



Public Notice of Intent to Apply Section 4(f) *De Minimis* Rule

KYTC Item No. 6-80216

US 25 Improvements from KY 2942 to KY 491

Please provide comments by June 21st, 2024.

In compliance with Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 USC 303), hereinafter referred to as “Section 4(f),” and its implementing regulations codified at 23 CFR Part 774, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in cooperation with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) provides notice to the public of its intent to make a *de minimis* impact or “no adverse effect” determination under Section 4(f) regarding the minor impacts from the proposed KYTC transportation project to the Curtis Gates Lloyd Wildlife Management Area (WMA)—a Section 4(f) protected property.

US 25 is located west of, and parallel to the Norfolk Southern Railroad. The close proximity to the railroad creates a hazardous condition when trains are blocking the crossing to KY 491, backing up traffic and creating long delays. There is no stacking distance for vehicles waiting to travel east on KY 491 across the railroad tracks, forcing vehicles to wait on US 25, delaying the through movement due to lack of turn lanes and lack of sufficient storage. The KYTC is designing a project to improve the safety and substandard operations of US 25 from KY 2942 (Crittenden-Mt. Zion Road) to KY 491 (Gardnersville Road) in Grant County, Kentucky.

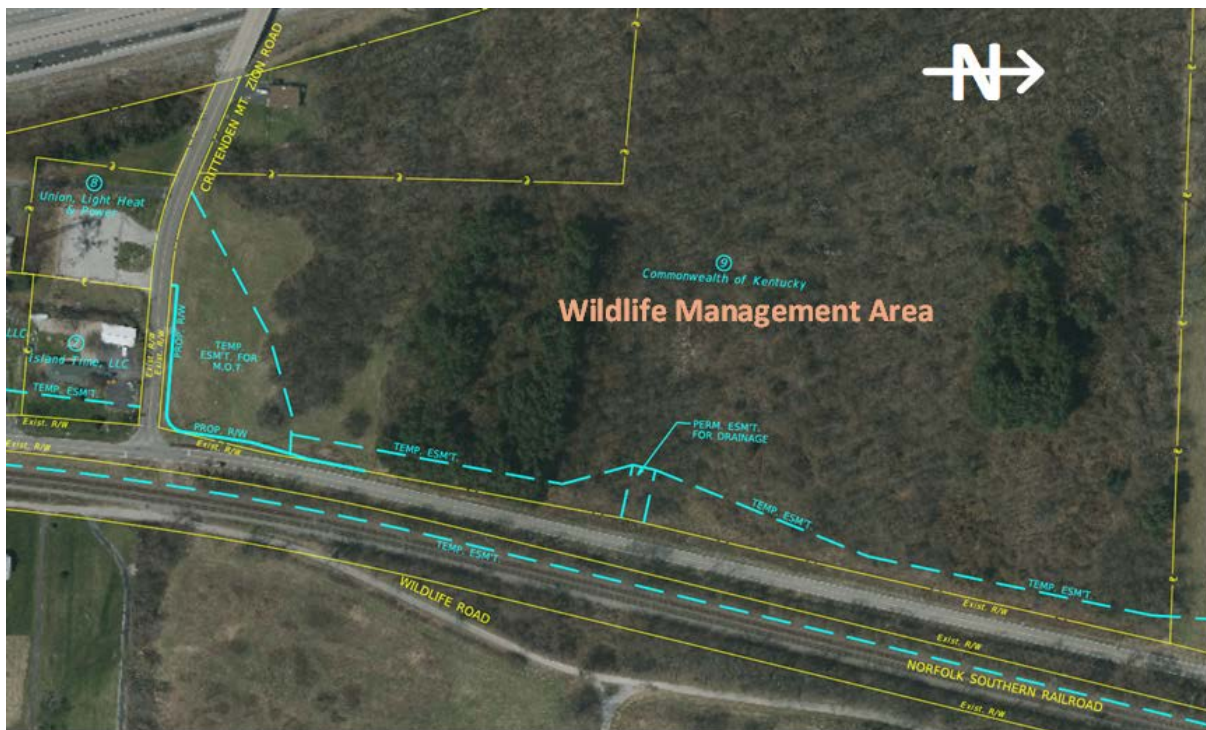
The project team has recommended improvements that are the least impactful to the WMA and nearby properties, effectively address the purpose of the project, and are economical. The project would widen the driving lanes (from 10 feet to 11 feet) and shoulder widths (from <2 feet to 6 feet). It would also add left and right turn lanes at KY 2942 (Crittenden-Mt. Zion Road) and at KY 491 (Gardnersville Road). The project would include a 10-foot-wide multi-use path along the west side of US 25 between the Grant County Park and KY 2942 (Crittenden Mt. Zion Road).

Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA comprises over 1,105 acres. The project would have minor property impacts (**Figure 1**), requiring about a 0.1-acre of permanent right-of-way from the WMA and about 3 acres of permanent and temporary construction easements along WMA frontage. None of the WMA facilities would be impacted by the project. These minor property impacts would not affect the activities, features, or attributes that make the WMA a Section 4(f) protected property. Following construction, the KYTC will restore WMA areas temporarily impacted to conditions at least as good as existing, including removing temporary pavement, reseeding, and replanting native plant species.

Pursuant to 23 CFR 774.5(b)(2), notice is hereby provided of the proposed *de minimis* determination. Comments regarding the proposed projects impacts to Section 4(f) protected Curtis Gates Lloyd WMA and intended *de minimis* impact finding may be submitted to KYTC during the 30-day comment period to:

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Note: These design plans are preliminary and are subject to change.

Figure 1. Potential Property Impacts to Curtis Gates Lloyd Wildlife Management Area