NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- US 150 Corridor Bluegrass Parkway to Beech Fork River (Nelson/Washington County Line) Nelson County Kentucky (Item No. 4-396.10)

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will conduct a Virtual Public Hearing between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. The opportunity for an In-Person, By-Appointment Public Hearing on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 is also offered at the Parkway Baptist Church, 2580 Springfield Road, Bardstown KY 40004. These Public Hearings will be held to receive comments on the Environmental Assessment that has been completed for the Project. The objective of this project is to improve safety and mobility and increase capacity along the US 150 Corridor.

Those wishing to attend the Virtual Public Hearing can register at <u>http://palmernet.com/register/</u>. Upon registering, attendees will receive an email with meeting instructions and information for attending. Please note that you must register for the Virtual Public Hearing if you desire to make a public statement during the Virtual Public Hearing. Those wishing to sign-up to make a public statement may do so online at <u>http://palmernet.com/register/</u> or by calling 502-491-2411. Public statements will be limited to 3 minutes.

Attendees at the Virtual Public Hearing will have the opportunity to review alternatives studied, including the identified preferred alternative, and the Environmental Assessment associated with improvements in Nelson County and to provide comments for consideration by KYTC as the project further develops. All information will be available for review online no less than one week prior to the meeting, and for 15 days following the date of the last In-Person, By-Appointment Public Hearing meeting, at https://files.palmernet.com/nelsonus150. Comments will continue to be accepted during that time period by submitting the completed questionnaire/comment sheets that can be accessed online or using a fillable pdf that can be downloaded. Downloaded and completed questionnaire/comment sheets can be emailed to dshain@palmernet.com or mailed by USPS to David Shain, Palmer Engineering, and 3403 Stony Spring Circle, Louisville, KY 40220. Representatives from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will be available per the Virtual Public Hearing to discuss information presented and to answer questions.

Those wishing to attend the In-Person, By-Appointment Public Hearing will need to call 502-491-2411 to schedule a session time on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Upon registering, attendees will receive an email and/or USPS mailing with additional meeting instructions and information. The public will be afforded the opportunity to participate in the Virtual Public Hearing as well as to request the option for an In-Person, By-Appointment Public Hearing.

Adherence to current State and Federal COVID 19 meeting guidelines will be strictly followed. Each In-Person, By-Appointment meeting is proposed as a 60-minute session. Each session will be limited to 8 persons from the public and 2 representatives of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Additional information regarding meeting attendance will be provided following requests to attend an In-Person, By-Appointment Public Hearing session.

Displays illustrating the alternatives studied in Nelson County and the preferred alternative will be presented. The Environmental Assessment associated with improvements in Nelson County can be reviewed at <u>https://files.palmernet.com/nelsonus150</u> as noted above. KYTC and Consultant staffs will provide In-Person, By-Appointment attendees with an overview of information presented at the Virtual Public Hearing. KYTC and Consultant staffs will then hear and respond to questions from attendees. If attendees wish to make a public statement for inclusion in the Public Hearing Record, each speaker will be allotted 3 minutes for his/her public statement. A court reporter will record Public Statements. Written comments will be accepted from any attendee or submitted as described above for the Virtual Public Hearing attendees.

Once compiled, the hearing record will be made available for review and copying only after an Open Records Request has been received and approved. All Open Records Requests must be submitted to the KYTC, Office of Legal Services, ATTN: Open Records, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40622.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if anyone has a disability and will require assistance, please notify Brad Bottoms of the necessary requirements no later than November 3, 2020. This request does not have to be in writing. Anyone requiring assistance with accommodations for attending the In-Person, By-Appointment Public Hearing should contact Brad Bottoms per the contact information below.

Comments on the Environmental Assessment received by December 2, 2020 will be considered.

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