

PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to improve safety and mobility for all users along the Veterans Memorial Lane (US 68) corridor in Bowling Green, Kentucky, with a particular focus on reconnecting neighborhoods that were divided by the original roadway construction. By implementing Complete Streets design principles, this project aims to create a safer, more accessible corridor for vulnerable users.

NEED

Veterans Memorial Lane was constructed in the mid-1980s as a northern beltline around Bowling Green's downtown core. The roadway cut through an economically disadvantaged community, creating a physical and social barrier that limits safe access to essential destinations such as a neighborhood park and an elementary school. The corridor presents significant safety and mobility challenges, including:

- Limited pedestrian infrastructure, with few safe crossing opportunities along a five-lane roadway
- Lack of traffic calming features, contributing to vehicle speeds that discourage safe pedestrian and bicycle movement.
- Higher than expected crash rates due to excessive speeds and left-turn conflicts. The excess expected crashes (EEC) at the intersection with Gordon Avenue is 4.758 a corridor level of service of safety indicates a low to moderate potential for crash reduction.

This project will help restore connectivity and improve safety, ensuring equitable access and safer mobility for all residents.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Major milestones for the project include:

Public Meeting - April 2025

Right of Way Purchase Begins - Fall 2025

KYTC Selects Design Build Team - Spring 2026

Construction Begins - Summer 2026

Construction Substantially Complete - Fall 2027

SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS:

Fill out the survey form and return to the registration desk or mail to the project contact below.

PROJECT CONTACT

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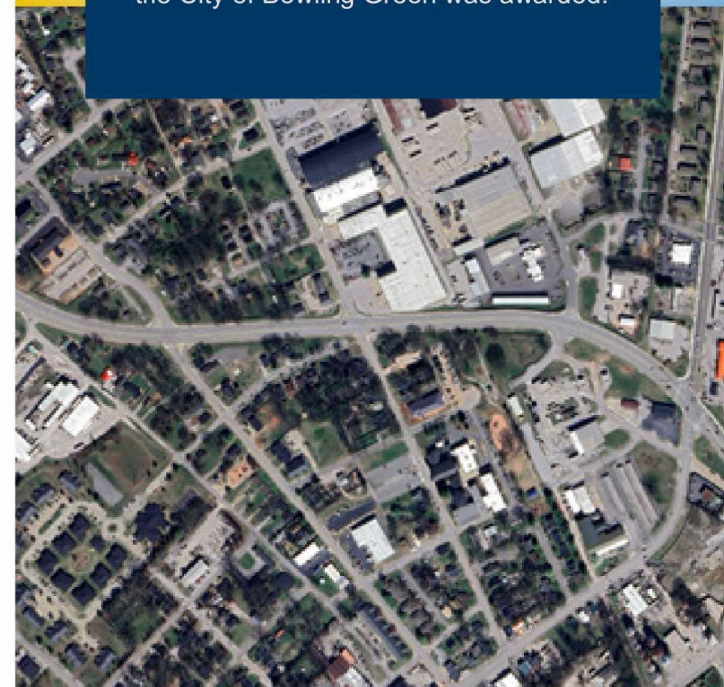
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Veterans Memorial Lane (US 68)

BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

Modernize US 68 from Victoria Street to Clay Street as part of the recent Reconnecting Communities Grant the City of Bowling Green was awarded.



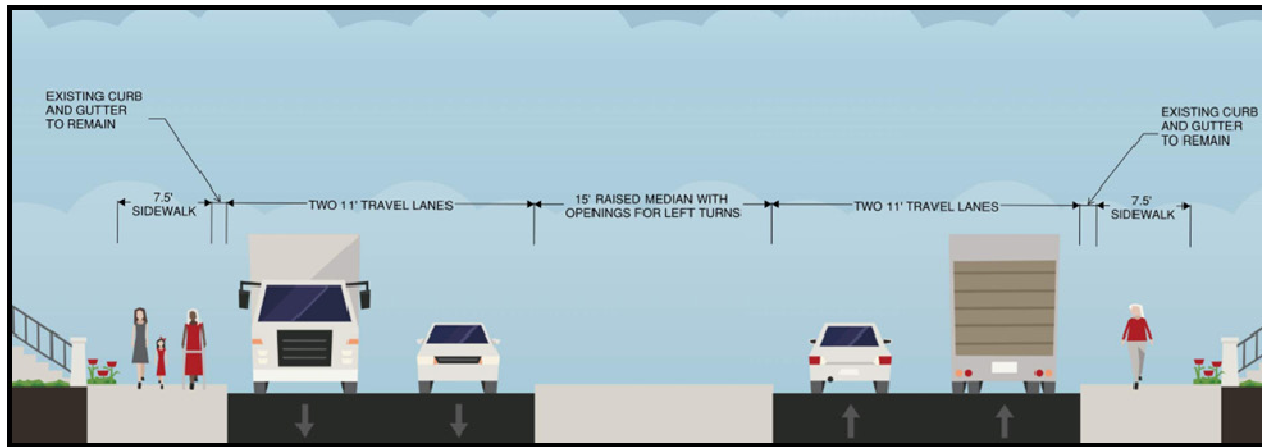
PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2025
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Parker-Bennett-Curry Elementary School
165 Webb Drive
Bowling Green, KY 42101

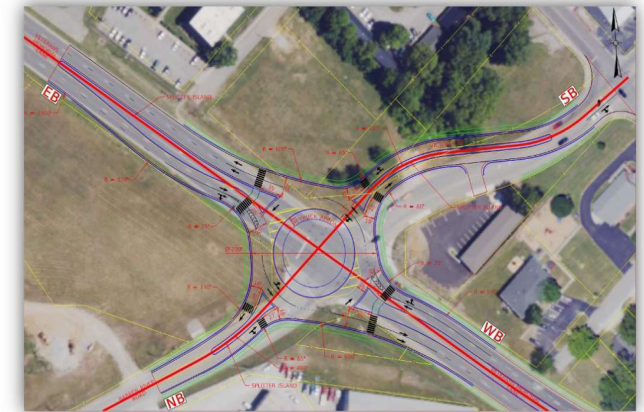


Proposed Alternative



Proposed Typical Section

The proposed alternative will reconstruct US 68/Veterans Memorial Lane as a four-lane road. A roundabout would be constructed at Victoria Street/Barren River Road, and turning movements from three of the approach roads would be converted to right-out only. New pedestrian crossings and wider sidewalks are also planned.



Proposed Roundabout