternatives (1, 2A, 3, 4, and 5) were considered. Alternative 1 would improve along the existing road while the other alternatives were primarily new corridors. All of the alternatives begin just east of the Bluegrass Parkway and end at the Beech Fork River at the Washington/Nelson County line. New corridor alternatives would provide an initial 2+1 configuration of alternating passing lanes while purchasing sufficient Right-of-Way for a future expansion to 4 lanes. KYTC identified Alternative 2A in early 2020 as the Preliminary Preferred Alternative.

Public input received from the Public Meetings and Hearings has been evaluated by the Project Team. Public preference was split among the alternatives with 2A and 4 receiving the most public support. After considering engineering factors, operational differences, safety issues, environmental impacts, costs, public input, and other factors, **KYTC has confirmed Alternative 2A as its Preferred Alternative** to move forward. An exhibit showing Alternative 2A can be viewed at <https://transportation.ky.gov/DistrictFour/>. Based on feedback received at the meetings, efforts are underway to review minor alignment shifts in the 'Berg Hill' area which could minimize residential impacts. The environmental review process is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021, after which final design and ultimately Right-of-Way acquisition may begin. These next phases require funding be programmed by the KY General Assembly in the two-year budget. The legislature will next convene in early 2022.

A geotechnical investigation has been scheduled for Alternative 2A and field work is anticipated to begin in the next couple month. Survey crews and Geotechnical crews will be contacting property owners in the coming weeks as needed to further explain this process and arrange for property access for this investigation.

As always, we in the District Office are available to discuss any concerns that you may have regarding the projects. We are appreciative of the interest that you have shown throughout the preliminary review and development process for these two projects. We are also excited to deliver an improved US 150 corridor for the citizens of Nelson and Washington Counties and the surrounding region that will provide safe travel opportunities for the movement of people and goods for years to come.

Sincerely,



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