

Appendix D – Meeting Summaries

SUMMARY-Public Information Meetings

Public Information Meetings No. 1a and 1b

Item No. 9-406.00

Boyd-Greenup Small Urban Area Study

Boyd and Greenup Counties



Greenup County - Meeting No. 1a

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

City of Flatwoods Senior Center

2513 Reed Street

Flatwoods, Kentucky 41139

Boyd County - Meeting No. 1b

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Ashland Commissioners' Chambers

1700 Greenup Avenue

Ashland, Kentucky 41101

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), Kentucky-Ohio-West Virginia Planning Commission (KYOVA), and project consultant (project team) held two informal, open-house public meetings for the Boyd-Greenup Small Urban Area (SUA) Study. Public meeting 1a was held in Greenup County on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in Flatwoods, Kentucky and public meeting 1b was held in Boyd County on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 in Ashland, Kentucky. Primary meeting objectives were to gather information and verify current issues and needs on traffic congestion, crash locations, roadway deficiencies, drainage problems, bike and pedestrian facilities, and environmental concerns in the study area.

Public Notice

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

1. Posting a meeting notice, study information and a link to the online engagement webpage on the District 9 webpage.
2. Posting a notice on social media platforms via District 9's Facebook and Twitter accounts (January 9 and 17).
3. Issuing news releases to *The Ironton Tribune* (January 10), *The Herald Dispatch* (January 13), and *The Independent* (January 17 and 18).
4. On-camera television interviews with WSAZ Huntington and WOWK Huntington, both of which ran teaser stories during daytime broadcasts on meeting days as well as in-depth evening coverage.

In addition to KYTC's notifications, the Facebook group, Build Ashland, posted study and meeting information on January 17. Matt Perkins, Ashland City Commissioner and mayor-elect, also shared the Build Ashland Facebook post.

Attendance

In total, 27 members of the public and 11 project team members signed in at public meeting 1a, and 38 members of the public and 13 project team members at public meeting 1b. Attendees were greeted and offered an informational brochure including a study area map, study purpose, link to the interactive webpage, existing conditions, and contact information. Attendees were encouraged to share traffic and safety ideas and concerns at the meeting in one of two ways: online via available iPads or offline by marking up large-scale map displays.

Exhibits

The project team did not conduct formal presentations. Large-scale study area maps were provided for the public to review, discuss, and ask questions of the project team.

Public Responses

The project team discussed study area issues with attendees and made note of their concerns and project suggestions. Summarized comments are located in Section 5 of this document.

