

Project Description



This segment of KY 11 is part of an original project started in 2001 that went from KY 30 in Levi (Owsley Co.) to the improved section of KY 11 just north of downtown Beattyville in Lee County. The South Segment from KY 30 to KY 587 was recently constructed. This North Segment of the project includes Preliminary Design of KY 11 from KY 587 to and through Beattyville. This project has included multiple design options over the years but the elevation disparity between Proctor and Beattyville has proven to be an ongoing engineering challenge.

The purpose of this project is to provide improved safety along the corridor by increasing sight distances and correcting geometric deficiencies; to improve system connectivity and efficiency by providing a more reliable high-quality highway for commercial vehicle access to the corridor; to provide an improved north-south route for emergency response and medical services; and to support economic development along the corridor by increasing regional connectivity and industrial accessibility to markets and suppliers. This project is a component of the improved north-south corridor from I-75 to the Mountain Parkway.

This North Segment is approximately three miles in length and is moderately developed with numerous residences, businesses and a school.

Anticipated Schedule

Public Information Meeting	Feb. 2026
Select Preferred Alternate	April 2026
Submit Preliminary Right of Way Plans	April 2027



Meeting Materials

The materials presented at this meeting will be available online at the KYTC District 10 website. This information includes electronic versions (PDF) of the aerial photo exhibit and this meeting handout.

The website can be accessed under the *FEATURED PROJECTS* list at:

<https://transportation.ky.gov/DistrictTen>



KY 11 RECONSTRUCTION LEE COUNTY



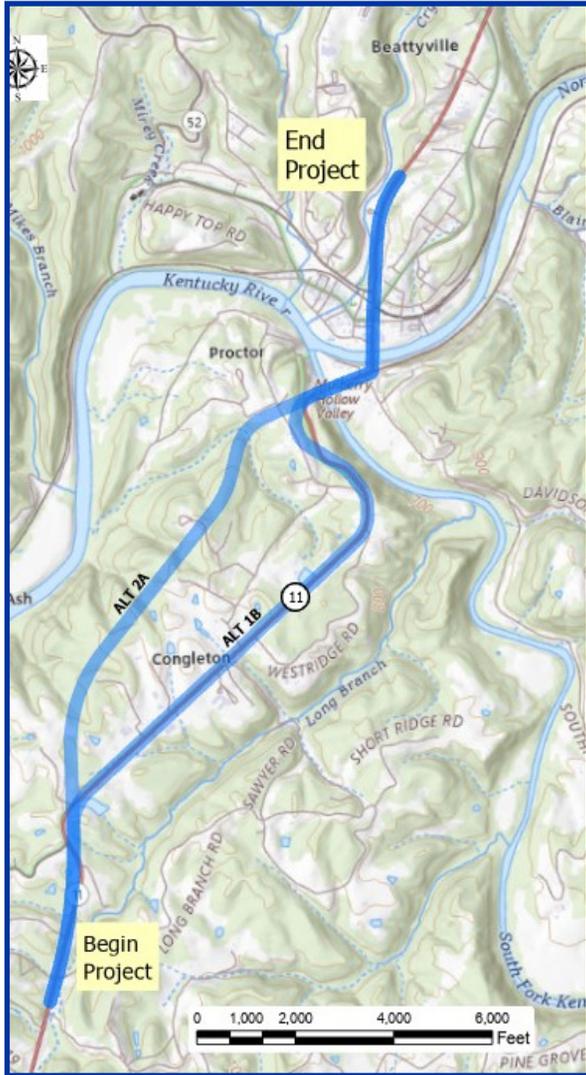
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Thursday February 5, 2026

Lee County Elementary School

Location Map



Meeting Purpose and Goals

GRW Engineers, Inc. has been tasked with assisting the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (Department of Highways, District 10) to develop two (2) proposed design alternates for this project. The purpose of this Public Information Meeting is to present the design alternates, answer questions, and seek input from the public. Public input helps the project team make decisions about the roadway location, design, and details.

Cultural Historic

The CH study for this 10-292.40 project recommends that a bungalow and former country store (Parcels 146 and 152) are eligible for listing on the *National Register of Historic Places* (NRHP) for their association with commerce and trade in the small community of Congleton. A proposed historic boundary for these two sites is shown on the meeting display for Alternate 1B. For more information on environmental resources in the project area, please contact **Brandon Baker**, District 10 Environmental Coordinator, at 502-764-0004 or by email at Brandon.Baker2@ky.gov.

Proposed Design Alternates

Alternate 1B: Alternate 1B was developed as a minimum impact alignment that follows the existing roadway as much as possible while allowing room for construction. This alignment improves the sharp curve before tying to the existing bridge over the South Fork of the Kentucky River allowing a continuous 45-mph design speed. A 3-lane section is proposed from project beginning through Proctor to accommodate this more developed area, which includes the Lee County Elem. School and the Beattyville Country Club. A curb and gutter section is proposed in front of the school and historic boundary.

Alternate 2A: Alternate 2A is a cross country alignment west of existing KY 11 that also ties to the existing bridge over the South Fork of the Kentucky River approaching Beattyville. A significant cut is required to achieve a desirable downhill grade as the alignment goes through the Proctor area. A cul-de-sac is used to dead end Proctor road to the east. An alternate route is proposed to access Proctor Road to the west.

Both alternates include resurfacing through the urban portion of Beattyville to the railroad tracks and then minor widening within right-way approaching the tie to existing KY 11.

Design Summary

A summary of key project design features is presented in the table below. Please note that all quantities and costs shown are approximate.

	ALTERNATE 1B	ALTERNATE 2A
Length (miles)	2.93	2.67
Parcels Affected	93	45
Right of Way Needed (Acres)	27.56	69.58
Structures Affected	32	27
Commercial	3	1
Residential	16	12
Farm/Storage	13	14
Earthwork (cubic yards)	695 K	1,254 K
Construction Cost (Million \$)	\$29.1	\$28.5

Next Steps

- **Preliminary Line and Grade Inspection**, a Project Team Meeting to consider public feedback, discuss design issues, and select a Preferred Alternate.
- **Final Design**, advance the selected alternate through detailed design and prepare right-of-way and construction drawings.



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