



What, Why, and How

KYTC Planning Symposium

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Vision

Striving to be national leaders in transportation who provide transportation infrastructure and services for the 21st century that deliver new economic opportunities for all Kentuckians.

Mission

To provide a safe, efficient, environmentally sound and fiscally responsible transportation system that delivers economic opportunity and enhances the quality of life in Kentucky.

Agenda

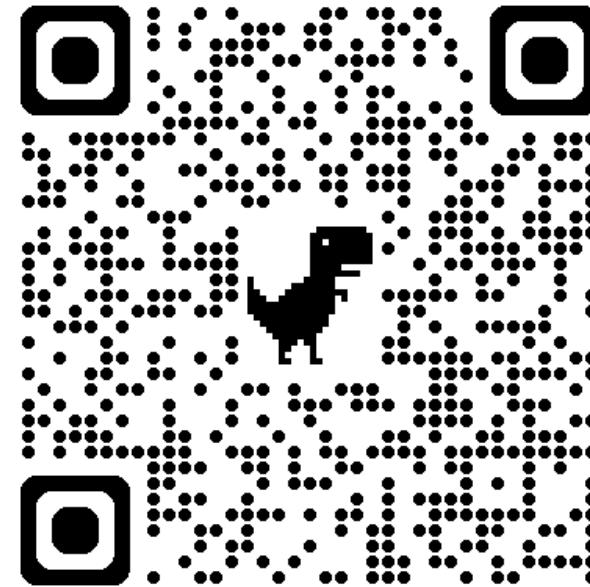
- Opening Remarks
- Division of Planning Overview
- What, Why, and How
 - Break at 10:15
- Staff Q&A



Opening Remarks



Strategic Highway Safety Plan



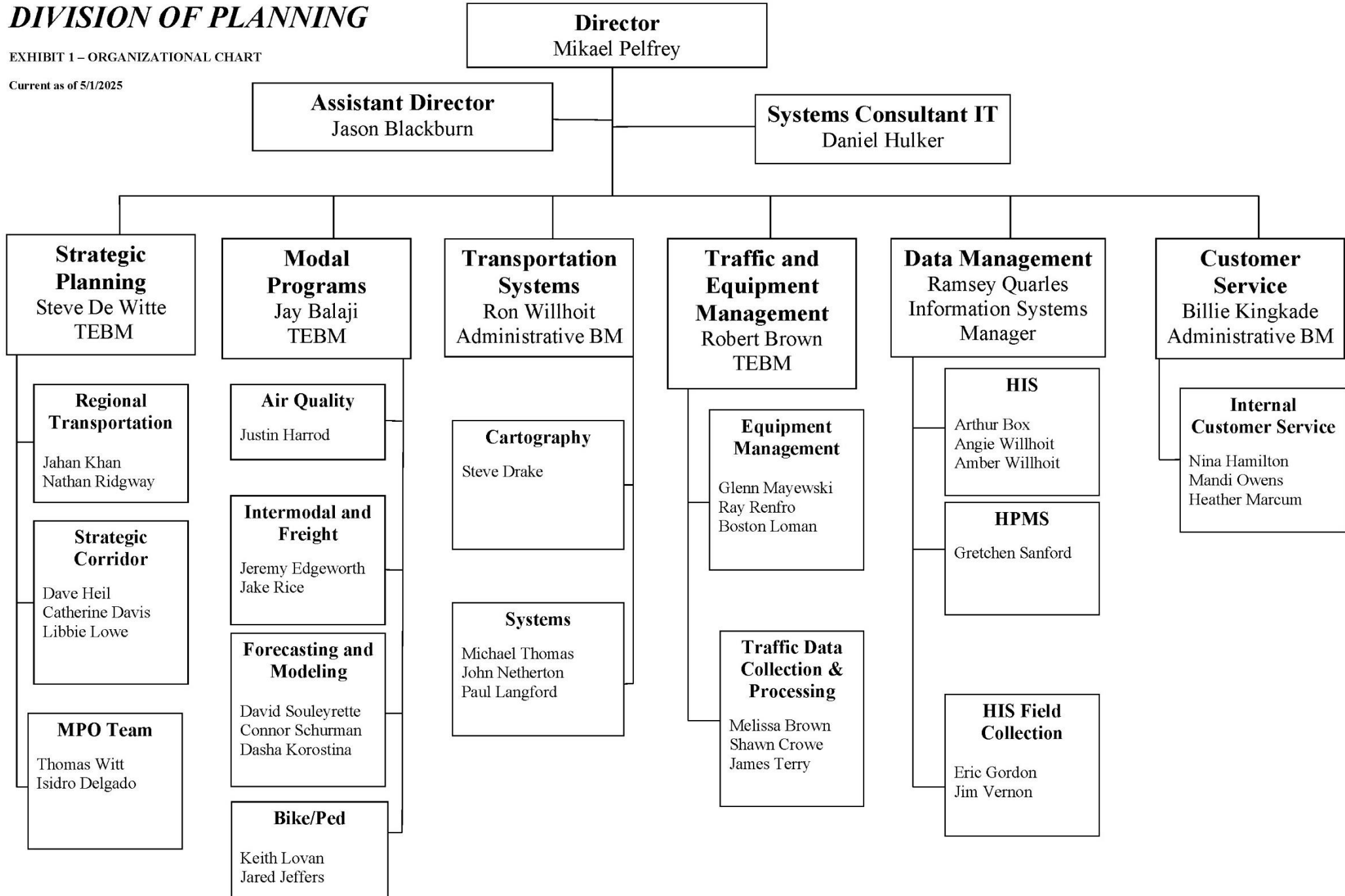


Division of Planning Overview

DIVISION OF PLANNING

EXHIBIT 1 – ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Current as of 5/1/2025



Planning Study Liaisons

- Catherine Davis: D1, D6, D9, D11
- Dave Heil: D4, D5, D8, D12
- Libbie Lowe: D2, D3, D10
- Steve De Witte: D7

- Always looking to grow!

Work Program

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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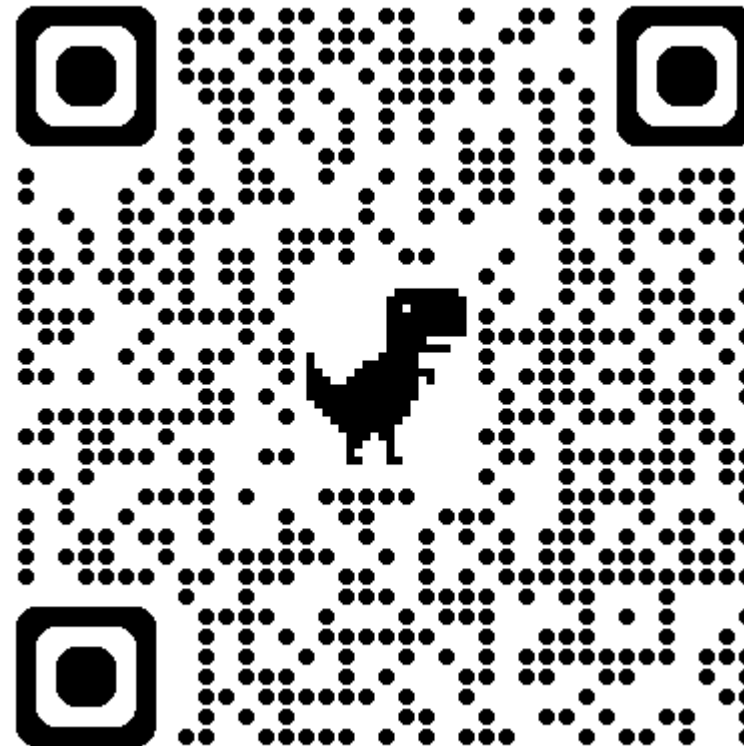


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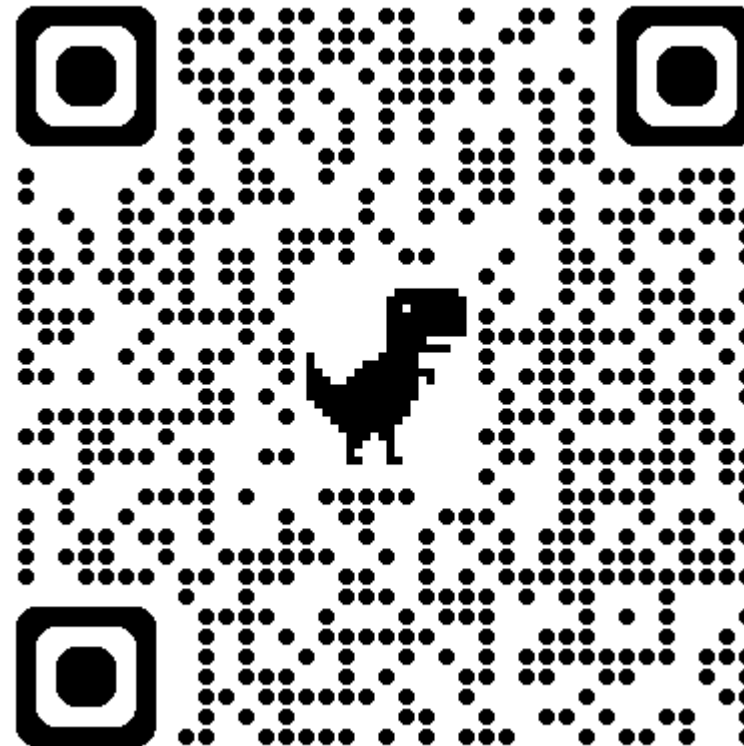


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WHY?

FY 2024 Accomplishments Report

- 16 completed studies, totaling approx. \$4.65 million
- 26 ongoing studies, totaling approx. \$7.55 million

Planning Study Resource Page





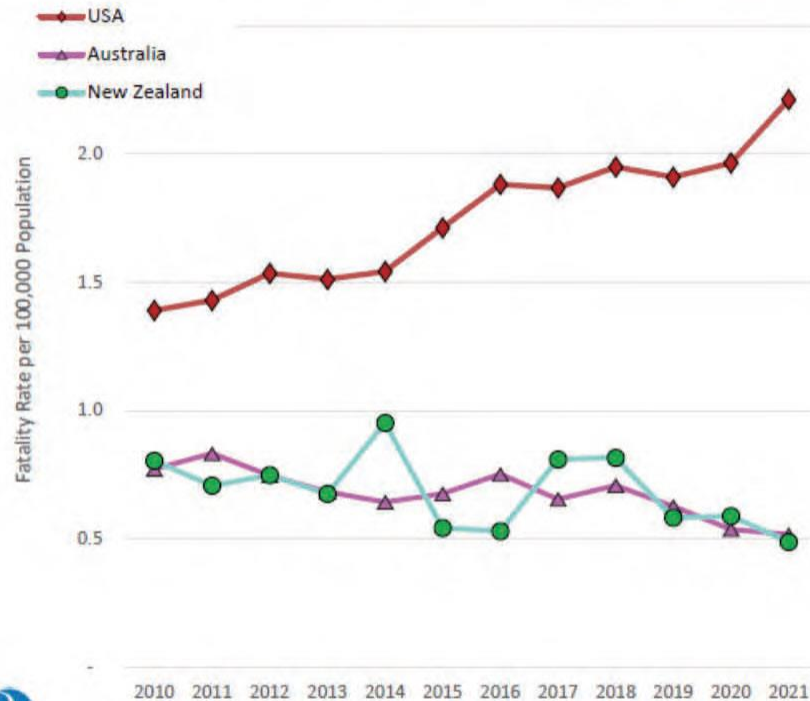
Roadway Safety Assessments & Safe System Approach

SAFE SYSTEM APPROACH

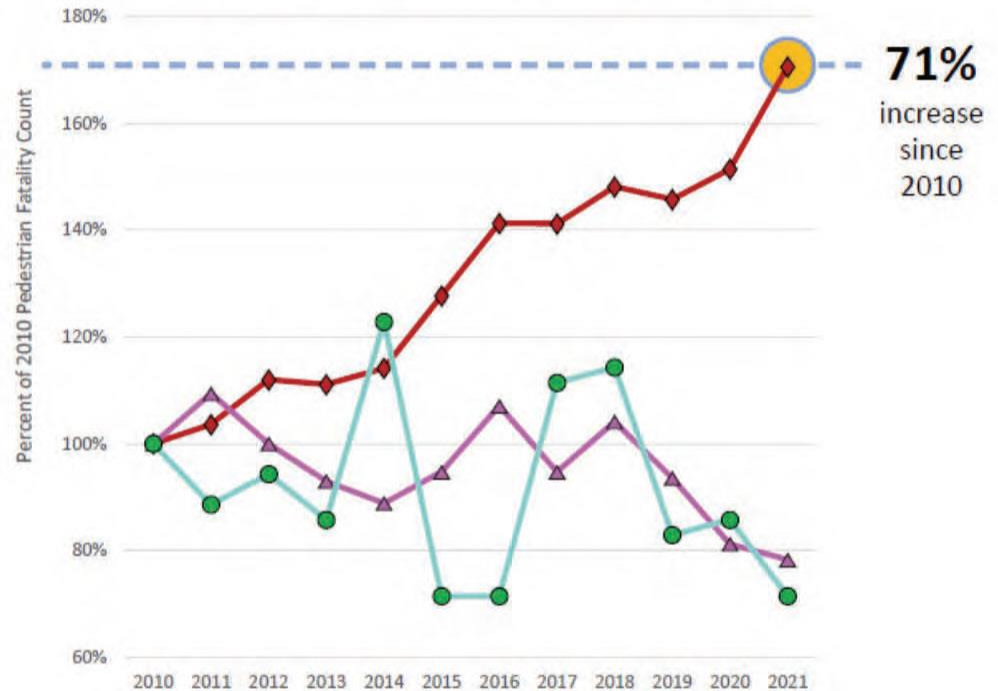


WHAT IS
THE SAFE
SYSTEM
APPROACH?

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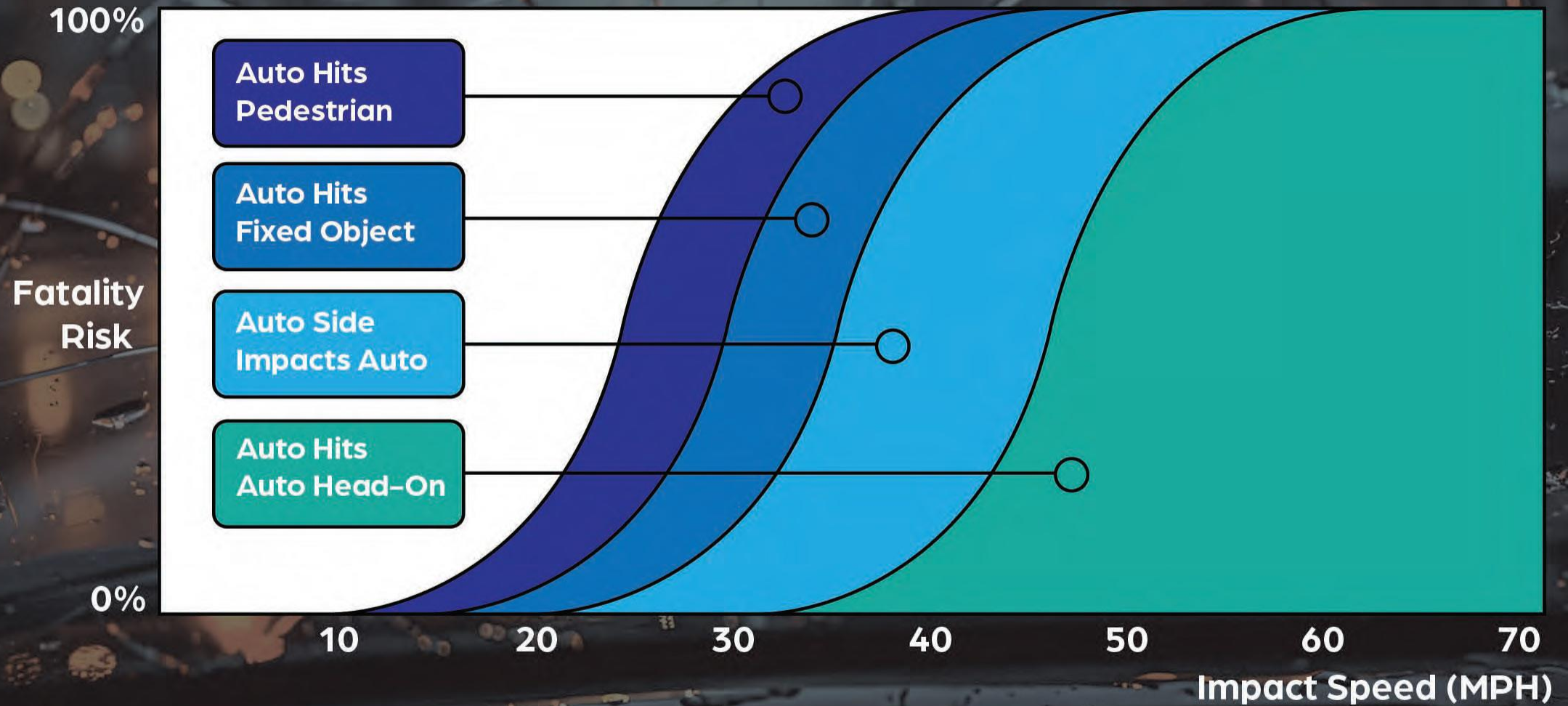


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Federal Highway Administration
Office of International Programs



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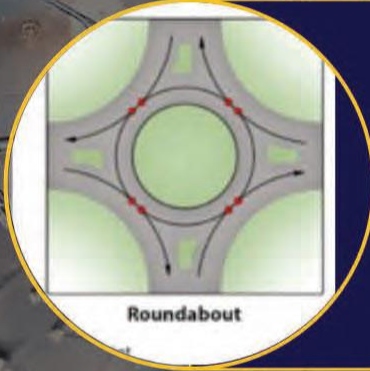
SAFE SPEEDS: FATALITY RISK



SAFER ROADS: AVOIDING CRASHES



SEPARATING USERS



**MINIMIZING CONFLICT
POINTS**

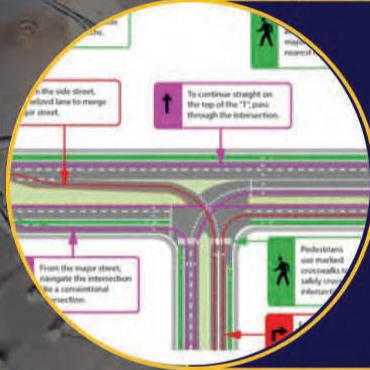


**INCREASING
ATTENTIVENESS/
AWARENESS**

SAFER ROADS: MINIMIZING CRASH SEVERITY



CHANGING THE CROSS-SECTION



INNOVATIVE INTERSECTION DESIGN



OTHER DESIGN STRATEGIES TO LOWER SPEEDS

HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT?

TRADITIONAL



Prevents crashes



Improve human behaviour



Control speeding



Individuals are responsible



React based on crash history

SAFE SYSTEM

Prevents deaths & serious injuries

Designed for human mistakes/limitations

Reduce system kinetic energy

Share Responsibility

Proactively identify & address risks

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Implementation of Complete Streets



Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE)



Consideration of the Roadway Context



Work Zone Traffic Management Plan Training

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Standard Drawing Updates



Safety Performance Evaluation Program



Road Safety Assessments in Project Development

Planning Implementation Priorities

- Broader Application of KYTC ICE Process
- Buffered Bike Lanes – High Speed Roadway
- Designing for Target Speed
- Geometric Design Guidance – Context Applications
- Implementation of RSAs in Project Development
- Project Prioritization – Consideration of Context

Roadway Safety Assessment (RSA) Implementation

- Piloting on 3 planning studies
- Took a different look than we originally thought
- Using data-informed processes from FHWA and AustRoads

Alignment Framework – Final Scoring Matrix				
Project Location:	0			
Category	Vulnerable Road Users (VRU)	VRU Score	Motor Vehicles	Motor Vehicles Score
Exposure Score:	Vulnerable Road Users Subtotal	0	Motor Vehicles Subtotal	0
Likelihood Score:	Vulnerable Road Users Subtotal	Select Location Type	Motor Vehicles Subtotal	Select Location Type
Severity Score:	Vulnerable Road Users Subtotal	0	Motor Vehicles Subtotal	0
Mode Subtotal:	Vulnerable Road Users	0	Motor Vehicles	0
Total Score:	0			



	Run-off-road	Head-on	Intersection	Other	Pedestrian	Cyclist	Motorcyclist	
Exposure	/4	/4	/4	/4	/4	/4	/4	
Likelihood	/4	/4	/4	/4	/4	/4	/4	
Severity	/4	/4	/4	/4	/4	/4	/4	
Product	/64	/64	/64	/64	/64	/64	/64	/448



HSIP Road Safety Assessment

Exposure – The number of road users

Likelihood – The probability that a crash occurs

Severity – The probability that a fatality or severe injury will occur

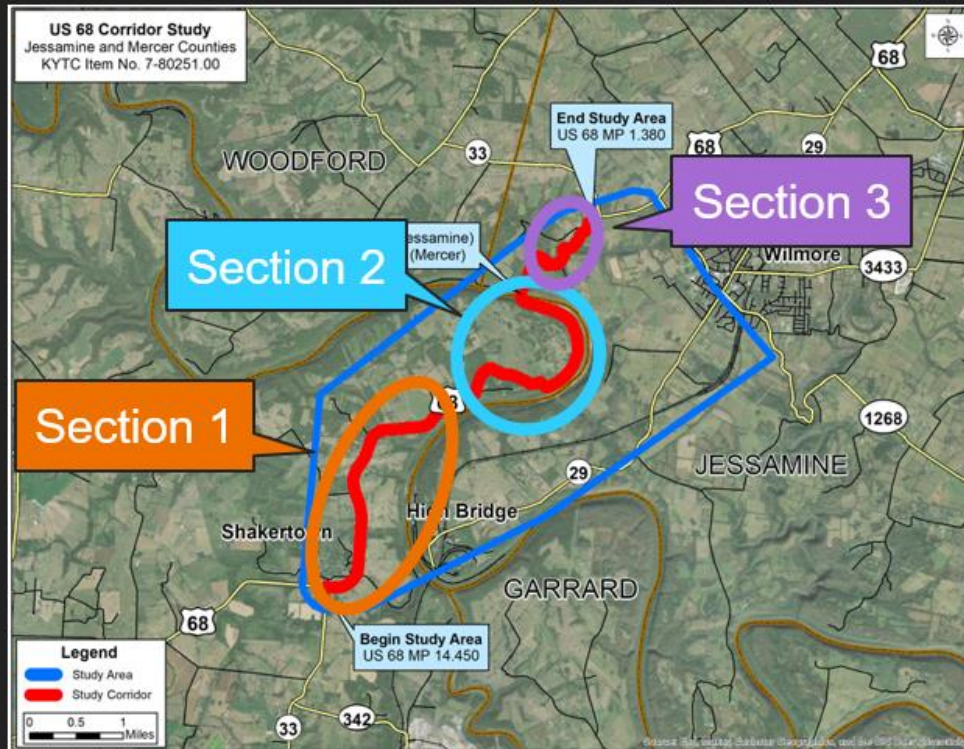


HSIP Road Safety Assessment

	County	BMP	EMP	Length
Section 1	Mercer	14.45	17.5	3.05
Section 2	Mercer	17.5	20.058	2.558
Section 3	Jessamine	0	1.38	1.38

Lower score = more closely
aligned with Safe System
principles

Scoring from 0 – 8,000 for each section
& 0 – 24,000 Total



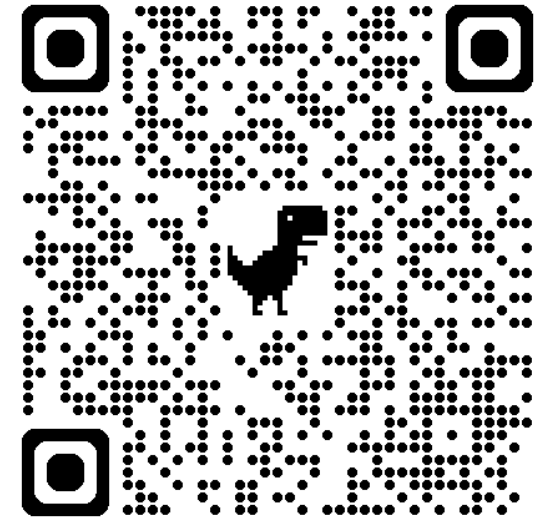
Concept	No-Build	Concept 1	Concept 2	Concept 3	Concept 4
Length (mi.)	6.988	7.36	6.16	1.37	5.61
Cost	\$0	\$137,500,000	\$142,000,000	\$20,900,000	\$5,600,000
Cost per mi.	\$0	\$18,682,000	\$23,052,000	\$15,255,000	\$998,000
SS Score (Section 1)	1,276	948	946	1,276	992
SS Score (Section 2)	1,998	712	844	1,466	1,454
SS Score (Section 3)	2,050	848	1,004	2,050	2,050
SS Score (Total)	5,324	2,508	2,794	4,792	4,496
% Reduction	0.0%	52.9%	47.5%	10.0%	15.6%
Normalized Score	0.222	0.105	0.116	0.2	0.187
SS Alignment Index	0.778	0.896	0.884	0.8	0.813
Cost per point reduced		\$48,828	\$56,126	\$39,286	\$6,763
Cost per mi. per % Reduction		\$353,000	\$485,000	\$1,526,000	\$64,000



Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE)

KYTC ICE Guidance

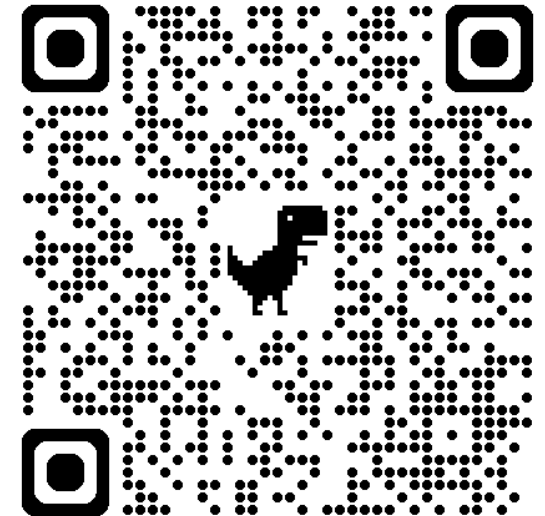
- Conducted on all intersections (including newly created) on a project on state-maintained system, unless:
 - No substantial changes (e.g. mill and fill project)
 - **ALL** of the following:
 - $EEC\ KAB < 0$ and $EEC\ CO < 0$
 - No notable crash patterns
 - Minor road AADT < 400
 - No known operational issues
- Stage I Screening in Planning



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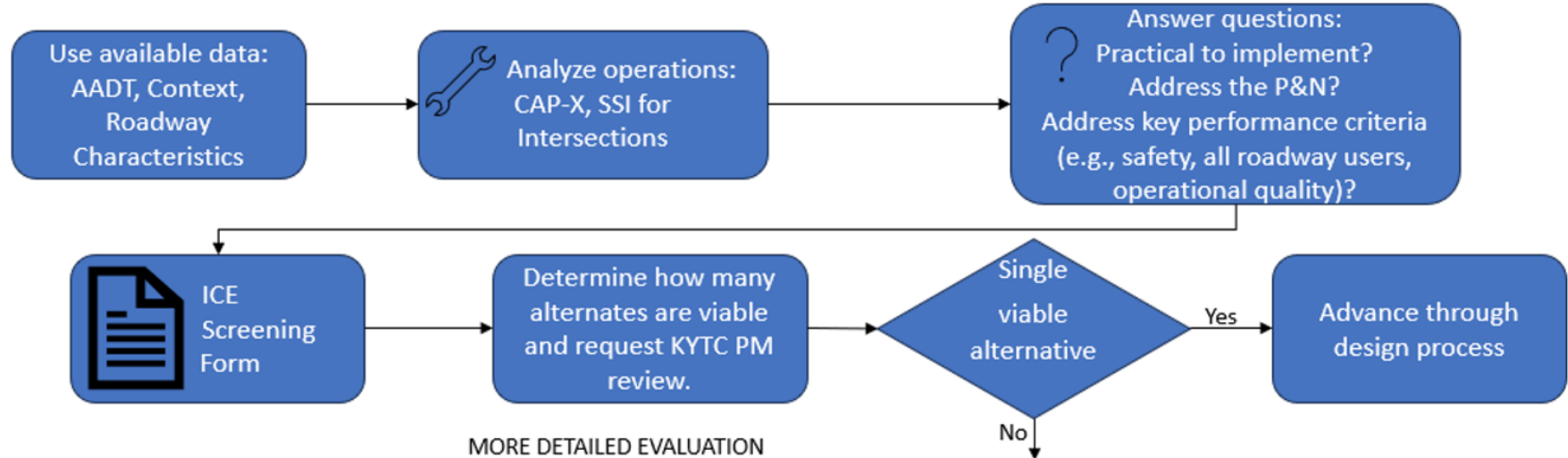
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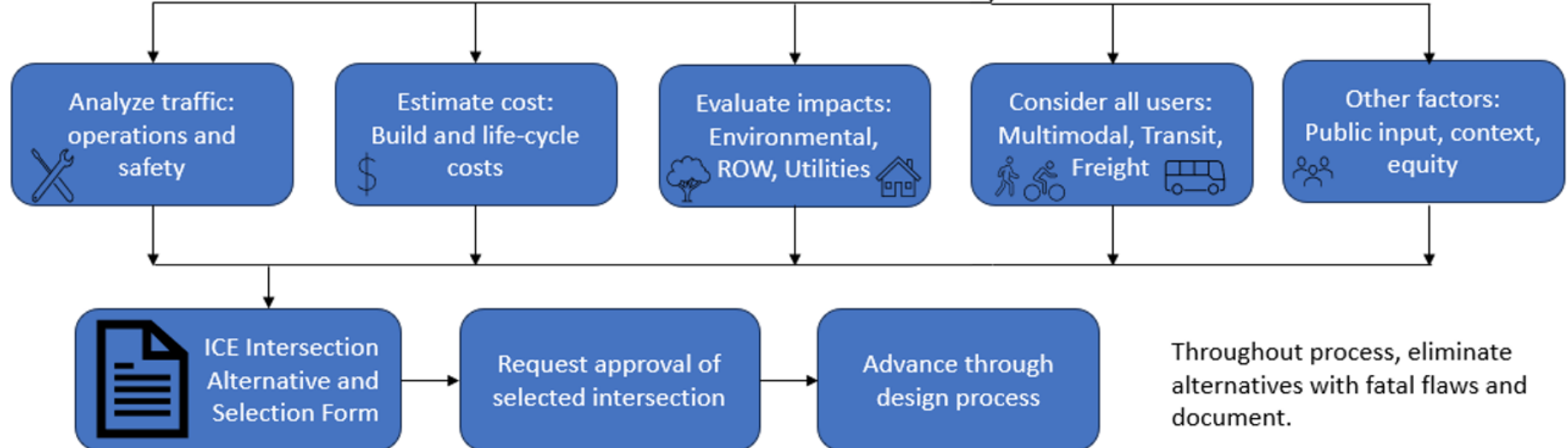


ICE Process

Stage 1: Screening



Stage 2: Alternative Selection





Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE)

US 68 at KY 33 (Jessamine County)

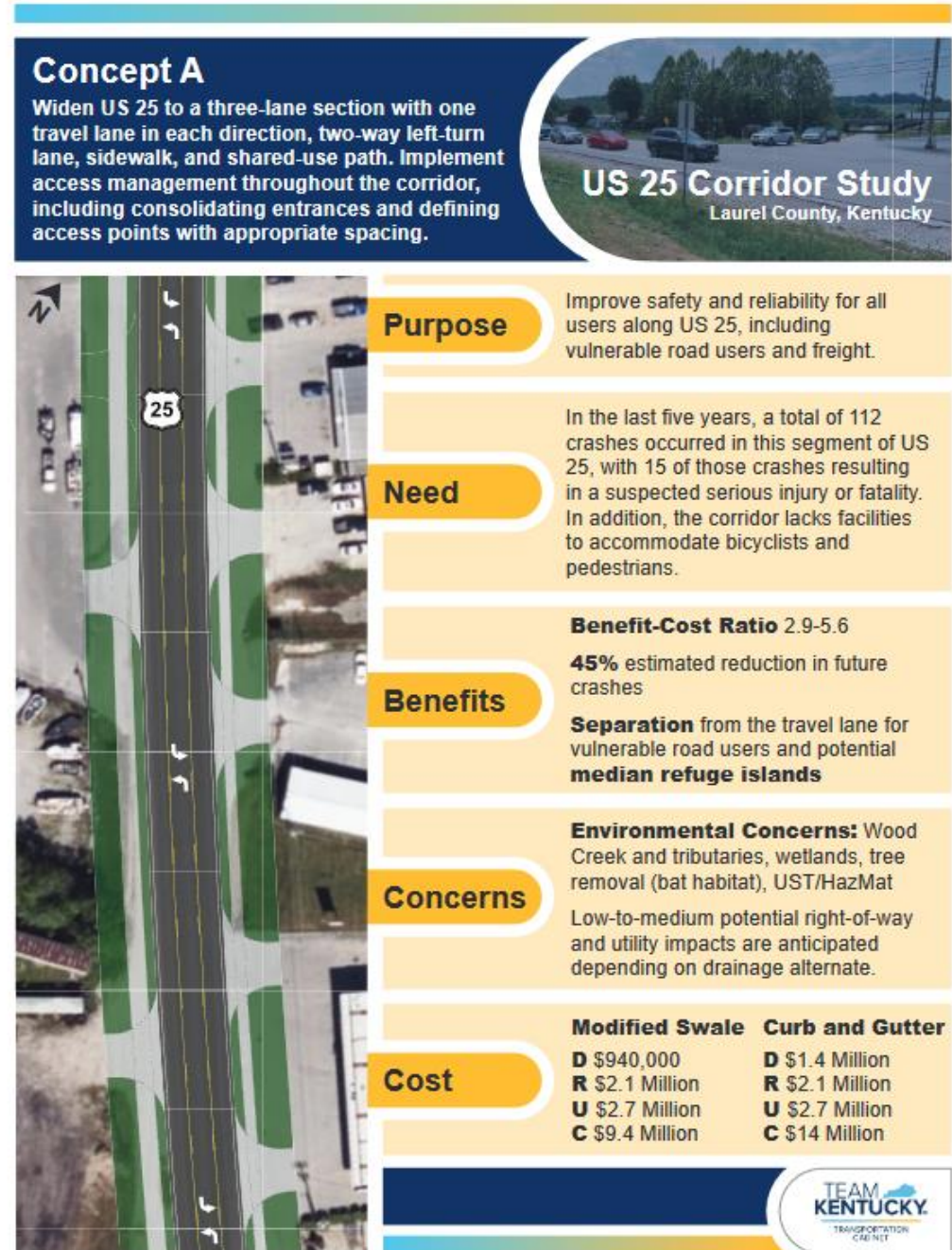
Intersection Control Alternative Screening									
Intersection or Interchange Alternative	a.) CAP-X v/c ratio *	b.) CAP-X Pedestrian Accommodation Score	c.) CAP-X Bicycle Accommodation Score	d.) SSI Score **	e.) Impractical to implement (considering cost, potential r/w and environmental impacts)?	f.) Meets the transportation purpose and need?	g.) Addresses the key system performance criteria (safety, all road-way users, operations, etc.)?	h.) Alternative is selected to advance to Stage 2 for further evaluation.	Justification:
Signalized Control	0.27	3.34	4.42	96	No	No	No	No	Not warranted; Does not fit within context of road
Two-Way Stop-Controlled	0.24	2.23	3.67	96	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
All-Way Stop-Controlled	0.55	3.58	4.42	100	No	No	No	No	Does not fit within context of road
RCUT (Unsignalized)	0.07	2.19	3.35	99	No	Yes	Yes	No	Does not fit within context of road
Roundabout (1-lane)	0.33	5.51	4.58	100	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	



Project Sheets/Funding Pots

Project Sheets

- Begun exclusively for SUAs
- District Planners found useful
- Now used for most concepts



Funding Pots

Planning Study Name	Function	Name	Description	Opportunities for Ancillary Improvements	Approximate Annual Budget	KYTC Oversight	Contact
FE01 (District) FE01 (CO)	FE01	Maintenance	Roadway and roadside maintenance. CDEs have some flexibility on how FE01 funds are used but payroll, material, and equipment costs essentially limit these funds to maintaining existing conditions.	Limited due to budget constraints. Potential for changes to striping or control of access using low-cost measures. Improving shoulders.	\$400M	Division of Maintenance	CDE/Josh Rogers
FE02	FE02	Bridge Maintenance	Covers projects to repair existing structures. Projects may be let through Construction Procurement or as a Master Agreement.	Limited. Some upgrades may be included to meet new standards.	\$30-\$50M	Division of Maintenance	Dora Alexander
FE04 (District) FE04 (CO)	FE04	Traffic Operations	Central Office and District budgets used primarily to cover electrical maintenance (signals, signal systems, lighting, etc.) and traffic engineering analysis and oversight.	Improvements to signal system timing.	\$48M	Division of Traffic Operations	
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Thinking About Capacity

Why is Capacity important?

Need	# of Enacted SYP Mentions
Safety	1049
Capacity	118
Mobility	360
Congestion	421
Traffic Flow	28
Speed	11
Geometry/Geometrics	380

*some double counting due to multiple phases

} Capacity?

REDUCE CONGESTION, IMPROVE SAFETY AND ENHANCE MOBILITY ON KY 146 IN BUCKNER FROM KY 1817 (NEW CUT ROAD) (MP 6.81) TO KY 393 (MP 7.42). (2024CCN)

IMPROVE CONGESTION, ACCESS AND MOBILITY AT THE KY 693/KY 1488 INTERSECTION BY CONSTRUCTING A TRAFFIC SIGNAL (MP 3.384 KY 693) (2024CCN)

IMPROVE CAPACITY AND ACCESS ON KY 2906 FROM US 460 TO US 62 (2020CCN) (2022CCR) (2024CCR)

reduce congestion and improve safety ^ v ☐ Highlight All ☐ Match Case ☐ Match Diacritics ☐ Whole Words 1 of 7 matches

improve safety and reduce congestion ^ v ☐ Highlight All ☐ Match Case ☐ Match Diacritics ☐ Whole Words 4 of 35 matches

Thinking About Capacity in a New Way

WHY?

- Intersection Capacity Problem
- Stopped Vehicle Problem
- Throughput Capacity Problem



Intersection Capacity Problem

- ICE
- Intersection Reconfiguration / Restriping
- Signal Timing
- Turn Lanes



Stopped/Slow Vehicle Problem

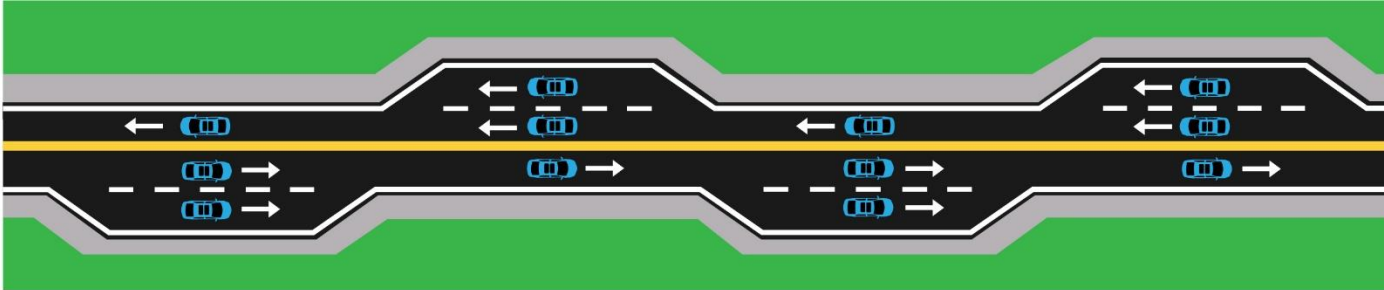
- TWLTL
- Minor (Shoulder) Widening
- Truck Climbing Lanes



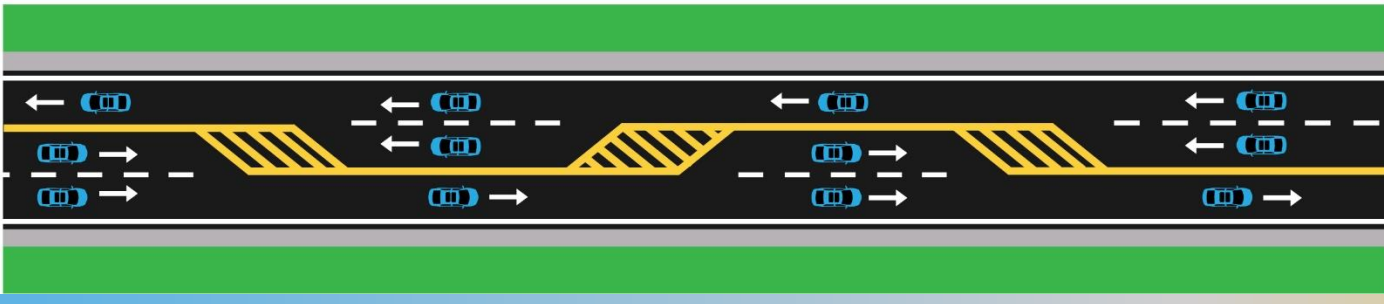
Throughput Capacity Problem



- 2+1



- Major Widening





Production Hours/Process

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Advertised Studies

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- SME < 500 hours directly (PM/Liaison)
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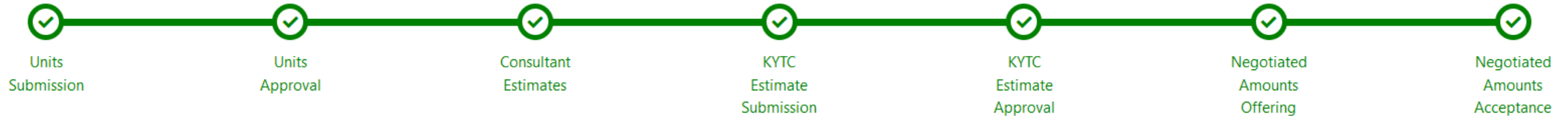
Project Specific Contract

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Estimate Worksheet:

Planning



Standard Tasks

- In Portal and Excel
- Updated to include ICE and RSA tasks
- Will have copies on Guidance Page and available on request

Planning - PRODUCTION-HOUR WORKSHEET					
1 - Corridor Study					
1.1 Project Management					
Task #	Item	Unit	Quantity	Hours/Unit	Production Hours
1.1.1	Project Management	Mo.			0
1.1.2	Purpose & Need/Project Goals	LS			0
				Sub-total	0
1.2 Evaluate Existing Conditions					
No.	Item	Unit	Quantity	Hours/Unit	Production Hours
1.2.1	Base Mapping	LS			0
1.2.2	Roadway Systems & Characteristics	EA			0
1.2.3	Field Reviews & Supplementary Data Collection	LS			0
1.2.4	Identification and Review of Other Transportation Projects and Reports	LS			0
1.2.5	Crash Analysis - Mapping	LS			0
1.2.6	Crash Analysis - Trend Analysis	LS			0
1.2.7	Crash Analysis - CDAT	LS			0
1.2.8	Miscellaneous Task	LS			0
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1.3 Forecasts and Model inputs					
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1.3.1	Counts (Class, Turning, Base Origin/Destination matrix, etc)	EA			0
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1.3.3	Existing Traffic - Peak Drone imagery capture	LS			0
1.3.4	Travel Time Runs (AM & PM peak)	EA			0
1.3.5	Comparative Travel Time Data	LS			0
1.3.6	Establish growth rates (using sketch planning or models)	LS			0
1.3.7	Develop future volumes, SE data, & origin/destination matrices	LS			0
1.3.8	Document Forecast inputs, assumptions & results as an Appendix	LS			0
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Cost Estimates

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Project Development Phase	Project Maturity (% project definition completed)	Project Estimate Designations	Purpose of the Estimate	Estimating Methodology	Estimate Range	
Planning	0 to 5%	Project Identification Estimate	Conceptual Estimating Screening & Feasibility. Estimate Potential Funds Needed (20-year plan)	Parametric	-50% to +200%	Project Cost Planning
	3% to 15%	Conceptual Project Estimate	Conceptual Estimating Prioritize Needs for Long Range Plans (10-year plan)	Historical Bid-Based with some Parametric	-40% to +100%	
Scoping	10% to 30%	Preliminary Line and Grade Estimate	Scope Estimating Establish a Baseline Cost for Project and Program Projects (SYP and STIP)	Historical Bid-Based or Cost-Based	-30% to +50%	

Project Identification Estimates

Project Maturity	Estimating Methodology	Estimate Range	Level of Effort
0 to 5%	Parametric	-50% to +200%	Low

Examples:

SWCP/SWIPP

“YUM Center”

Initial CHAF Estimate

Contingency

Gigantic

Sources of Risk:

Lack of Project Definition

	A	B	C	F	G	H	I
1							
2		Improvements Categories	Unit Cost	D6, D8, D10 Average			
3		New Roadways		D	R	U	C
4		New Urban Freeway (4 Lane, Divided)	Per Mile	\$1,920,000	\$4,650,000	\$1,630,000	\$16,670,000
5		New Rural Freeway (4 Lane, Divided)	Per Mile	\$1,340,000	\$1,650,000	\$700,000	\$12,340,000
6		New 4 Lane Expressway	Per Mile	\$1,240,000	\$1,490,000	\$700,000	\$11,000,000
7		New Super 2 Highway	Per Mile	\$890,000	\$1,310,000	\$600,000	\$7,340,000
8		New 2 Lane Highway	Per Mile	\$760,000	\$1,110,000	\$560,000	\$5,840,000
9		Widening (Major)					
10		Freeway, Added Lanes (in median) with Functional Overlay	Per Mile	\$1,440,000	\$110,000	\$210,000	\$6,800,000
11		4 Lane to 6 Lane Divided - Rural	Per Mile	\$1,170,000	\$1,100,000	\$470,000	\$8,840,000
12		4 Lane to 6 Lane Divided - Urban	Per Mile	\$1,600,000	\$3,740,000	\$1,270,000	\$14,070,000
13		2 Lane to 4 Lane Divided - Rural	Per Mile	\$1,040,000	\$1,100,000	\$470,000	\$8,840,000
14		2 Lane to 4 Lane Divided - Urban	Per Mile	\$1,600,000	\$3,740,000	\$1,270,000	\$14,070,000
15		Widening (Minor)					
16		2 Lane to 4 Lane Undivided - Rural	Per Mile	\$970,000	\$880,000	\$340,000	\$6,500,000
17		2 Lane to 4 Lane Undivided - Urban	Per Mile	\$1,500,000	\$3,270,000	\$1,040,000	\$10,740,000
18		Upgrade					
19		Expressway Upgrade to Freeway with Pavement Reconstruction	Per Mile	\$1,600,000	\$2,350,000	\$1,150,000	\$9,500,000
20		Arterial Upgrade to Parkway/Expressway with Pavement Reconstruction	Per Mile	\$1,250,000	\$1,850,000	\$800,000	\$8,000,000
21		Grade Separation / New Interchange Access					
22		New System Interchange	Per Interchange	\$5,000,000	\$15,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$50,000,000
23		New Service Interchange - Rural	Per Interchange	\$1,390,000	\$1,670,000	\$590,000	\$12,000,000
24		New Service Interchange - Urban	Per Interchange	\$2,000,000	\$4,290,000	\$1,500,000	\$15,840,000
25		Interchange Modification	Per Interchange	\$1,710,000	\$1,210,000	\$1,130,000	\$12,790,000
26		Grade Separation Only (Under or Overpass)	Per Grade Separation	\$480,000	\$600,000	\$310,000	\$3,920,000
27		Major Intersection Improvement					
28		>= 4 lanes in both directions	Per Intersection	\$350,000	\$970,000	\$390,000	\$2,640,000
29		< 4 lanes in both directions	Per Intersection	\$250,000	\$610,000	\$230,000	\$1,570,000

Conceptual Project Estimates

Project Maturity	Estimating Methodology	Estimate Range	Level of Effort
3% to 15%	Historical Bid-Based with some Parametric	-40% to +100%	Medium

Bid-Based

Excavation/Embankment
Asphalt Base/Surface
DGA
Concrete
Curb & Cutter
Sidewalk

Parametric

Structures
Mob/Demob
MOT

Contingency

Depends on
Complexity

Cost Estimate								
Concept 3B								
Assumes two 12' lanes with 8' paved shoulders	40	LF						
Total Length	6,408	LF						
Pavement Costs								
Total Length	6,408	LF						
2 Lanes	22	LF					Total Length	
Area	140,986	SF					6,408	
	15,665	SY						
Cost	\$140							
Shoulder Pavement								
Total Length	6,408	LF						
4' wide	8	LF						
	51,268	SF						
	5,696	SY						
Cost	\$140							
					\$2,990,619	Total Paving		
Miscellaneous Items			Qty.	Units	\$ per Unit			
Clearing & Grubbing	1.2	mi.			\$250,000	\$303,431		
Excavation	397,861	CY			\$25	\$9,946,532	\$8,195,043.07	
Pavement Striping	6,408	LF			\$5	\$32,042		
Signs	1.2	mi.			\$250,000	\$303,431		
Misc. drainage, erosion control, etc.					50% paving	\$1,495,310		
Maintenance of Traffic		LS				\$500,000		
					Subtotal	\$15,571,366		
					Contingency (30%)	\$4,671,410		
					Mobilization (3%)	\$467,141		
					Demobilization (1.5%)	\$233,570		
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST						\$20,900,000		

Conceptual Project Estimates

Project Maturity	Estimating Methodology	Estimate Range	Level of Effort
3% to 15%	Historical Bid-Based with some Parametric	-40% to +100%	Medium

Examples:
Most Planning Studies

Sources of Risk:

Known Unknowns

Environmental
ROW/Utilities
Geotech
Structures
Drainage

Unknown Unknowns

Inflation of bid items
Availability of Materials
Labor Cost

Get Off the 'Rosy' Path

This will be a
regular
intersection

We can reuse
pavement in
this section

We should have
good rock

ROW will be
donated

Ok to assume absolutely nothing is going to go as you think!

Building an Estimate



Bid Items

- Pavement
- Excavation
- Curb/Gutter/Sidewalk



Parametric

- Other Phases
- Drainage/MOT/Mobilization
- Miscellaneous

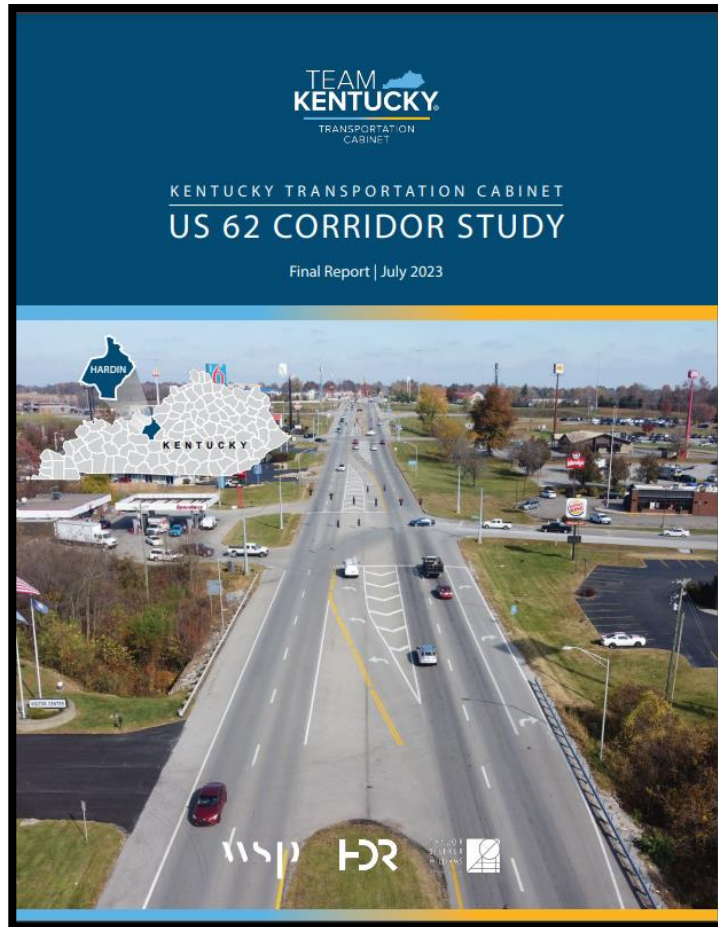


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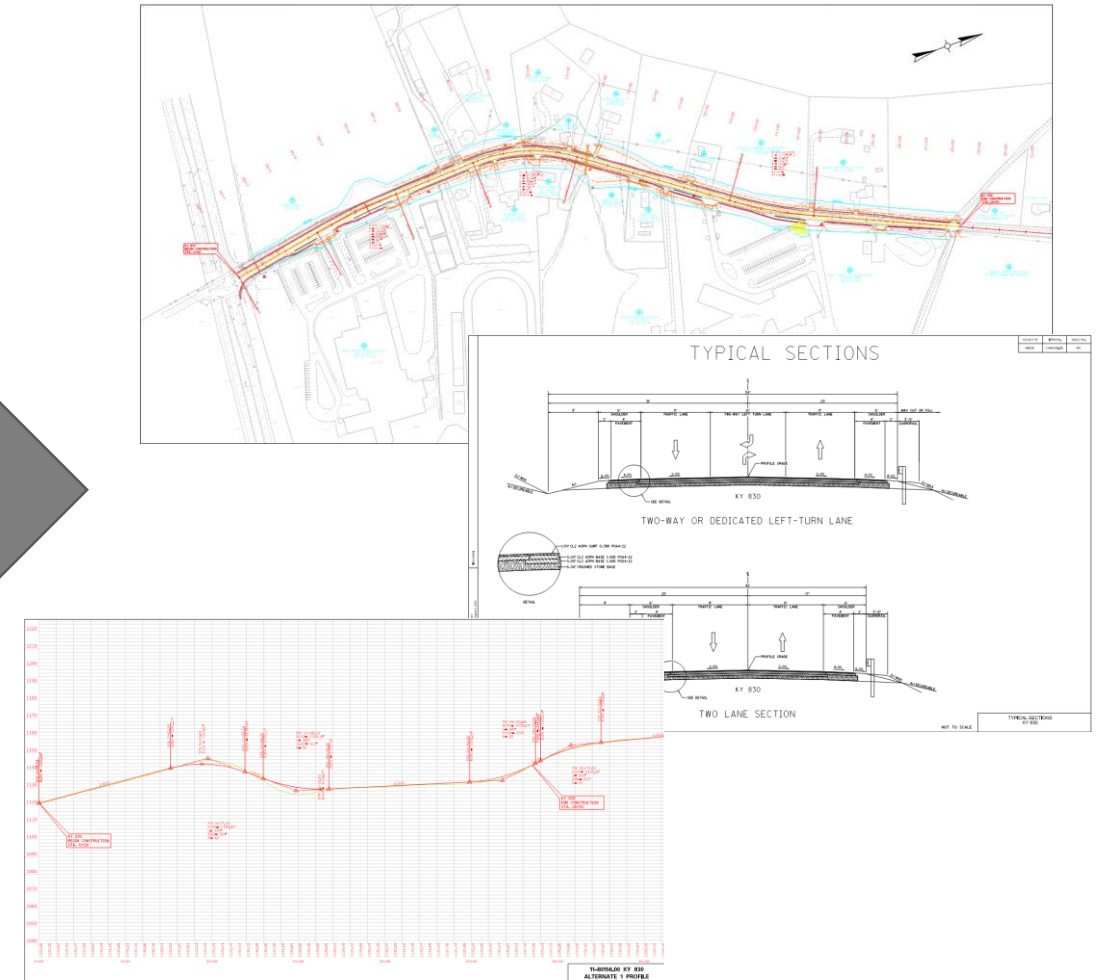
- Remember all those risks? Account for them

Preliminary Line & Grade Estimate

Turn This:



Into This:



Preliminary Line & Grade Estimate

Project Maturity	Estimating Methodology	Estimate Range	Level of Effort
10% to 30%	Historical Bid-Based or Cost-Based	-30% to +50%	High

Examples:

Fully scoped projects (“Design” projects)

Sources of Risk:

ROW/Utilities

Lighting

Time Contingency

- Also called a “management contingency.”
- How do we account for “we just started this planning study today – and that means – best case – 6 years until construction.”
- Things change over that many years, not just material cost!

Time Contingency Example

- If we started a Planning study today, we're well into the next biennium for Design
 - **+10%**
- Design and Environmental will take 2 years
 - **+20%**
- Right-of-Way and Utilities will take 2 years
 - **+20%**
- Total: **+50%**

Project Development Phase	Project Maturity (% project definition completed)	Project Estimate Designations	Purpose of the Estimate	Estimating Methodology	Estimate Range	
Planning	0 to 5%	Project Identification Estimate	Conceptual Estimating Screening & Feasibility. Estimate Potential Funds Needed (20-year plan)	Parametric	-50% to +200%	Project Cost Planning
	3% to 15%	Conceptual Project Estimate	Conceptual Estimating Prioritize Needs for Long Range Plans (10-year plan)	Historical Bid-Based with some Parametric	-40% to +100%	
Scoping	10% to 30%	Preliminary Line and Grade Estimate	Scope Estimating Establish a Baseline Cost for Project and Program Projects (SYP and STIP)	Historical Bid-Based or Cost-Based	-30% to +50%	



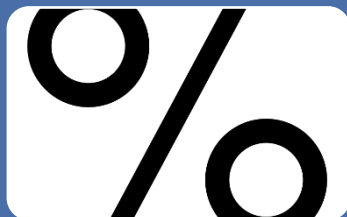
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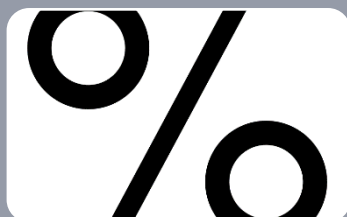
Parametric

- Other Phases
- Drainage/MOT/Mobilization
- Miscellaneous



Contingencies

- See all those risks? Account for them



Escalation

- Time Risk

Document all of This

Revision:

6/1/2021 - Current - Stuart Kearns - \$ 24,980,000

Created Date: 06/01/2021

Created By: Stuart Kearns

Improvement Assumption:

Construct Road in New Location

Estimate Source:

Requires Further Study

Secondary Improvement Assumption:

Bike/Ped Facility

Eligible Funding: NH, STPF, STP2



Default Year: 2030

	Fund Source	Stage	Estimate	Fiscal Year Estimated	Escalated	Prop Year	Duration (Months)
P	NH	UNK	0	2022	0		
D	NH	UNK	1,880,000	2022	1,880,000	2022	
R	NH	UNK	9,800,000	2022	9,800,000	2022	
U	NH	UNK	600,000	2022	600,000	2022	
C	NH	UNK	12,700,000	2022	12,700,000	2022	

Total Escalated: \$ 24,980,000

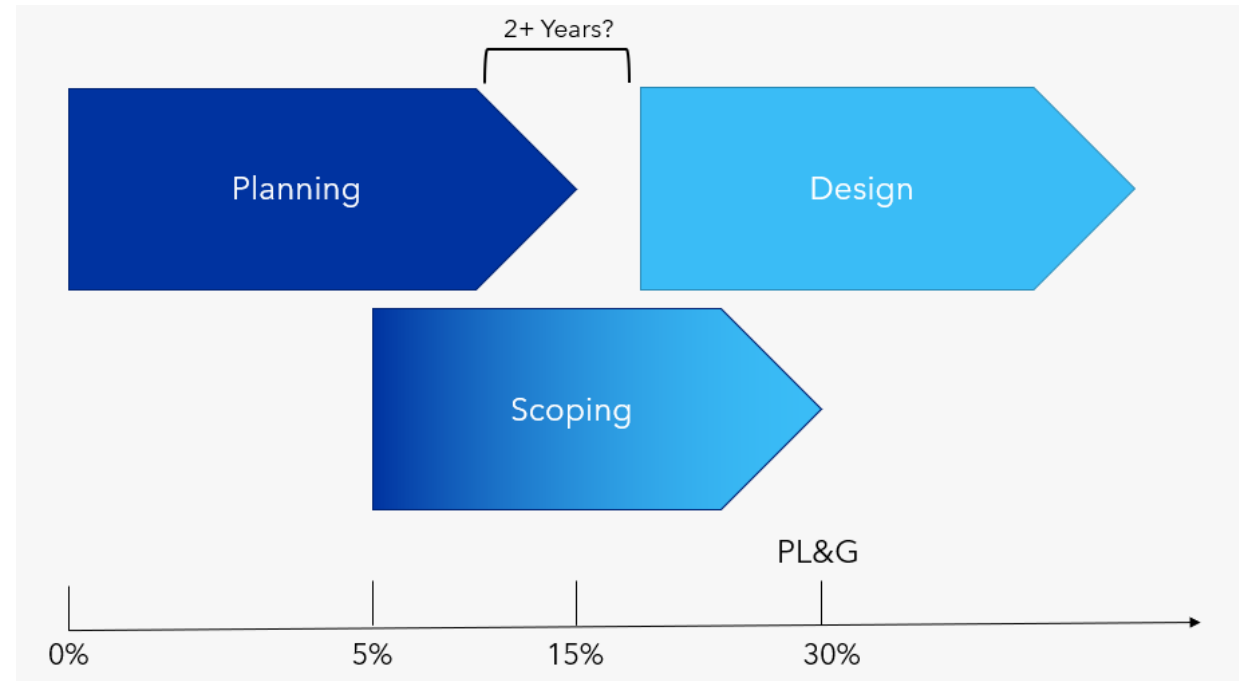
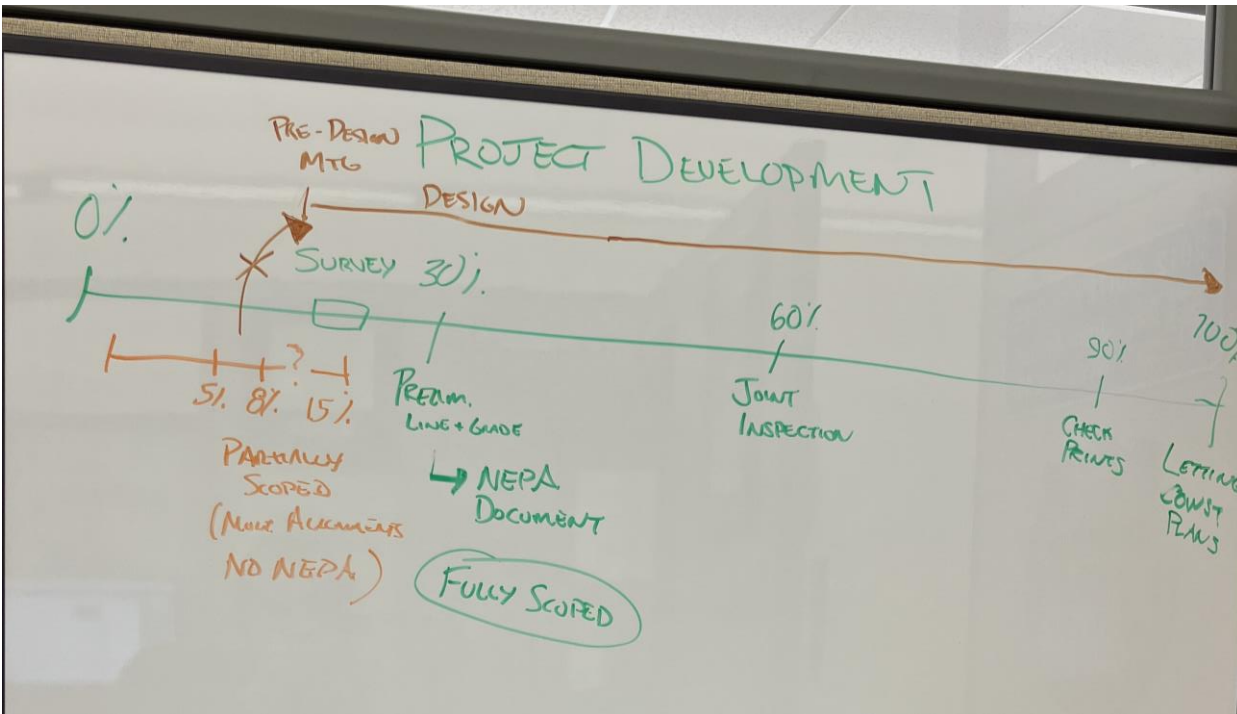
***Estimate Remarks:**

Planning level estimate for cost per Hamburg I-75 Crossing Feasibility Study. 5/26/21 Adjusted Prop year to 2022



Staff Involvement Through PL&G

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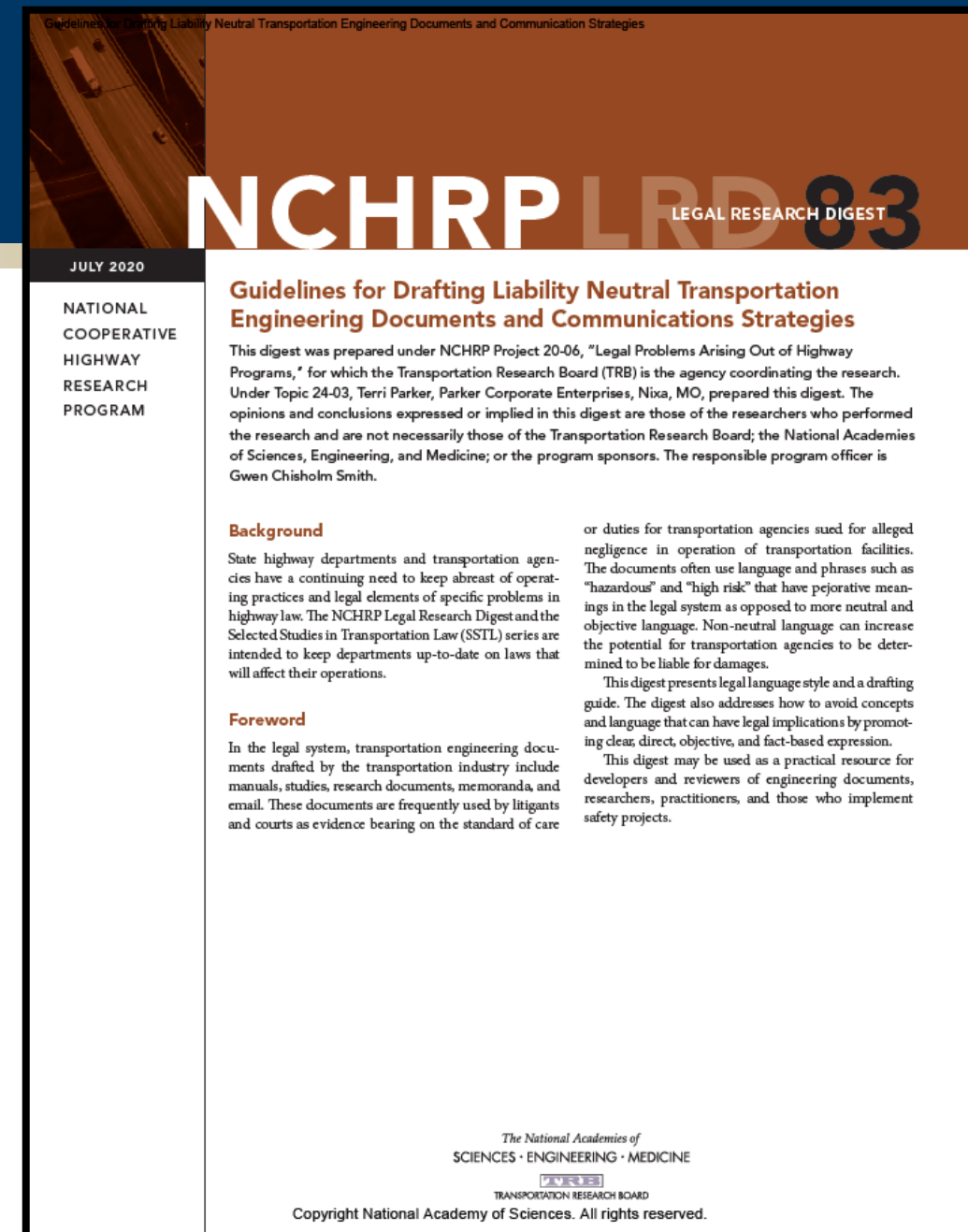
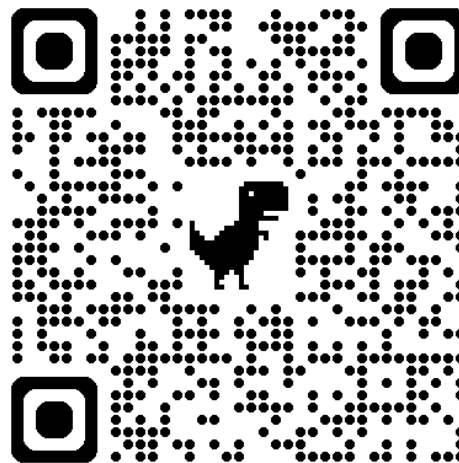
- Planning (District & Central Office) to stay involved until “Scoping” is complete at PL&G
 - Understanding Planning’s thought process to meet Purpose & Need
 - Various points where “handoff” occurs
- Better estimates = better for everybody
- Shared responsibility on invites – let invitees say ‘No.’



Liability Neutral Language

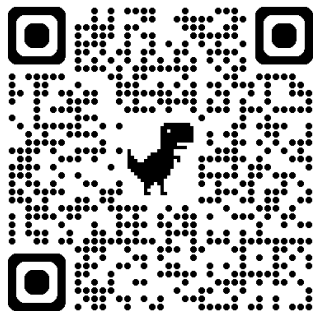
Liability Neutral Language

- In tort law, the standard of care that must be taken by an individual, agency, or business is determined by the generally accepted practices of the industry.



Unintended Liability or Responsibility

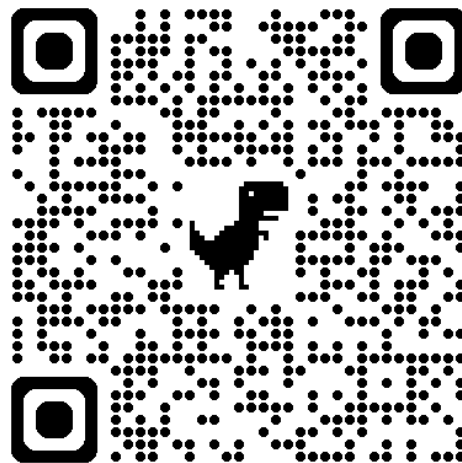
- Transportation Agencies are frequently sued over perceived negligence, and the language in internal and public-facing documents can become central to these claims



Better	Insufficient
Clearly	Is Needed
Concern	Mandatory
Danger/Dangerous	Obstacle
Deficient	Poor
Edge/Shoulder Drop Off	Problem
Ensure	Require
Essential	Risk/Risky
Excessive	Shall
Hazard	Should
Hot Spot	Trap
Imperative	Unsafe
Inadequate	Worse

Liability Neutral Language

- Choose each word carefully
- Match Field Conditions with Language in Guidance
- Avoid Surplus Language



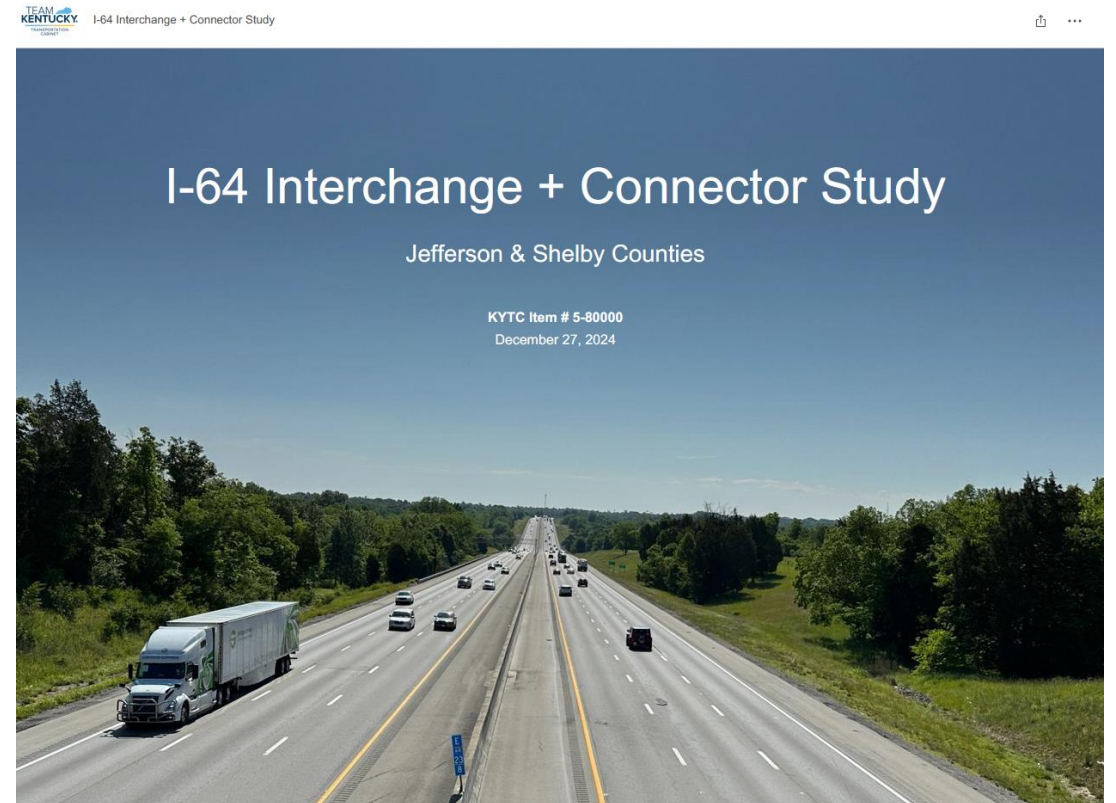
Application of engineering judgement	Guideline
As soon as practicable	May
Can	Normal
Candidates for shielding	Potentially contributing factors
Consider	Roadside “feature” or “condition” or “object” or “device” rather than “hazard” or “risk”
Criteria/factors that may be considered	Strategy
Could	Toolbox
Difference in elevation rather than edge or shoulder drop off	When/Where feasible
Factors that can contribute to the probability	



Hosted StoryMaps & Project Continuity

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- Consultants encouraged to work within KYTC ESRI Workspace to ensure StoryMap data can endure following study completion
- Contact CO liaison, they will contact Will Holmes

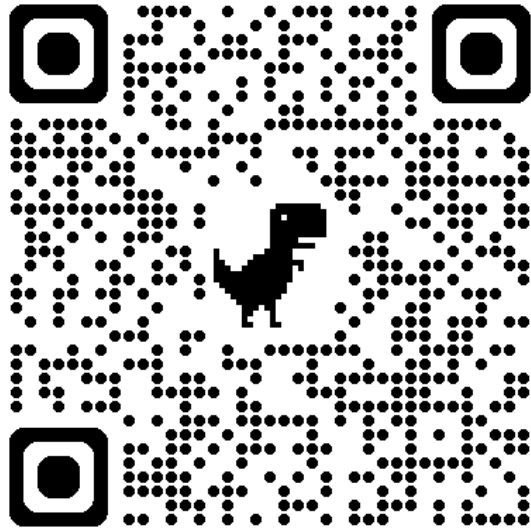




Planning Environmental Linkage (PEL)

Why PEL?

WHY?



- Exactly what it sounds like, linking Planning and Environmental
- Preserve the option to use planning products and decisions in the environmental review process
- “NEPA Clock” doesn’t start for EAs and EISs

General Considerations

- Follow transportation planning process
- Participation by Federal and state resource agencies and Indian Tribes
- Opportunity for public review and comments
- Use reliable and reasonably current data and reasonable, scientifically acceptable methodologies
- FHWA and FTA review as appropriate
- Documentation

This process is written for EISs, for other class of actions, requirements will have to be met, as applicable.



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

During Planning

Integration of planning and environmental review 23 U.S.C. 168 for PEL

- Agency consultation
- Federal planning process
- Identify preliminary alternatives and eliminate unreasonable alternatives
- Multidisciplinary consideration of needs and effects
- Public notice of possible adoption during NEPA

Efficient environmental reviews for project decisionmaking 23 U.S.C. 139(f)(4)(E)(ii)

- State, MPO or local transportation agency considers as part of a planning or State environmental review process
- Lead agency provides guidance
- Public review and comment
- Alternative rejected after public involvement

CEQ NEPA Regulations 40 CFR 1501.12

- Identify preliminary alternatives in a study or other planning document

Planning Regulation 23 CFR 450.212 (a)-(c) & 450.318 (a)-(d)

- Use data and appropriate methodology
- Perform analysis
- Identify preliminary alternatives
- Agency/public/tribal involvement and comment
- FHWA/FTA review
- Documentation

During NEPA Alternatives Scoping

- No new significant info?
- Sufficient detail?
- Adopted planning product within 5 years of approval by the planning entity.
- Appropriate for adoption?
- Rational basis, reliable and reasonably current data, and acceptable methodology?

- Independent review of the evaluation?
- Consult with cooperating and participating agencies that the alternative is not necessary for NEPA?

- Does it meet NEPA requirements?

- Will aid in establishing reasonable range of alternatives?
- Is ready for NEPA use?
- Consider the extent to which planning process includes:
 - Agency involvement?
 - Opportunity to comment?
 - Public review?
 - FHWA/FTA review?
 - Documented?

Establishing NEPA Range of Reasonable Alternatives

- Made the planning documents available for public review and comment by the general public and Federal, State, local, and tribal governments that may have an interest in the proposed project
- Consider comments
- Notice of intent to adopt/incorporate
- Lead agency decision on adoption/incorporation

- The document(s) should be available for review during scoping
- Consider comments
- Lead agency determination
- Concurrence by other Fed agencies with jurisdiction on elimination of alternative(s) from detailed evaluation

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- Consider comments
- Lead agency decision on use or incorporate

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- Lead agency decision on incorporate by reference and use

Additional work or further action

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*The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) has proposed to modify certain aspects of its 2020 NEPA regulations found at 40 CFR parts 1500-1508 using a phased approach. See 86 FR 55757, 55759 (Oct 7, 2021). If CEQ issues a final rule that amends any provisions of the CEQ regulations cited in this document, FHWA will update the citations in this document and make any other necessary changes.

Planning/Environmental Linkage (PEL)

FHWA PEL QUESTIONNAIRE

I-64 Interchange + Connector Study

Item 5-80000

Prepared for:



Prepared by:



December 2024

- PELs and traditional KYTC studies have many of the same items, just with more...intention
 - Existing Conditions
 - Land Use & Current/Future Traffic
 - Goals & Objectives
 - Draft Purpose & Need
 - Stage I ICE
 - Enviro. Red Flag & Geotech Overview
 - CR Lit Review & Arch. Overview
 - Socioeconomic Study
 - Initial and Refined Concepts

Planning/Environmental Linkage

- Additional Items by doing a PEL:
 - Survey (if needed, sometimes use LiDAR)
 - Agency Coordination
 - Refined Concepts -> Alternatives
 - Stage II ICE
 - Alternative Screening & Dismissal
 - Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
 - Socioeconomic Analysis
 - Ecological Report
 - Mitigation Measures
 - Anticipated NEPA Document Definition



FHWA PEL QUESTIONNAIRE

US 60 Connectivity Study

Item 1-80250

Prepared for:



Prepared by:



April 2024



Federal Changes & Updates

Federal Personnel Updates

- Keith Damron -> HMB
- John Ballantyne -> Retired
- Nick Vail -> Louisville Metro



Socioec Studies

- Any mention of Environmental Justice (stemming from Executive order 12898) must be removed, including in Socioeconomic Studies

Barren River Area Development District

Smiths Grove Planning Study
Warren County

Socioeconomic Report
FINAL
September 2022

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Socioec Studies

- KYTC/ADDs will continue to produce SE Studies by summarizing race/color/national origin (Title VI) as well as elderly, disability status, poverty level, and LEP (without reference to EJ) using traditional data sources.
- Will ensure project teams can plan for appropriate public involvement and engagement opportunities.

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 - Justice 40
- Add to your QA/QC process

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WHY?



Planning Study Format & Layout

Planning Study Layout & Format

- Two Types of Executive Summaries
 - Two-pager for Leadership & Legislature
 - Longer (< 10 pages) for District
- Project Sheets Easy to Find and Digest
- Appendix
 - Crash History (no MFN)
 - Cost Estimate Spreadsheets
 - Stage I ICE Screening



Upcoming Advertisements & Other Studies

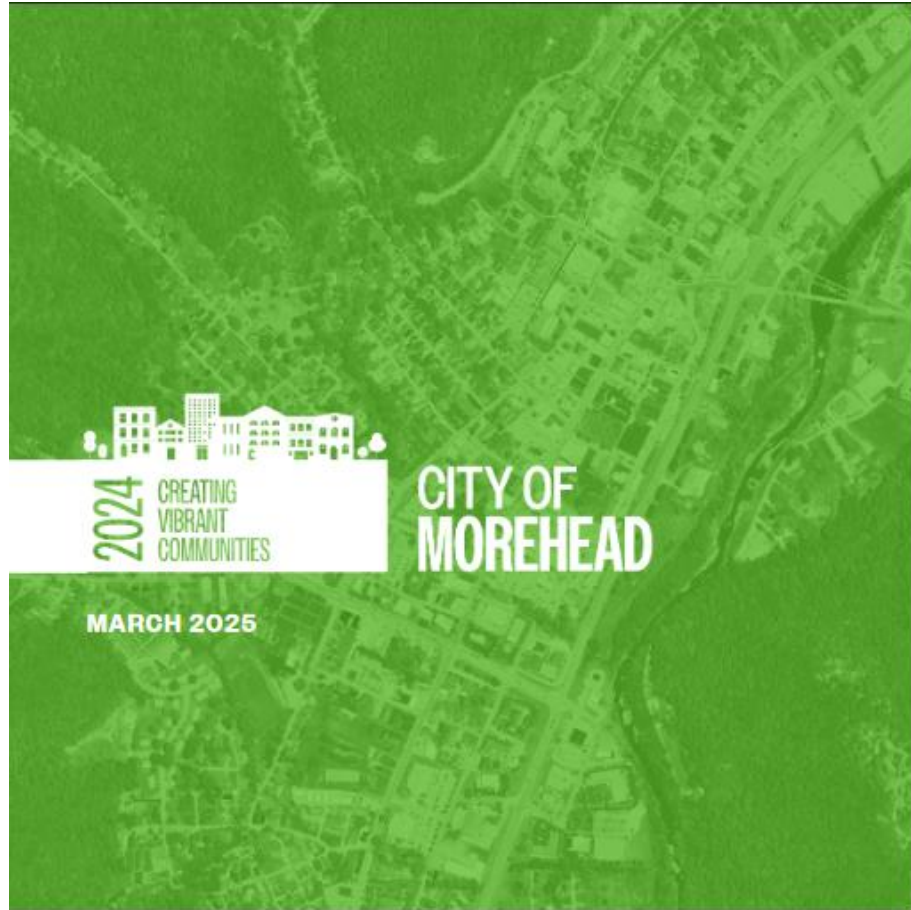
Upcoming Advertisements (subject to change)

- MAY: 11-80300 US 119 Bell County
 - Keenan Jones, Catherine Davis
- JUNE: 3-80300 LN 9008 Barren County PEL
 - Brett Duncan, Kenny Carrico
- JUNE: Roadside Barrier Study
 - Steve De Witte, Chad Shive
 - Webinar held 4/25; No Individual Meetings
- ~~• JUNE: 5-80201 US 127 Franklin County~~
 - ~~• Steve De Witte, TBD~~

Upcoming Advertisements (subject to change)

- JULY: 5-80210 KY 146 Oldham County
 - Steve De Witte, TBD
- JULY: 12-5020 D12 Rockfall Study
 - Nathan Ridgway, Charlie Dale
- OCTOBER: 8-80202 KY 300 Lincoln County Rockfall
 - TBD
- 1 or more additional studies in D5, elsewhere

Creating Vibrant Communities



- Pilot of 4 technical assistance reports wrapping up
- Jtown, Glendale, Etown, Morehead
- Lessons Learned
- Potential Future



Q&A



How can we make your job easier?

Items to avoid in the planning process
(communication flaws, nomenclature)

KA/KAB/KABCO/K-ABC-O Preference for Crash
Analysis?

Trends in work type & volume, evolution of
transportation planning industry. Digital
formats/StoryMaps (less physical printed)?



Increasing number of slots for SW Planning in 2026?

Cross Training between HSIP and Planning to get studies more aligned?



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