

**Public Meeting Summary**  
**Science Hill Railroad Crossing Scoping Study**  
**January 29, 2019**  
**5:00 to 7:00 PM**

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and project consultants (the project team) held an open house public meeting for the Science Hill Railroad Crossing Scoping Study on January 29, 2019. The meeting was held at Science Hill Christian Church at 1170 Stanford Street in Science Hill. The purpose of the meeting was to present build alternatives and to gather public input on the options presented.

**Public Notice**

In advance of the meeting, the KYTC notified the public by:

- 1) Placing advertisements in the Commonwealth Journal (January 25 & 27) and Casey County News (January 23).
- 2) Posting the meeting notice, project information, and a link to an electronic survey on the District 8 website.
- 3) Mailing a postcard to the five postal routes in Science Hill, representing approximately 2,400 residents.
- 4) Posting a notice on social media platforms via District 8's Facebook account.

**Welcome**

In total, 80 members of the public and 12 project team members signed in at the public meeting. Project team members greeted attendees at the door and offered each a study area map that included a statement of the project's purpose, brief descriptions of alternatives, link to the online survey, and contact information. The survey was also provided in hard-copy format.

**Presentation Boards and Videos**

The project team did not make a formal presentation. Each of the build alternatives was presented on large exhibit boards at two stations for the public to review, discuss, and ask questions of KYTC and consultant staff.

**Survey Results**

Throughout the 15-day comment period, 181 survey responses were received. Overall, the majority of respondents (88%) felt an improved connection was needed; access/reliability was cited as the primary need. When asked about alternative preferences, 50% preferred a Northern route, 19% preferred Southern, 13% preferred Middle and the remainder did not have a preference. Of the Northern options, 40% preferred Blue and 23% preferred Yellow with the remainder not having a preference.

Adding a Molen Street connection was generally preferred (53% like, 10% dislike, 37% blank). The need to fix Mill Hill was a recurring theme (65% like, 19% dislike, 16% blank). Whether to consider sidewalks was fairly evenly divided (46% like, 19% dislike, 35% blank). Other comment themes stressed the importance of implementing the project, improving emergency response times, and avoiding church impacts.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:20 PM.