I-64/I-75 WIDENING

ITEM NO. 7-8909.00 FAYETTE COUNTY

Tuesday, October 29 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m Bryan Station High School Gymnasium 201 Eastin Road, Lexington, Kentucky

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this meeting is to present the alternate that has been prepared for the I-64/I-75 widening project from the southern split to the northern split in Fayette County.

You are invited to view displays showing the alternate for the project. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) personnel and the consultant engineering team will be available to answer questions and discuss the project with you.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

KYTC proposes to widen interstates I-64/I-75 along an approximate 6.67-mile section where the two interstates are combined in Fayette County. The project begins at the I-64/I-75 northern split at Milepoint (MP) 118 and ends at the I-64/I-75 southern split at MP 111. The project proposes to widen the interstate to four, 12-foot lanes in each direction with improvements to the ramps at Newtown Pike and Paris Pike.

WHY IS THE PROJECT NEEDED?

The purpose of the project is to decrease congestion and improve operations and roadway traffic capacity, while maintaining safety on the combined I-64/I-75 interstate from MP 111 to MP 118. The project is needed to address increased traffic as well as anticipated, continued population growth in Fayette and surrounding counties.

It is expected that traffic on this section will exceed 130,000 vehicles per day by 2040, which is well over the capacity of the current six-lane highway. Congestion issues exist currently related to the interchanges and traffic incidents in the corridor cause major "non-recurrent" congestion problems. A review of crash data for this section of the interstate also shows that the number of crashes has increased every year since 2012. The number of crashes has increased faster than the traffic volume, indicating that the crash rate has also been increasing. By identifying and implementing this project, KYTC expects to reduce congestion, improve operations, and maintain safety along this corridor.



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

This improvement provides for four 12' lanes with a 10' median shoulder and a 12' outside shoulder (10' paved) in each direction and widens the existing pavement width by 5.33' to the outside.

The three sections, from north to south, are listed below.

1 Section 1 Northern interstate split to Newtown Pike

Section 2 Newtown Pike to Paris Pike (auxiliary lanes) Priority section for construction

Section 3 Paris Pike to the southern interstate split

Section 2 is scheduled for construction in the second half of 2020. The improvements are to maintain safety, decrease congestion and improve operations for the facility

A traffic noise analysis recommended noise abatement measures (noise walls) be implemented for this project. A property owners meeting for those who will receive a noise reduction benefit (>5 db) will be scheduled in 2020 for the priority construction Section 2.

PROJECT SCHEDULE*

Construction for Section 2: as early as October 2020

Estimated Cost for Section 2: approximately \$26 Million

* Schedules are subject to change.

SUMMARY

The alternate described above and presented on the displays are a part of an ongoing effort by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to improve the highway system in Central Kentucky. The project is now in the final stages of the Preliminary Design Phase.

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT

Public involvement is an important part of the planning process. KYTC encourages public participation on transportation projects and will consider your comments and address your concerns. Today's meeting is an important step in KYTC's efforts to keep you, the public, involved during the project process. **Please submit your comments by Tuesday, November 26,** to Joshua Samples at District 7, 800 Newtown Court, Lexington, KY 40511, or send an email to Joshua.Samples@ky.gov.

STAY INVOLVED



Meeting Materials

A copy of the public meeting materials can be viewed on the KYTC public meetings website at transportation.ky.gov/DistrictSeven/ Pages/I64-I75-Widening-Project.aspx



Online Survey

Visit **https://arcg.is/1DT5Cy** to fill out a project survey.

If you need additional information or would like to discuss the project further, please contact the following project representative.

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