

STUDY PURPOSE, ISSUES, AND DRAFT PROJECT GOALS

KY 1006 (5TH STREET) IMPROVEMENTS LAUREL COUNTY

STUDY PURPOSE

The purpose of the KY 1006 (5th Street) Scoping Study is to identify and evaluate potential improvements between US 25 and KY 192. The “Enacted Kentucky Six-Year Highway Plan FY 2007 – 2012” includes no further project development activity other than the Scoping Study. The study is further intended to help define the purpose of the project and better meet Federal requirements regarding consideration of environmental issues, as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Tasks included in this study include:

- Discuss project needs and issues with the Project Team, local officials, and other interested stakeholders,
- Define project goals,
- Identify any known environmental concerns,
- Identify and evaluate a range of potential alternative short- and long-term project solutions, and
- Recommend a set of short- and long-term project solutions to be further examined in any subsequent project development phases.

ISSUES

Major issues and concerns have been identified within the study area that will be addressed in the Scoping Study. These include:

- KY 1006 (5th Street) is transitioning from a predominantly residential corridor to a commercial corridor
- The Bennett Center/Union College complex experiences most of its commuter activity in the evening, while the neighboring YMCA center is mostly active in the day/business hours
- The existing hospital is relocating to new facilities currently under design in the vicinity of I-75; this may alter existing traffic flow patterns
- Safety is a serious issue, especially in the vicinity of the “Bennett Hill” and Falls Drive intersection
- Historic Property issues are likely

DRAFT PROJECT GOALS

For the KY 1006 (5th Street) Improvements project, several draft project goals have been identified. These include:

- Improve safety on 5th Street
- Improve traffic flow
- Historic preservation
- Context sensitive design solutions
- ADA design accommodations
- Economic development

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