As you might imagine, building a road—particularly a major highway—takes a lot of time and effort. It seems like the bulldozers, end loaders and asphalt machines move at a snail's pace, remaining in the same location day after day. However, what you don't see are the monstrous tasks of planning, designing, and evaluating potential routes that consume many years before the first shovel of dirt is turned.

Even repairing a stretch of roadway can take years to complete. Moving forward is always dependent upon the reviews by various federal, state and local agencies. Most importantly, citizens can voice their opinions about any construction project at public meetings or by submitting comments to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. All public comments are given the utmost consideration and balanced with the need to improve safety, reduce congestion, and support economic development while protecting the environment.

Considerations When Planning a Road

Environmental Issues:
- Public input
- Residential and business relocations
- Impacts to other local features
- Community impact
- Historical/cultural sites/structures
- Public parks
- Recreational facilities
- Oil and gas wells
- Water quality
- Water supply sources
- Air quality
- Noise
- Hazardous waste/materials
- Archaeological sites
- Historic properties
- Cultural resources
- Economic impacts
- Development potential
- Access for emergency services
- Access to schools, medical facilities, etc.

Engineering Issues:
- Safety
- Driver expectations
- Traffic patterns
- Transportation
- Access/impact
- Pedestrian and bicycle use
- Federal and state laws
- Land use and access management
- Cost
- GIS
- Aquifers and soils
- Mines

Did You Know?

- Kentucky has over 79,000 miles of roadways.
- Kentucky has 13,006 bridges.
- The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet maintains approximately 27,400 miles of those roadways and 9,000 bridges.
- The 27,400 miles carry approximately 85% of Kentucky’s traffic.

For current conditions of Interstates, Parkways and Major Routes, please dial 511.

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