Kentucky has nine Parkways

- Designed to augment the Interstate System and reach all of KY
- Built in the 60’s and 70’s
- 648 miles of Parkways
- All Parkways constructed as Toll Roads
Kentucky Parkways

- KY at one point had 10 toll roads
- At one point KY had more miles of Toll Road than any other state.
- Pennyrile Parkway had 2 tolls
- Western KY Parkway had 4 tolls
- Purchase Pkwy had 2 tolls
What type of things on the Parkways would need to be fixed to become I-69?

- Toll-booth Style Interchanges
- Narrow Shoulders
- Narrow Medians
- Low Overpasses
- Old Guardrail
This study was completed in 2005 by Wilbur Smith and Associates.
This study was completed in 2008 by Wilbur Smith and Associates.
Key Findings

“The WKP and the Breathitt Parkways adequately meet AASHTO guidelines for most design elements. Some deficiencies are minor and could easily be accepted as design exceptions.”
What will it take to upgrade to an Interstate?
Cost to convert 38 miles of Parkway to Interstate Standards?

Construction Cost roughly $11,500,000

- Project let in December 2011 to Westate Constr. For $9,910,311
- Designed by HMB
KY 91 Westbound Accel. Lane
Bridge Widening for Accel. Lane
Accel. Lane Widening
US 62 EB Accel. Lane Widening
US 62 EB Accel. Lane Widening
KY 91 Eastbound Decel. Lane
Bridge Barrier Wall Retrofit
Bridge Barrier Wall Retrofit
Bridge Barrier Wall Retrofit
Bridge Jacking
Bridge Jacking
Undercut to obtain Bridge Clearance
Undercut
Undercut
Undercut
Undercut
Slide Repair/I24
Dawson Springs Toll Interchange

Letting Date October 2012
$9,000,000
55 Miles of I69
Current Project

- Item No. 2-225
- Improve Ramp Configuration at the existing I69/Western KY Pkwy Interchange
- $10,500,000
55 Miles of I69
Current Project

- Item No. 2-232 & 2-235
- Reconstruct Elements of Existing Edward T. Breathitt Pennyriile Parkway

- $16,000,000
Morton’s Gap Interchange

Current Project
$11,250,000
KY 56 (Sebree) Interchange

Current Project
$10,500,000
KY 416 Interchange

Current Project
$6,810,000
Final Three Alternates

Alt 2 Chosen as Preferred

SIU #4
District 1 Projects

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District 1 - Paducah
Current Project
$23,100,000
Purchase Pkwy/ KY 348 in Benton

Current Project

$21,000,000
Purchase Pkwy Trumpet Interchange in Mayfield

Current Project
$34,500,000
End of Purchase Pkwy in Fulton
Questions

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