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U.S. 27 Safety Improvement Project Begins

Three areas will be addressed in southern Campbell and northern Pendleton counties



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A project to make long-awaited improvements on U.S. 27 in southern Campbell and northern Pendleton counties started May 10. The project will focus on three areas, identified as particular needs of improvement by local officials and the public.

Improvements will include:

- 1 - Adding a right turn lane at KY 177 onto U.S. 27 in Pendleton County with a new lane connecting to the current truck lane on northbound U.S. 27.
- 2 - Realignment of the intersection at U.S. 27 and Boss Dunaway Road in Pendleton County.
- 3 - Realignment of the intersection of U.S. 27 and Plum Creek Church Road in Campbell County.



The \$5.6 million project has a July 2022 completion.

KY 159 Bridge in Pendleton County to be Replace

Another project in Pendleton County, not far from the U.S. 27 project, is the replacement of the bridge over North Little Kincaid Creek on KY 159. The project is part of the Bridging Kentucky Program and was let in June 2019.

The current structure, a 113-foot by 24-foot concrete bridge built in 1956, will be replaced by a new bridge with generally the same dimensions. The new structure will have a life span of at least 75 years. The KY 159 bridge, one of 13 bridges being replaced in nine counties under the \$8.59 million contract, scheduled to be completed by August 7.



Special Points of Interest:

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District 6 Equipment Safety Training Program

- District 6 conducted an Equipment Safety Training Program on June 13 – 15. The D6 Safety Committee developed the program with the goal of providing effective safety training consistent with the routine equipment operations performed in the field. All D 6 maintenance crews were asked to send two crew members to the training. D 6 has skilled operators, supervisors and Rodeo winners who assisted with training. Crew members were shown how to perform thorough pre-trip inspections, safely operate and maneuver equipment, preventative maintenance and basic troubleshooting. On the Boone County lot, crew members practiced on the paver, roller, loader, dump truck and grader. At the KY 445 site in Campbell County, crew members practiced on the track hoe, backhoe, skid steer and dump truck. They also used the mow trim on KY 6336 to clear foliage.



Under the Curtain

Photos of the Brent Spence Bridge Painting Project



Team Players

Jeff Duncan is a Traffic Tech III for Traffic Engineering Crew 216. He has a total of 39 years with KYTC. Jeff is a Kenton Countian, born in Covington, raised in Ryland Heights and for the past 26 years, he's lived in Visalia. Jeff graduated from Simon Kenton High School in 1977. He started with KYTC in 1978 and retired in 2006. After a short stint, he came back to District 6 in 2009. Jeff has always been with the traffic section. He's been a sign installer, ran a thermoplastic crew, ran a centerline striping crew, made signs, served as timekeeper and as signal electrician. He and his wife Deanna have been married for 39 years. They have a daughter, Abbey (28) who is an ICU nurse at St.



Elizabeth. They also have a mini Aussie named Hatti (Jeff says she's a handful). Jeff enjoys boating on Laurel Lake, going to the Florida beaches and also enjoys playing his guitar. For seven years, Jeff was a part of Wright Motorsports and worked IMSA GT3 races as a fueler on the pit crew. He traveled road racing circuits in the USA and some in Canada and Mexico. The hardest race was doing 24-hours of Daytona.



Landon Bishop is a HTA II for Bracken County Crew 364. He will have two years with District 6 in July. He previously worked as a welder for EZ Pack Refuse Hauling Solution. Landon graduated from Bracken County High School in 2016. He lives in Gertrude, Kentucky with his Blue Heeler, Sam. He and his girlfriend, Macy Jefferson, have been together for six years. Macy is the niece of the late Danny Jefferson, who was the Superintendent for Bracken County for many years. Landon attends the Augusta Baptist Church. When he's not working on our roadways, he enjoys putting up hay, raising corn and taking care of cattle and hogs. Landon likes to root for the Cincinnati Reds.



Alan Sachleben is a Highway Tech I for Carroll County Crew 384. He's been with District 6 since December 2014 after working as a machinist Arvin Meritor for 31 years. Alan is from Trimble County and graduated from there in 1978. He took welding in vocational school. He and his high school sweetheart, Suzanne live in Bedford, Kentucky. Actually, they met in 8th grade. They celebrated their 44 year anniversary on June 17. Suzanne recently retired from KU/LG&E



after 30 years in April 2020. They have four daughters: Amanda, Karla, Hannah and Kristy and eleven grandchildren: Mackenzie, Drew, Trey, Tatum, JD, Ethan, Cammy, Liam, Brody, Ava Jo and Bexley. And then there is Koko, their twelve year old Snoodle. Alan enjoys gardening; he has an acre and a half full of all kinds of vegetables. His favorite teams are the U of L Cardinals and the Green Bay Packers. The Sachleben's enjoy taking their camper to a river camp in Milton, Ky., where Alan loves to throw a line in the water when he's there. Alan recently had back surgery and has been home mending, but sayshe is really looking forward to returning in July.



It doesn't require many words to speak the truth.

~ Chief Joseph

New Gigs



Josh Puthoff
GEA
Burlington Section
Crew 214

Dakota Monroe
HTA I
Structures Crew 214



Jack Lord
1st Year Scholarship
Student
2021 Dixie High School
Graduate



Birdseye view of the new Graves Road Interchange in Hebron, KY



After twenty years, **Mark Brannon** is moving on from D 6. He has taken a position with Kenton County Planning & Development. He spent his tenure as an Engineer Tech III for Traffic Engineering and Permits Section Crew 216.

Mark said, "A huge thank you to each and every one of you for sharing your knowledge and supporting me through the past 20 years. I have truly enjoyed my time at KYTC and value the many relationships that I have developed with each of you, both professionally and personally. While I look forward to my next adventure, I will greatly miss everyone and the comradery. Don't be afraid to reach out and say hello once in a while!"

Returning Scholarship Students
Tristan Remley & Hogan Federmann - Burlington Section Office
Nick Brown & Ryan Huesman - Covington Section Office
Kevin Fitzgerald - Williamstown Section Office
Ben Spratt - Bridge Crew



Proud Grandparent Moments



Proud Parent Moments

Lettie Cole Beach was born on May 3rd, weighing in at 6 lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 20.5 inches long. Her Mom is Cassidy. Lettie is the first grandchild of Darlene and **Jeff Beach**. Jeff is HT Superintendent I for Gallatin County Crew 386.



Derek Thomas, HTA II for Boone County 342 is a proud father. His son Jonathan Derek Thomas is a SKC Chief for the United States Coast Guard in Kodiak, Alaska.

Joshua Derek Thomas graduated from the University of Kentucky Dental School May 7, 2021. Josh is a Captain in the United States Army and will be stationed in South Carolina. Pictured with his wife Lea Wafford Thomas.



Welcome little one!