Appendix E Local Officials / Stakeholders Meeting Minutes

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Project: Kentucky 90 Pre-Design Scoping Study, Item No. 8-136.00

Purpose: Local Officials Meeting

Place: Burkesville Fire Dept. Training Center, 200 Upper River Street, Burkesville, KY

Meeting Date: August 28, 2003, 10:00 a.m. (central time)

Prepared By: Chad Snellen

In Attendance: David Martin KYTC, Central Office, Division of Planning

Tom Clouse KYTC, District 8, Planning

Johnny Carter Cumberland County Water District

Edward Anderson District 2 Magistrate
Earl Branham District 4 Magistrate

J.V. Groce District 3 Magistrate
Ricky Melton County Road Foreman

Tim Hicks Cumberland County Judge Executive

Don M. Butler II Metcalfe County Judge Executive

Dean Rowe Metcalfe
Donnie McWhorter Clinton

David Smith Qk4, Vice President

Chad Snellen Qk4, Transportation Engineer

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Following the project description, Mr. Smith used a PowerPoint presentation to conduct the meeting and generate open discussion of the agenda items (see attachment A).

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<u>Previous Studies</u>. Improvements to KY 90 in District 3 west of the current project area and a section of KY 61 north of Burkesville will be investigated as a possible source of information, concerning existing conditions of the proposed project area. Mr. Smith asked the audience if anyone knew of any other projects adjacent to the study area. A meeting attendee mentioned a section of KY 163 that is scheduled for reconstruction in the near future.

<u>Scope of Work</u>. Mr. Smith went through the major elements of the Scope of Work, with a brief discussion of each:

- 1. Analyze Existing Highway Conditions
- 2. Prepare Environmental Overview/Footprint
- 3. Develop Project Goals
- 4. Identify Alternatives
- 5. Recommendations
- 6. Report
- 7. Public Involvement

Study Schedule. Mr. Smith presented the schedule, which is as follows:

• Environmental Overview Fall 2003

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• Draft Report March 2004

• Final Report May 2004

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Environmental Information. Mr. Smith presented Historical information provided by Helen Powell & Company, Inc. and explained how that information could limit what types of improvements could be proposed in specific areas. Widening of KY 90 in the historic districts mentioned below would be difficult without affecting some of the historic buildings or property. A possible solution to this, as a local official pointed out, would be a realignment of KY 90 to avoid any historic sites.

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Historic

- 3 Historic Districts (2 Existing Marrowbone and Burkesville, 1 Potential Waterview)
- 3 National Register Sites
- 53 Potential & Contributing
- 21 Survey Sites

Archaeological

- 4 Previous Investigations
- 9 Recorded Sites
- 7 Cemeteries
- 100 Possible Historic Sites

<u>Issues, Problems/Needs.</u> Mr. Smith led the group in a brainstorming exercise to identify project and planning issues, problems, needs, and opportunities using colored post-it notes. Mr. Smith re-iterated that input from team meeting attendees – especially those familiar with the area – was a critical source of information. The group's written comments generally fell into the following five major categories:

- Geometric and Safety Issues
- Truck and Recreational Vehicles
- Historical and Environmental Issues
- Community Impacts (Amish)
- Economic Development

Alternatives.

Locations Identified by the Group for Further Study for Possible Spot Improvements:

- o Flooding of KY 90 west of KY 496 and Marrowbone Creek.
- o Reconstruct several curves that are currently signed for a 45 mph speed limit.
- o Cutting back high rock walls two miles East of Farris Fork Bridge, in Cumberland County.
- o Minimize impacts on possible historic districts around the small towns of Marrowbone and Willow Shade. Also consider impacts to local Amish Community and farms when considering possible alternatives.
- Improvements to Existing Highways:
 - o KY 90 West of Beaumont was recently improved.

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Data Collection.

- Available Data
- Construction Costs
- Right of Way & Utility Costs
- New Data
- Aerial Photography
- Real Estate Information

Local Agency Coordination.

- Special Concerns?
 - O A general concern among the group was the historic district at the community of Marrowbone, one suggestion from the group was a re-alignment of KY 90 to completely avoid this area.
- Special Issues?
 - O According to several members of the audience weekend traffic should be considered during the planning phase, and the use of turning and passing lanes would greatly improve the current situation.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 am.

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ATTACHMENT A – AGENDA

Kentucky 90 Pre-Design Scoping Study Local Officials Meeting Agenda

Date: August 28, 2003

Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Burkesville Fire Dept. Training Center, 200 Upper River Street

Burkesville, KY

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 - b. Prior Studies/Reports
 - c. Major Scope Elements
 - d. Project Schedule
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Purpose: Stakeholders Meeting

Place: Burkesville Fire Dept. Training Center, 200 Upper River Street, Burkesville, KY

Meeting Date: August 28, 2003, 1:00 p.m. (central time)

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Tom Clouse KYTC, District 8, Planning Jeff Moore KYTC, District 3, Planning

Keirsten Jaggers KYTC, District 3, Public Information Officer

John B. Matheney Barren River Area Development District

Tim Sparks Metcalfe County Highway Department

Cordell Flirty Cumberland County
Boyd Alexander Cumberland County
Preston Graves Cumberland County

Dorothy Anderson Dubre

Cyndi Pritchett Cumberland County News
Weldon Rocoe Burkesville Fire Department

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- Economic Development
- Need of Sidewalks in Marrowbone District
- Adding Shoulders and Widening of Lanes for Truck Traffic
- Passing and Truck Climbing Lanes
- Flooding at Marrowbone

On one of the posted graphics, Mr. Smith with the help of meeting attendees pointed out and circled four problem areas that should be considered when planning improvements to KY 90. The areas represented were a segment near the town of Dubre, a sharp curve and problem with flooding at Marrowbone, a portion of KY 90 at Dutch Creek and sharp curves with high rock walls at Sawmill Cut just West of Burkesville.

Alternatives.

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- o Replacing Bridge at Casey Fork.
- o Providing Shoulders along KY 90.
- o Widening of Lanes East of Beaumont.
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Local Agency Coordination.

- Special Concerns?
 - o Flooding of KY 90 near Marrowbone should be addressed when proposed alternates are being considered.
 - o Recreational weekend traffic is also a problem to be considered.
 - o Truck traffic is heavy as a result of drivers attempting to avoid scales.
- Special Issues?
 - o The Amish community is generally located between Dutch Creek and KY 100 the community includes an Amish Church and School, which is located on Chism Road.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm.

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