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I-65 / US 68 Interchange Warren County Item No. 3-20.00

Prepared by KYTC District 3

November 2024





I. PRELIMINARY PROJECT INFORMATION						
County:	Warren	Item No.:		3-20.00		
Route Number(s):*	I-65	Road Name	e:	I-65		,
Program No.:	1834901D	UPN:	FD52	114	065	035-036
Federal Project No.:	651106	Type of Wo	ork:	I-C	HANGE RECO	NST(O)
•	an Project Description:					
	GLASGOW ROAD)DIAMON	ND INTERCH	ANGE BY ADDI	NG NORT	HBOUND ON-	RAMP AND
SOUTHBOUND OFF-RAI	·					
Beginning MP:	35.5	Ending MP:	35.9	F	Project Length:	0.4
In TIP:		•		•	Verify Projec	ct Data
State Class.:	y Secondary		Route is on:	✓ NHS	NN	Ext Wt
Functional Class.:	Urban 🗸 Rural Interstate	•	Truck Class.:	AAA ¬	▼ % Trucks:	27.86
MPO Area: Bowling Gree	en	•	Terrain:	Level	▼	
ADT (current):	57096 2023			Level		ı
Access Control:	None Permit / F	Fully Controlled	Partial	Spacing:		•
Median Type:		•	Barrier Wall	0000000		•
Existing Bike Accommo	_	- (· / p · /	▼ Ped:	Sidew	 alk	
Posted Speed:	35 mph 45 mph		55 mph	✓ Other		70 mph/50 mph
KYTC Guidelines Prelim			MPH Propose	_		• • •
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Roadway Data:	EXISTING	PRAC	CTICES**			
No. of Lanes	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>Existin</u>	g Rdwy. Plans	available?
Lane Width	<u>16'</u>		<u>14'</u>	✓ 、	Yes No	
Shoulder Width	<u>6-8'</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0-14'</u>		Year of Plans:	1964
Max. Superelevation***	<u>varies</u>		<u>8%</u>		Traffic Forec	ast Requested
Minimum Radius***	<u>716'</u>		7 <u>60'</u>		Date Requested:	
Maximum Grade	<u>6%</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8-5%</u>		Mapping/Survey	/ Requested
Minimum Sight Dist.	<u>425'</u>		<u> 125'</u>		Date Requested:	
Sidewalk Width(urban)	<u>N/A</u>	<u> </u>	N/A		Туре:	
Clear-zone [†]	N/A	<u>2</u> (<u>0-26'</u>			
Project Notes/Design Exce			N/A	A		
Bridge No.: [‡]	114B00091N	(Brid	dge #2 <u>)</u>			
Sufficiency Rating	83.2					
Total Length	<u>146</u>			<u>Existin</u>	g Geotech Data	A <u>vailable?</u>
Width, curb to curb	<u>61</u>				<u></u>	_
Span Lengths	40-60-40			L	Yes ✓ No	
Year Built	2002					
Posted Weight Limit	N/A			De	tour Length(s):	N/A
Structurally Deficient?	<u>No</u>					
Functionally Obsolete?	<u>No</u>					
Existing Bridge Type	PCIB					
*If more than one road is included in the project, include additional sheets. **Based on proposed Design Speed ***AASHTO's A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets +AASHTO's Roadside Design Guide ‡If more than two bridges are located on the project, include additional sheets.						

II. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

A. Legislation

The following funding is listed in KY's FY24-FY30

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Enacted	Highway	Plan.

Funding	Phase	Year	Amount
NH	D	2024	\$700,000
NH	R	2025	\$500,000
NH	U	2026	\$1,100,000
NH	С	2028	\$8,000,000

B. Project Status

The design funding of \$700,000 has been authorized by FHWA. The plan is to advertise for consultant services in the January 2025 bulletin.

C. System Linkage

I-65 is federally functionally classified as Rural Interstate that primarily connects the city of Bowling Green, and the surrounding area, with the Louisville region to the north and Nashville region to the south. US 68 is classified as a Rural Major Collector that serves to connect the Bowling Green area with Oakland, Smiths Grove, and Glasgow. Both highways connect the residential and industrial areas, as well as educational facilities to Bowling Green, Smiths Grove, and Glasgow. The existing interchange helps connect the local commercial/economic/agricultural hub with Bowling Green and Nashville.

D. Modal Interrelationships

Because a significant percentage of local industrial users such as Clark Beverage Group, Inc., Mammoth Cave Dairy Auction, and South State Contractors, as well as the Oakland Elementary School make use of this section of rural interstate corridor, the movement of large trucks (freight) should be considered. With no existing northern ramps at the interstate interchange, users seeking to travel north, or exit from the north, must utilize alternate routes. There are presently no bike or pedestrian facilities along this section of roadway.

E. Social Demands & Economic Development

Warren County continues to experience residential and industrial growth. Interstate 65 provides a major connection to the Bowling Green area for local commuters and businesses as well as a connection to the Nashville metropolitan area further to the south. Oakland and the surrounding communities use I-65 as the primary connection to access Bowling Green and the services found there. Services such as business, school, healthcare, government, agriculture, and recreational activity.

II. PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED (cont.)

F. Transportation Demand

The last actual traffic counts for I-65 in this section of Warren County between MP 30.401 and MP 35.578 (2021) was 64,107 AADT and between MP 35.578 and MP 37.537 (2023) was 57,096 AADT. These counts have grown fairly consistent over the past decade. This is a AAA route and is vital for the transportation of freight (28% trucks). This route is on the National Truck Network.

G. Capacity

This corridor does not experience noteworthy congestion issues.

H. Safety

In the last five years (2019-2023), there have been 19 reported collisions on I-65 from MP 35.5 to MP 35.9 in Warren County. Eighteen of which were reported as Property damage, one sever (A, non-fatal) collision. The EEC of the I-65 corridor is 3.9, which is more than expected for similiar Kentucky roadways. In the last five years (2019-2023), there have been 9 reported crashes on US-68 from MP 20.5 to MP 20.8 in Warren County. Eight of which were reported as Property damage, one potential injury (B) collision. The ECC of US-68 in this section is listed at 5.7, again higher than expected for a similiar type corridor in Kentucky. The LOSS (Level of Service of Safety) for all crashes on I-65 in this section is 3, indicating less than expected safety performance and moderate potential for crash reduction. The LOSS (Level of Service of Safety) for all crashes on US-68 in this section is 4, indicating less than expected safety performance and moderate potential for crash reduction. In summary, there is potential for safety improvement on this corridor.

I. Roadway Deficiencies

The existing I-65 diamond intersection interchange is not complete, it does not have connectively to the north. Local traffic does not have an on-ramp to acces I-65 north at this interchange, and I-65 south traffic does not currently have a southbound off-ramp to exit at the existing interchange.

III. PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW				
A. Air Quality				
Project is in: Attainment area Nonattainment or Maintenance Area PM 2.5 County				
STIP Pg.#: (2025-2028) #59 TIP Pg.#: FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendment #2, PG 23				
As this is a federally-funded project, it is listed in the STIP.				
B. Archeology/Historic Resources				
☐ Known Archeological or Historic Resources are present				
Section 106 will apply and SHPO clearances for archeology and historic will be required.				
C. Threatened and Endangered Species				
The Gray, Indiana, and Tricolored Bat are endangered. Clams and Kentucky Cave Shrimp are endangered.				
Anticipate seasonal tree cutting restrictions will be required to minimize potential adverse effects to Indiana				
Bats.				
D. Hazardous Materials				
☐ Potentially Contaminated Sites are present ☐ Potential Bridge or Structure Demolition				
There are no known hazardous materials in the project area.				
E. Permitting				
Check all that may apply: Waters of the US MS4 area Floodplain Impacts Navigable Waters of the US Impacts				
Are 401/404 Permits likely to be required?				
✓ ACE LON ACE NW ACE IP DOW IWQC Special Use Waters				
A KYTC BMP Plan and KYR10 permit will be applied if disturbance is greater than 1 acre. There are freshwater				
habitats in the project area.				
F. Noise				
Are existing or planned noise sensitive receptors adjacent to the proposed project? Yes V No				
Is this considered a "Type I Project" according to KYTC Noise Analysis and Abatement Policy? Yes				

The existing interstate interchange at Oakland is a half-diamond that is lacking northbound on-ramps and
southbound off-ramps. Continued development and growth both on US 68 and at the nearest interstate exit
(Exit 38 - Smith's Grove) create a need for better connectivity at this interchange.

B. Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to improve mobility and safety at Oakland by adding two interstate ramps to complete the interstate interchange at Oakland.

C. Scope:

This project will reconstruct the existing half-diamond interchange into a full diamond interchange between I-65 and US-68 at Oakland (MP 36). The estimated improvements are based on the Highway Plan description for adding an I-65 northbound on-ramp and an I-65 southbound off-ramp. Impacts to the US-68 corridor where the new ramps intersect can potentially be improved with roundabouts. Significant impacts to right-ofway and utilities should be expected.

V. PROJECT ESTIMATE & METHODOLOGY				
Estimate Methodology:		Current Estimate		
Construction cost estimates were developed to complete the two	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Estimate</u>		
northern ramps for a standard diamond interchange at Oakland (MP 36).	Planning			
These numbers are subject to change depending on the finalized scope.	Design	\$700,000		
	R/W	\$500,000		
	Utilities	\$1,100,000		
	Const	\$8,000,000		
	Total	\$10,300,000		

VI. UTILITIES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED - CONTACT INFORMATION

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VII. TABLES AND EXHIBITS



Photo 1: Top view of existing I-65/US-68 Interchange (MP 36)



Photo 2: Start of the project at the US-68 / I-65 Ramp intersection facing east toward Glasgow

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Photo 3: End of the project at the US-68 / I-65 Ramp facing west toward Bowling Green



Photo 4: End of the project on I-65 North facing south toward Bowling Green



Photo 5: End of the project on I-65 South facing south toward Bowling Green