

Appendix F

Public Information Meeting Summary

SUMMARY OF COMMENT FORMS

Public Information Meetings

KY 90 Improvements

Metcalfe and Cumberland Counties

KYTC Item No. 8-136.00

Summer Shade Elementary School, February 28, 2006
Cumberland County Middle School, March 2, 2006

The public information meetings were conducted to (1) inform the public of the proposed KY 90 improvement project from the Metcalfe-Barren County line to KY 61 in Burkesville in Cumberland County, and (2) to receive their input/comments concerning issues to consider and problems to correct. Citizens were provided a handout containing: a map of the project study area; comment form; and a list of draft project goals, purpose of the study, scope of work, public involvement, study schedule, and the District 8 point of contact for additional information.

A staffed information table with a sign-in sheet was present at the entrance. Comment forms were sequentially numbered and color-coded for control purposes. The meetings were conducted in an informal format. No formal presentation was given. No formal oral comments were recorded or documented. An automated power-point slide presentation was in operation, along with the handouts and two sets of exhibits. Exhibits included the following: 1) aerial photograph of the study area with an environmental overview; 2) existing traffic volumes, level of service, and crash information; and 3) proposed typical section. Staff members from KYTC and Qk4 were available and circulated to offer assistance, elicit comments, and answer questions. All attendees were asked to complete a comment form and either submit it at the meeting, or return it in the provided postage-paid envelopes. Two hundred two (202) citizens attended the meetings (106 at Summer Shade, 96 at Burkesville), and twenty-eight (28) comment forms were returned, representing 37 people. Summaries and representative statements of the public comments received are presented below, with the number of times stated in parentheses. Text in brackets was inserted for clarity.

1. How did you hear about this public meeting? (check all that apply)

Newspaper	14	TV	0	Friend/Family	5	Do Not Recall	0
Letter	2	Radio	6	Elected Official	2		
Flyer	1	Meeting	2	Other	9	(trailer billboard most frequent answer)	

2. Do you feel there are problem areas with KY 90 that should be addressed with this project?

Yes 37 No 0

If “yes”, please describe any specific locations and types of improvements you feel are needed along KY 90. (Use attached map if necessary to clarify your response.)

- Dangerous road. (8x) Especially at night. No place to pull off roadway if have mechanical problems with vehicle; or when meet oncoming wide vehicle (e.g., large semi-trucks, recreational vehicles and boats). (3x) Postal delivery vehicles can obstruct roadway at mailboxes because no shoulder to pull off road onto. Numerous accidents and fatalities. (5x) Heavily used by Cumberland Co workers commuting daily to work in Glasgow. Narrow road, narrow bridges. (2x) High crash sites at intersections of KY 90/KY 163, KY 90/KY 640 (Summer Shade). (4x) Exiting KY 90 onto driveway/side road causes traffic to slowdown and backup, increasing probability of rear-end crashes, or risky passing.
- Too many speeding vehicles [cars and trucks], especially through reduced speed zones [i.e., towns]. (3x) Install traffic light at school road intersection in Summer Shade. (2x) Metcalfe Co school transportation official also cited excessive speed as a serious problem/safety issue.

- Large volume of commercial/semi truck traffic. (7x) "...big problem with chicken trucks traveling from/to Albany. ...lots of spills."
- Large volume of tourist traffic and recreational vehicles (e.g., RV's, boats and trailers, large house boats pulled by large trucks). (6x)
- Slow moving agricultural equipment frequently use roadway. (2x)
- KY 90 needs to be widened and wider shoulders. (6x)
- No/narrow shoulders. (10x) Uneven pavement surface between mainline and shoulder, especially west of Summer Shade. (10x) No/low shoulders with no supporting substrate. If wheels leave driving lane, then little chance of recovery and high probability of property damage/crash.
- Bypass the small towns: Summer Shade (8x), Beaumont (3x), Marrowbone (4x), Waterview (1x), Grider (1x), Burkesville (2x). [Comment was frequently made as a means of removing speeding trucks from the town streets.]
- Project is 40 years overdue; or, needed for many years. (3x)
- Sharp curve in Marrowbone. (3x)
- Sawmill Cut curve/Saw Mill Hill [*i.e.*, Burkesville Hill]. (4x) Straighten or change slope. Slippery when rains, fog, snow, ice; freezes quickly, before other roads. Several accidents and deaths in the area. (4x) One claimed more crashes and deaths than indicated on meeting graphic.
- Bypass Burkesville to the south. Would decrease traffic (especially freight truck) through Sawmill Cut/Burkesville Hill, and at the KY 90/KY 61 intersection in Burkesville, improving traffic turning movements at the only traffic light in Burkesville. Cutting back rock at Sawmill Cut would be ineffective because most crashes occur during inclement weather.
- Claylick curve [exact location unknown, west of Burkesville hill], straighten out curve.
- Widen narrow bridges and narrow road spots.
- "[KY 90] should be top priority for improvement."
- "I drive on KY 90 every day. I think it is very sad KY 90 is a bad road.... Why can't we have a good road from Burkesville to Glasgow ... like other [roads out of Burkesville] and other adjoining counties? [provided examples of good roads from Burkesville to: Albany, Columbia, and Celina, TN]
- Improve signing, sight distance at KY 90/KY 163 intersection. KY 163 drivers frequently fail to stop and wait/yield right-of-way, incorrectly believing intersection is a 4-way stop. [intersection is scheduled for reconstruction as part of KY 163 reconstruction, KYTC item no. 3-276.50]
- Personal account of a crash, bodily injury, totaled car at KY 90/KY 163 intersection before caution light installed. Claimed they were one of many crashes at intersection. "How many people have to get killed or hurt before the road gets fixed? We need a 4-lane road from Burkesville to Glasgow to take care of all the traffic. But if we had a 2-lane wide road it would be very nice."
- "Road should be made into a 4-lane highway. If not possible, it should be widened, and passing [lanes] and shoulders should be built."
- Improvement should be a 4-lane highway, similar to SR 111 between Livingston and Cookeville in Tennessee, or KY 68 between Bowling Green and Russeville.
- Cumberland Co Water District official, employed since about 1980: "...all congested areas along KY 90 should be addressed. ...I feel KY 90 is very dangerous. Traffic has become 4 times as heavy with all the trucks."
- Improve vertical geometry to increase sight distances [would improve passing safety].
- Replace Dutch Creek Bridge (3x) Bridge lanes and approach lanes are too narrow, especially when meeting oncoming truck traffic. Forced onto non-existent shoulders. Excessive vehicle speeds.
- Many frustrated drivers try to pass when they shouldn't. Examples: slower speed through towns, slow traffic entering KY 90 from side roads/driveways, farm machinery on narrow 2-lane

road, limited opportunities to pass, 3 or more semi-trucks grouped together on 2-lane road, heavy on-coming traffic volume frequently prevents passing in areas where passing is possible. (4x)

- “Dangerous curves [at Beaumont Cemetery] and we need extra lanes due to heavy traffic.” (2x)
- Roadway/curve at Barren-Metcalf County line needs repair and straightening. Dangerous area. Too many crashes and injuries/deaths. “Dead man curve.” (9x)
- In Summer Shade business and school area, need turning lanes and much wider shoulders.
- “We are pleased with the work done several years ago near the Summer Shade Cemetery and TVA substation.” [truck climbing lane added; driving lanes and shoulders widened, respectively]
- Increased law enforcement of speed limits. (5x)
- “Just widen the roads — straightening them will make it more dangerous.”
- Spot improvements only.
- New route/alignment for KY 90 not needed; just widen existing roadway.
- Need passing lanes. Too much on-coming traffic to pass safely.

3. How would roadway improvements positively or negatively affect communities along KY 90?

- Better traffic flow if communities bypassed. (3x)
- Any improvements would be positive. (5x)
- One comment sheet claimed 95 percent of people would be willing to sell their property to improve safety of roadway. (submitter owns property at/near a curve; volunteered to sell lots)
- KY 90 heavily traveled by tourists. Improving road could improve local economies. (4x)
- Road would be safer. (7x) Fewer crashes, turnovers, injuries, fatalities, less property damage.
- Bypassing Summer Shade “would be devastating to the service stations and convenience stores,” but it would also make the area safer from speeding drivers.
- Do not bypass Summer Shade. “We need these small businesses.”
- “Cumberland County has no airport, no railroads, no water transportation. We need the best road system we can get to help our community to survive and prosper. ...[then] we can attract more business, companies, and tourists ... improve our job situation ... and [retain] our younger population [upon] graduation from high school.”
- An improved highway (especially a 4-lane) would tell people future improvements are not likely, and encourage them to invest in new homes and businesses along the highway.
- A new “4-lane highway would straighten and eliminate most curves [horizontal and vertical], the speed limit could be more constant, and more people would use the highway. ...attract more freight trucks from I-65 to I-40 and bypass Nashville because the distance would be shorter and faster along KY 90 and [KY] 61 south into Tennessee.” [negative affect?]
- Provide better access to health care/medical facilities, education, and employment opportunities in Glasgow.
- Potential residential displacements and right-of-way acquisitions.

4. Are there areas or sites in the study area we should avoid (e.g., natural areas or habitats, recreational areas, historic or cultural sites, hazardous materials sites, scenic areas, viewsheds), or any additional environmental issues we need to address? Please identify and explain why.

- Cemeteries, churches.
- Historic Presbyterian Church in Marrowbone.
- Historic buildings in Summer Shade and Marrowbone.
- Unmarked cemetery, north side of KY 90, east of Barren-Metcalf County line, just west of Froedje-Dubre Road. [included a small hand drawn map of location]

5. Please list any specific community groups or individuals who should be involved in this study.

- Several people submitted names of the various businesses located along KY 90, plus the generic terms of “farmers along KY 90,” or anyone who lives or works on KY 90.
- County judges, magistrates, town officials schools.
- Burkesville-Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce
- State parks, Henderick Creek Resort, Sulphur Creek Resort. [Believe intention was to contact tourist/RV destination sites and provide information/educate.]
- Contact/canvas commercial establishments that are semi-tractor trailer/truck origination and destination points to inform/educate dispatchers and drivers.
- Dale Rowlett, fire chief (familiar with problem areas and crash sites), magistrate
- Kay Harbison (local historian)
- USPS carriers on the route.

6. Additional Comments.

- Spot repairs are not an efficient use of money, unless part of a total KY 90 reconstruction plan. (3x)
- Rebuild it now! (2x)
- Straightening/improving the most troubled spots would improve safety, save lives. (3x)
- Personal account of a stepdaughter killed, son permanently injured, on KY 90 in Grider, 1982. “I think any improvements to KY 90 would be good.”
- Many people and students use KY 90 to commute to work or school in Glasgow, Bowling Green, and surrounding counties.
- “The speed and number of semi/tractor trailer and log trucks are a huge factor with accidents on highway 90 — AND poultry trucks more so than any other large truck!” [Note. Poultry trucks frequently cited as the most dangerous traffic/offenders in discussions with local citizens.]
- Difficult to slow or stop traffic when funeral processions depart McMurtrey Funeral Home [Summer Shade, north side KY 90, vicinity of road to elementary school]
- “Come on down and travel the road for about a week, during early morning (6-8 am) and evening (3-6 pm).”
- “KY 90 should not be moved. It only needs small improvements. It only need to be widen out in some places. A small shoulder would help greatly.”
- “We have been neglected for many years considering the amount of traffic 90 carries.”

Several submitted their own KY 90 alignment recommendations, hand drawn on the handout map, as generally described below.

- Essentially a straight line drawn from the KY 90/KY 163 intersection to the KY 90/KY 691 intersection west of Burkesville; then a southern bypass of Burkesville with a new bridge crossing the Cumberland River to reconnect with KY 90 just south of the KY 1880 intersection.
- One person submitted map indicating the locations and number of fatalities he had knowledge of, and some he had “been witness to”. Time period not indicated, but sites appeared to sum to 14. [Two locations corresponded to already identified high crash sites.]
- Southern bypasses of Summer Shade, Beaumont, and Waterview to Burkesville. Northern bypass of Marrowbone.

KENTUCKY 90 STUDY

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

February 28 & March 2, 2006

Draft KY 90 Project Goals:

- Improve Safety
- Meet Current Design Standards
- Improve Roadway to Accommodate Large Vehicles
- Minimize/Avoid Impacts to Potential Historic Districts
- Minimize/Avoid Impacts to Communities
- Improve Access to Recreational, Employment, Educational, and Health Care Facilities in South Central Kentucky

Public Involvement:

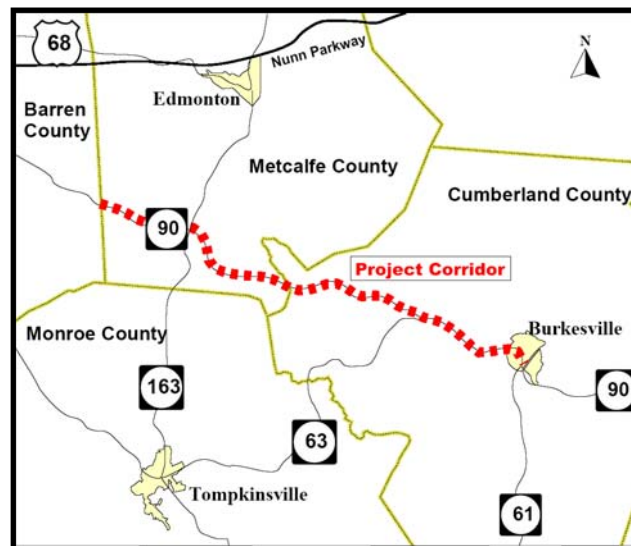
1. Project Team Meetings (2)
2. Public Meetings (2)
3. Resource Agency Coordination (1)
4. Website: http://transportation.ky.gov/planning/projects/dist_8.asp

Schedule:

- Public Meetings: Feb/March 2006
- Develop Feasible Alternatives: May 2006
- Draft Report: August 2006
- Final Report: November 2006

Purpose of Study:

- Identify Issues to be Addressed in this Highway Study
- Seek Input from Public
- Gather/Develop Data
- Develop Alternatives
- Evaluate all the Alternatives
- Make Recommendations



Your Role This Evening:

Help Identify:

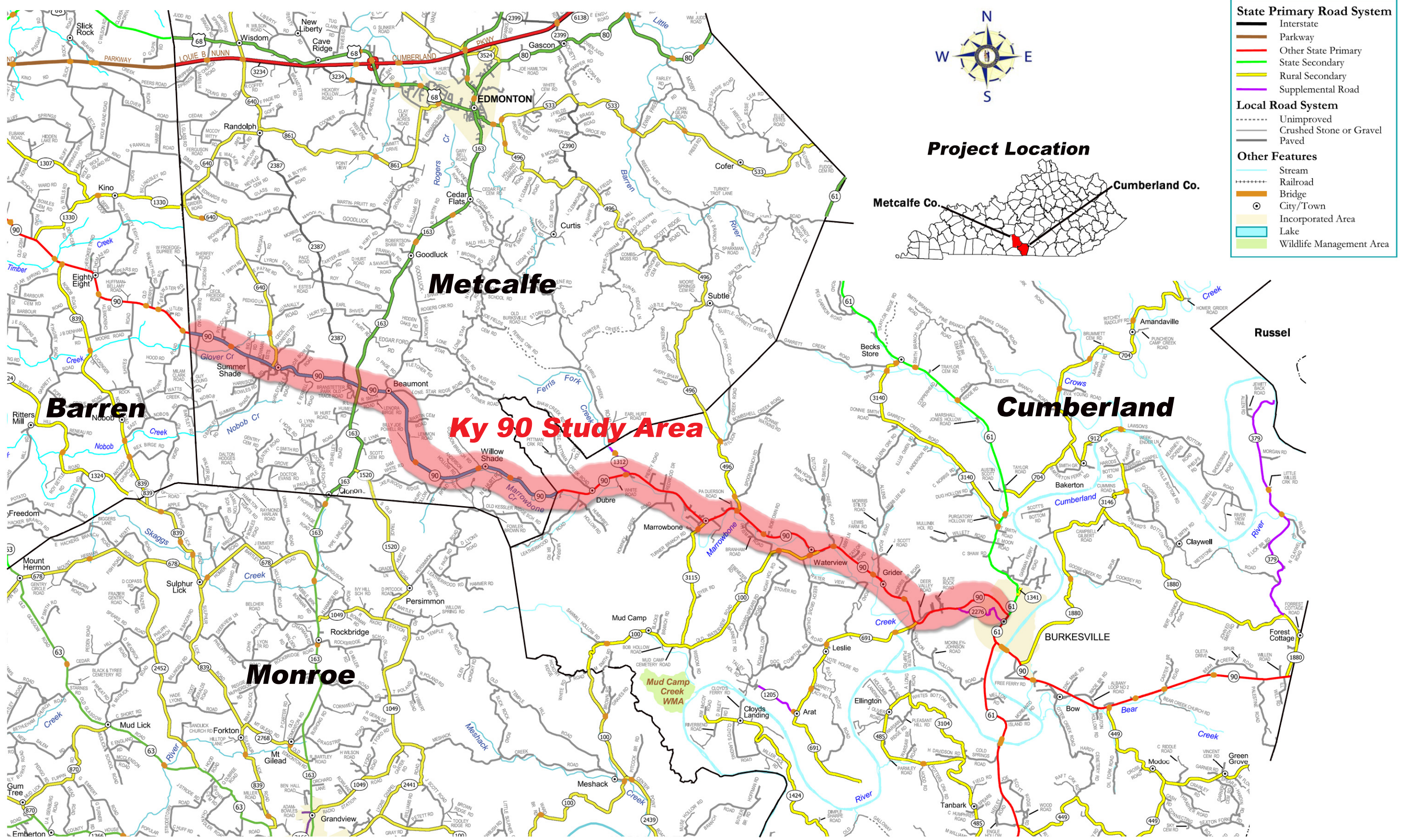
- Project Issues
- Goals for the project
- Possible Alternatives
 - Areas That are Dangerous
 - Areas That Should be Avoided
 - Areas That Should be Better Served

Scope of Work:

1. Analyze Existing Highway Conditions
2. Prepare Environmental Overview
3. Involve Public
4. Develop Project Goals
5. Identify Feasible Alternatives
6. Prepare Report

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COMMENT FORM

Public Information Meeting



KY 90 Improvements Metcalfe and Cumberland Counties KYTC Item No. 8-136.00

We need your help! The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is conducting a study of potential roadway improvements to KY 90 from the Metcalfe-Barren County line to KY 61 in Burkesville in Cumberland County. A map of the project study area is attached.

You can help us by completing this comment form. The information you provide will help us understand the transportation needs in your area, where problems might exist, determine what types of improvements are needed, the locations of those improvements, identify areas to be avoided, and what impacts any improvements would have on your community and region. Please complete this form and return it to Transportation Cabinet staff here tonight, or use the postage-paid envelope provided to submit your comments by Friday, March 17, 2006. We appreciate your participation and value your comments. Each person should complete a separate comment form.

Name: _____

Representing (title, agency, organization, if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone (optional): _____ **Date:** _____

All comments are welcome! We appreciate your participation!

1. How did you hear about this public meeting?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

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6. Additional Comments.

Thank you for your comments. Use additional pages if necessary.
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