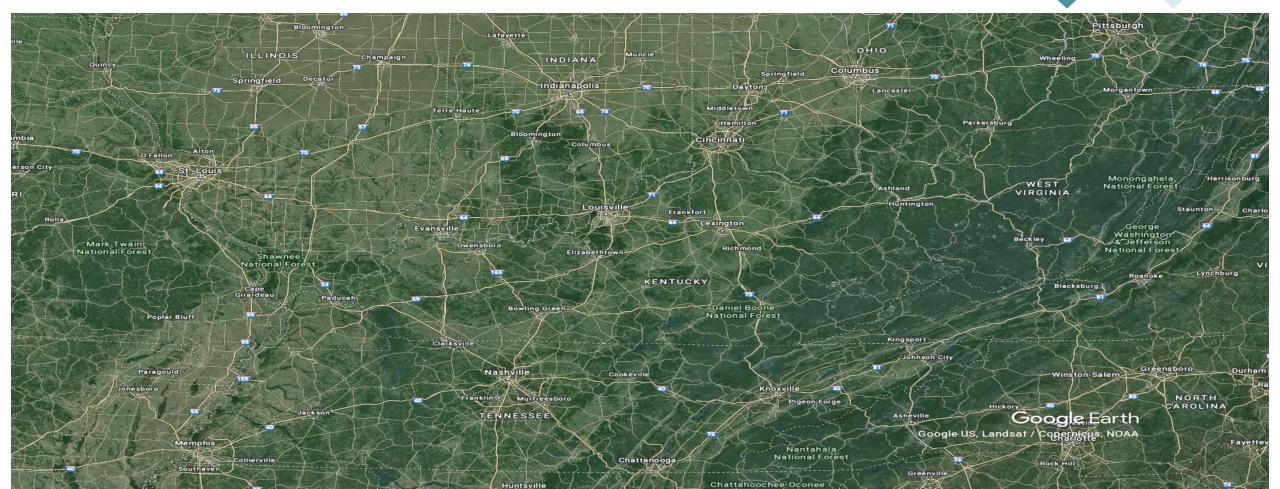
31W Widening Warren County

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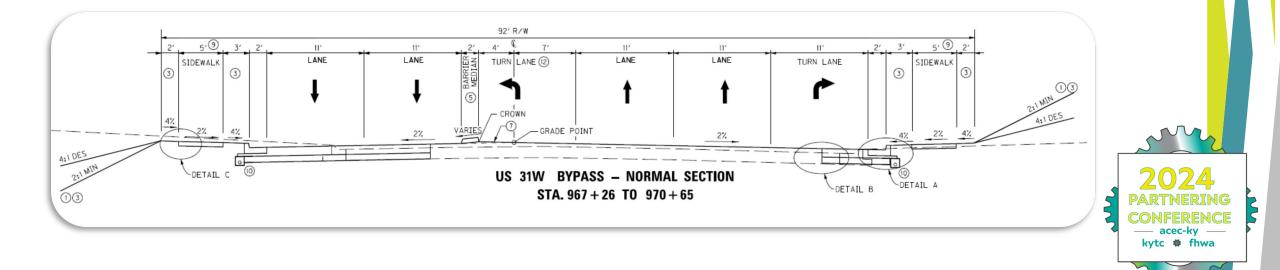
One of the busiest roads in Bowling Green, KY





Purpose of Project

- Project is to widen US 31W from Park Ave to Fairview Ave which is approximately 0.50 miles.
- This project is needed to increase safety/mobility and reduce congestion and connect commercial areas and I-65
- US 31W Bypass is a heavily travelled roadway with narrow 10' lanes and no left turn lanes along its corridor.



Design Features

- Project will consist of four 11' travel lanes with a center turn lane left and right turn lanes along certain areas of the project
- Dual left turn lanes for Fairview Ave and US 31W intersection
- Concrete curb, gutter, and 5' sidewalks constructed on both sides of the roadway
- A 2' raised concrete barrier median will be constructed for the Fairview Ave and US 31W intersection



Design Timeline

- Design funding authorized Summer of 2018
- A public meeting was held on June 11, 2019, hosted by KYTC members and Consultant team for the general public.
- A public stakeholder meeting was held on July 26th, 2019, with both KYTC and consultant attendees as well as representatives from the Warren County Courthouse, the City of Bowling Green, the City/County Planning Commission, and the Warren County Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Three alternative plan designs were discussed with the preferred alternative being a combination of the three designs.



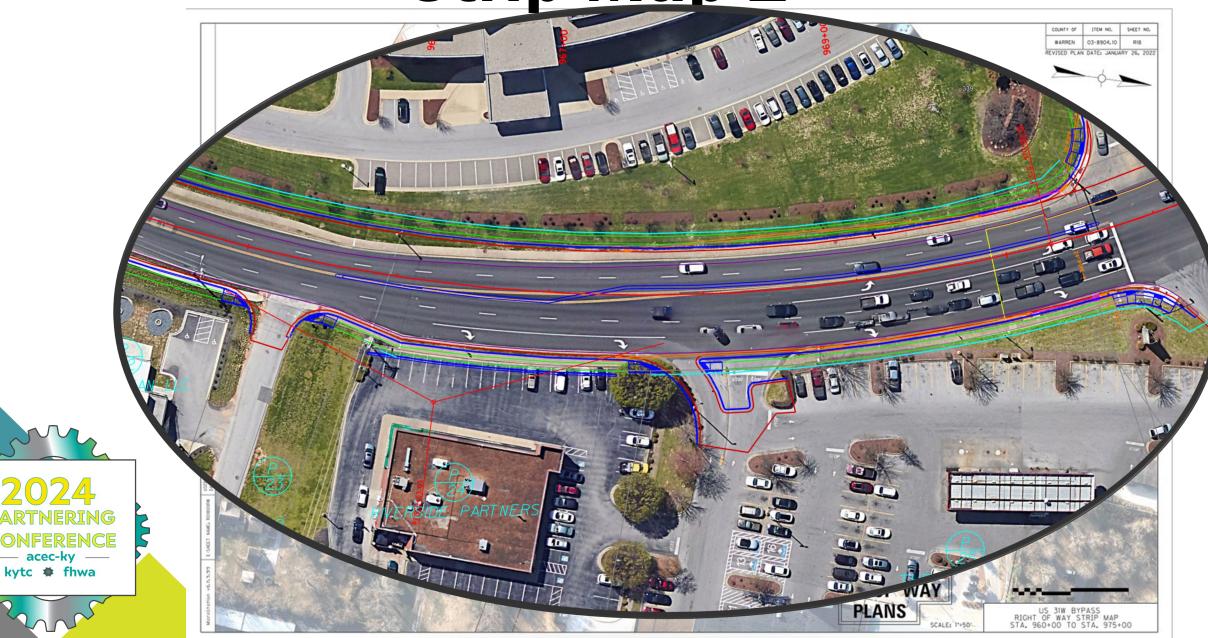
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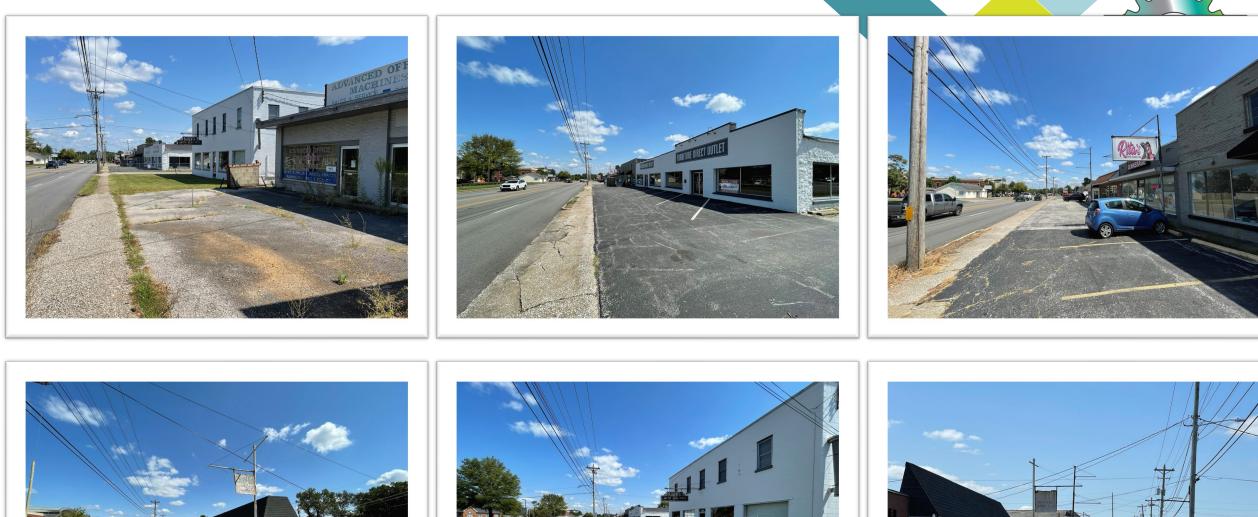
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Strip Map 2















The 1st Semi Post-Covid Right of Way Project

- Assignment during Covid
- Meeting outside the office
- Owner letters sent in March, 2021
- Scoping meeting in April, 2021
- ROW Supervisor retired in June, 2021 (interim supervisors were Kelly & Andy)
- Current ROW Supervisor hired March, 2022



A Review of the Highs & Lows

- Dealing with medical centers, shopping centers and other sites
- 1 relocation turned into 8
- Plans required more revisions due the initial plans having numerous mistakes
- Time to speak with property owners
- 23 of 31 parcels bought
- Half of the lawsuits were from one family
- Property owners encouraged other owners to sign



Right of Way

- The official start date was March 2, 2021
- There were 32 parcels + 1 tenant parcel
- 8 parcels submitted for condemnation (3 of which share a common owner)
- 8 (eligible) business relocations + 1 misc. move
- Negotiating with the Medical Center and Kroger presented challenges since the Corporate headquarters were out of state.
- The negotiations were lengthy at times since the business owners, doctors, and/or corporate designees had difficulty finding time to talk.
- There were several plan revisions





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