

Public Meeting #1

Thursday, June 20, 2013

US 60 Bridge Replacement Study Livingston County

A public meeting was held on June 20, 2013 at the University of Kentucky's Livingston County Cooperative Extension office. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), Parsons Brinckerhoff and their sub consultant Third Rock Consulting had staff present to answer any questions from the public. The purpose of the meeting was to provide citizens interested in the project to review documented existing conditions as well as initial alternatives development.

A total of 38 citizens signed in at the meeting. The meeting was held in an open house format with no formal presentation. Information boards were arranged around the room and included the following information:

- Study process and schedule
- Existing conditions maps including bridge and roadway characteristics, and the traffic and safety analysis
- Environmental maps, including the environmental overview and the cultural and historic overview
- Purpose and need
- Study area map

Handouts and survey forms were also available and included the following information:

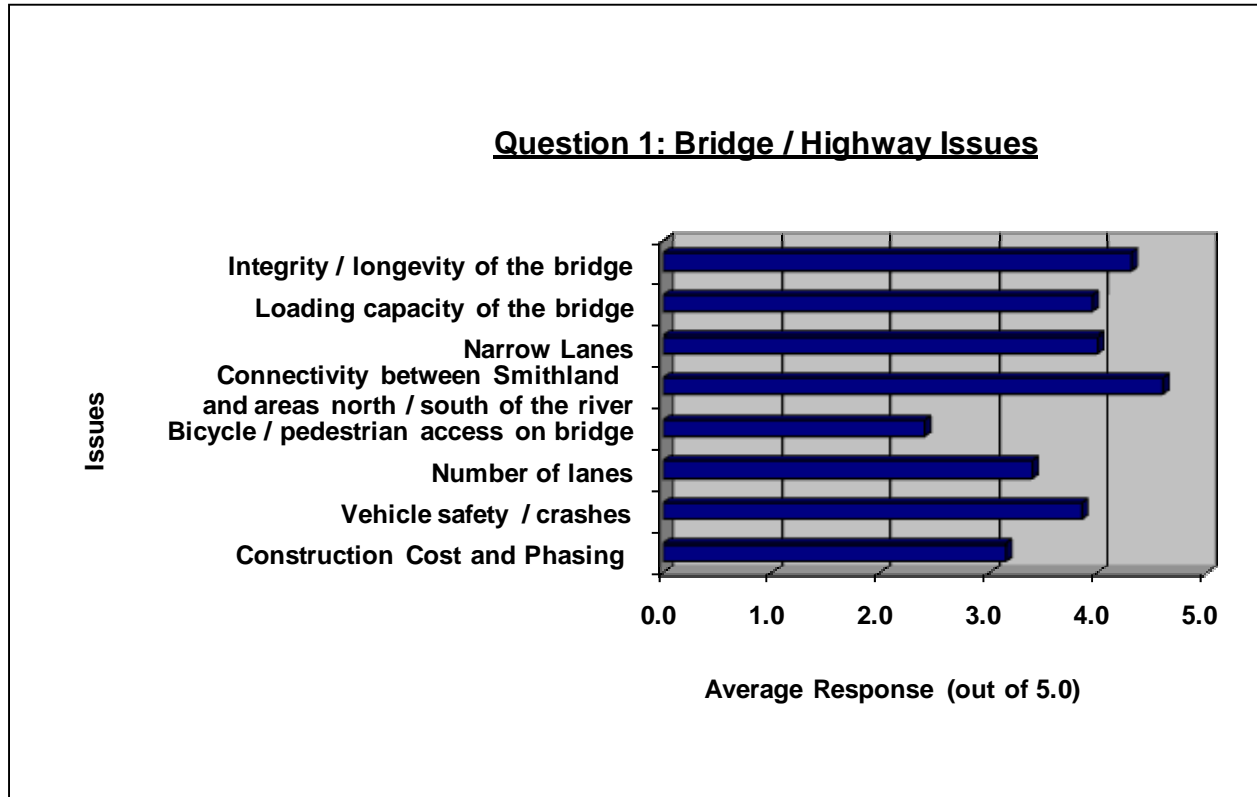
- A Frequently Asked Questions document with information about the study purpose, process, issues and alternatives, as well as information on how to provide feedback
- A survey form with questions about study issues and alternatives

Summaries of the public comments received are presented on the following pages.

Summary of Responses

Comment forms were available at the public meeting and could be returned either at the meeting or sent via mail following the meeting. A link to a survey on survey monkey was also provided as a way to submit comments. Twelve forms were returned at the meeting, one was returned via mail and seven were collected via the internet survey.

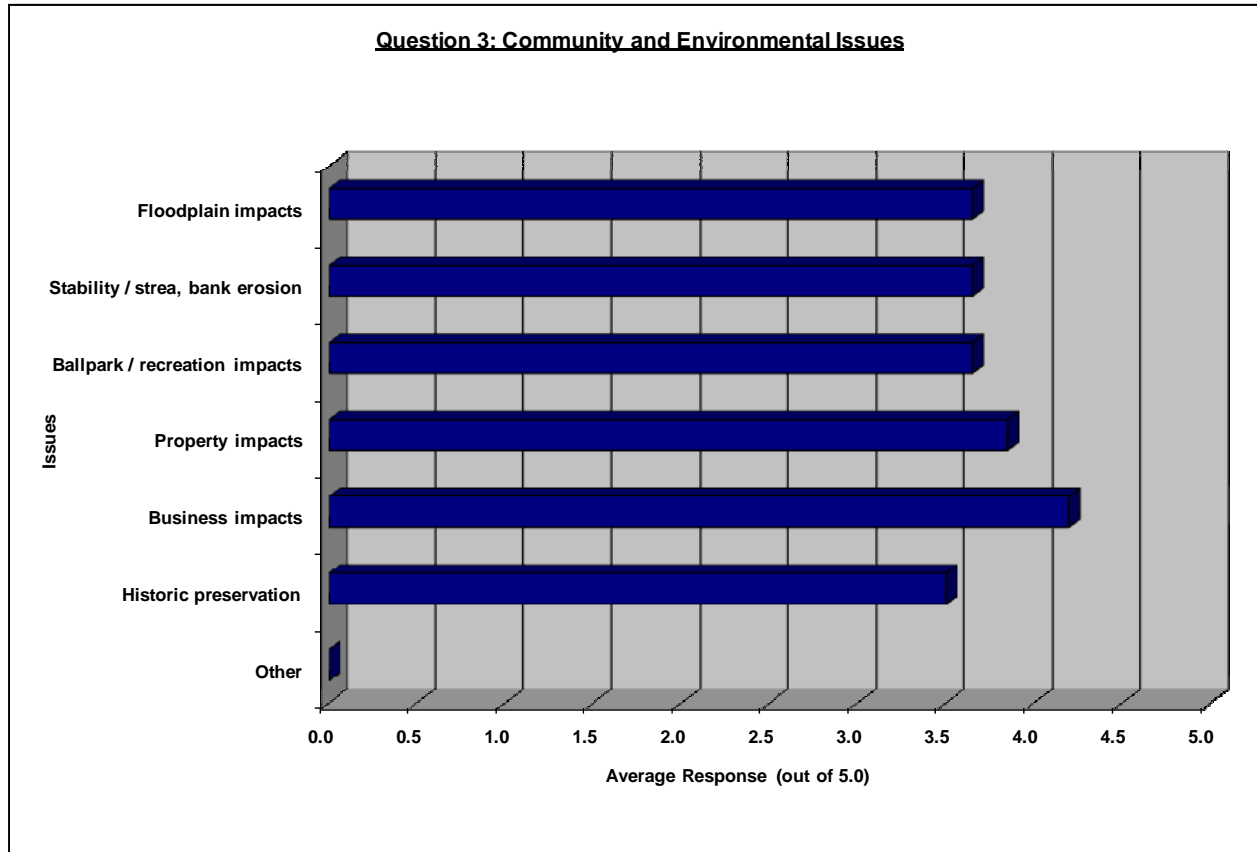
1) How important to you are the following bridge / highway issues for this study? (5 indicates high importance)



2) In your opinion, are there other issues or problems in the area that are associated with the bridge that you would like to have considered in this study?

- The bridge is vital to the county. There is no satisfactory alternative route for school busses to transport between the high school and middle school.
- Access to Paducah/Wickliffe on US 60, connections to Manion / Monyanfield / Henderson
- Improvements should be to the west through Smithland
- Safety of bridge, not letting it get too bad before replacement
- Barge traffic
- The Speed limit on and before or after crossing the bridge
- I believe the road needs to be raised to prevent flooding so the road can be traveled when high water is possible

3) How important to you are the following community and environmental issues for this study? (5 indicates high importance)



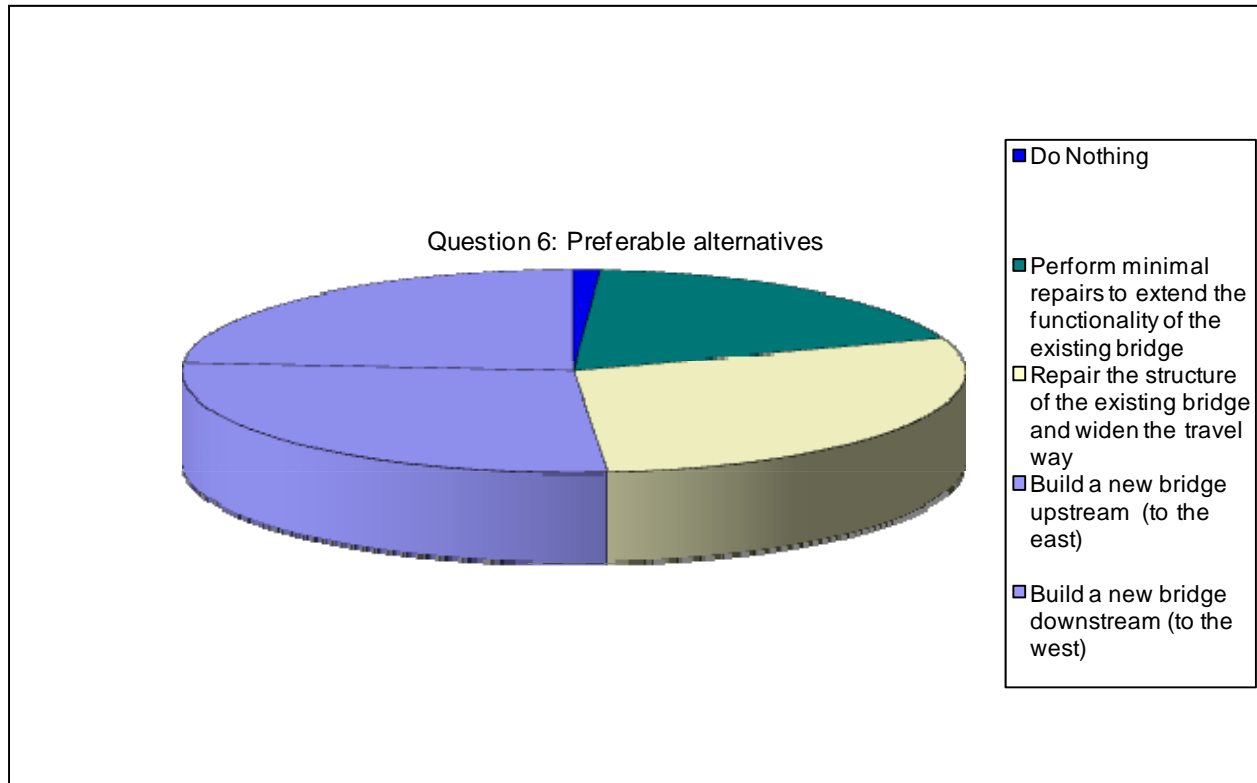
4) Please list all community features / areas that you would want to avoid with a new bridge alignment. Be as specific as possible including location.

- Fairgrounds and ball parks
- Maintain historic integrity of Smithland
- Bridge should go west of old bridge because of boat traffic
- Salt point historic trading spot
- Whatever it takes
- I would want to avoid interrupting the ball park

5) Please list all environmental features / areas that you would want to avoid with a new bridge alignment. Be as specific as possible including location.

- How impact on existing environmental things – trees – animals
- Indian burial grounds if they exist
- Farther ending of ???? sides
- The farmland on the southern side of the bridge
- Whatever it takes

6) Some possible alternatives include the following. Please rank them by your preference (i.e. 1 being the preferred and 5 being the least desirable). Please feel free to add in any additional options you can think of at this time as well.



7) What do you / the community think is an acceptable closure / detour option during construction? Are there any other ideas to help with minimizing the impacts and disruption to travel during the construction?

- No acceptable closure / detour. Construct a new bridge prior to removing existing bridge from service. Timing and planning are critical to avoid this situation.
- As short as safely possible.
- Build new bridge similar to Tennessee River Bridge at Ledbetter. Utilize existing structure until new bridge is completed.
- Build 50' down river to minimize traffic disruption.
- Leave old bridge open if possible while new bridge is being built.
- Put in temporary ferry.
- I wish during the construction of the bridge that travel on the old bridge not be compromised.
- Do not close the existing bridge. One lane at a time during repairs is acceptable.
- There is no other detour option. Eddyville is too far a detour when you work in Paducah. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CLOSE BRIDGE UNTIL NEW ONE IS BUILT!

8) Are there other issues that we have not yet covered that you feel would be of great importance?

- Build bridge with four (4) lanes. If US 60 is eventually four-laned between Wickliffe and Henderson this would be a major bottle neck with a two lane Cumberland River Bridge. US 60 remains a vital link and traffic will increase. Northern connection to remainder of KY is needed and should be upgraded similar to US 68-KY 80.
- No bypass. Bridge and road should remain passing through Smithland.
- A walk across the bridge for walkers.
- Closing the bridge would have impact on our schools. With the middle school on the north side and the high school on the south side and both schools serve the whole county.