

**MINUTES**  
**Public Involvement Meeting**

**KY 32 Alternatives Study – Rowan/Elliott Counties**  
**KYTC Item No. 9-192.00**

Elliott County High School Gymnasium  
Elliott County, Kentucky  
Tuesday, March 24, 2009  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM (Open House)

An open house meeting was held for the public on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Elliott County High School Gymnasium in Sandy Hook, Kentucky. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the public with an update on KY 32 Alternatives Study activities and solicit input on proposed improvement alternatives. The following Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), Area Development District (ADD), and consultant staff were in attendance:

Russ Brannon	FIVCO Area Development District
Bart Bryant	KYTC, Highway District 9
Brent Wells	KYTC, Highway District 9
Darrin Eldridge	KYTC, Highway District 9
Allen Blair	KYTC, Highway District 9
Robyn Ramey	KYTC, Highway District 9
Brian Gillum	KYTC, Highway District 9
Scott Clarke	KYTC, Highway District 9
Karen Mynhier	KYTC, Highway District 9
Danny Mineer	KYTC, Highway District 9
Rachel Catchings	KYTC, Highway District 9
Phil Mauney	KYTC, Highway District 9
Thomas Witt	KYTC, Central Office, Division of Planning
David Martin	KYTC, Central Office, Division of Planning
Jill Asher	KYTC, Central Office, Division of Planning
Amanda Spencer	Wilbur Smith Associates
Len Harper	Wilbur Smith Associates

Upon arrival, attendees were greeted at the door and asked to sign the attendance list. According to the sign-in sheet, there were 68 persons who attended the public meeting.

After signing, each attendee was given a survey questionnaire and a study information sheet (including proposed alternative maps). Attendees were asked to complete the survey prior to leaving the meeting, or return it to KYTC at a later date in the postage-paid envelope provided. State highway maps were also available at the sign-in table.

• **Exhibit Boards**

KYTC, ADD, and consultant staff escorted attendees in groups of 3 to 4 in guided tours of the exhibit boards. Two sets of the exhibit boards enabled tours to occur simultaneously at different locations. Following is a list of the exhibit boards in the order presented:

- Road Building Process
- Project Purpose and Need
- Proposed Improvement Alternatives (Combined) Map
- Proposed Alternative 1 Map (Improve Existing KY 32)

- Proposed Alternative 1P Map (Improve Existing KY 32 using Practical Solutions)
- Proposed Alternative 2 Map (New Route with Options A or B near terminus)
- Proposed Alternative 3 Map (New Route with Options A or B near terminus)
- Level 2 Screening Matrix
- Proposed Spot Improvements Map
- Spot Improvement Detail Matrix

- **Alternative Preference Station**

Once a tour was completed, each small group of attendees was given three small pieces of paper: one red, one green, and one yellow. Attendees were asked to indicate their preferences as to which alternative was their most favorite (green sheet), second most favorite (yellow sheet), and least favorite (red sheet) by placing the sheets into boxes marked with the name of each proposed alternative. The following table shows the number of sheets (by color) placed in each box.

	ALT 1	ALT 1P	ALT 2A	ALT 2B	ALT 3A	ALT 3B	SPOT IMPROVEMENTS ONLY	NO BUILD
<b>GREEN (Most Favorite)</b>	7	10	2	10	6	6	3	2
<b>YELLOW (Second Most Favorite)</b>	5	4	12	7	1	7	4	4
<b>RED (Least Favorite)</b>	2	7	5	4	7	4	6	11

- **Background Station**

A station with the following exhibits was set up for attendees who had questions or concerns about the study process and findings. Two staff members were available at this station to answer questions.

- Initial Proposed Improvement Concepts - Decision Summary
- Environmental Footprint
- Crash History
- Existing and Future Traffic Map

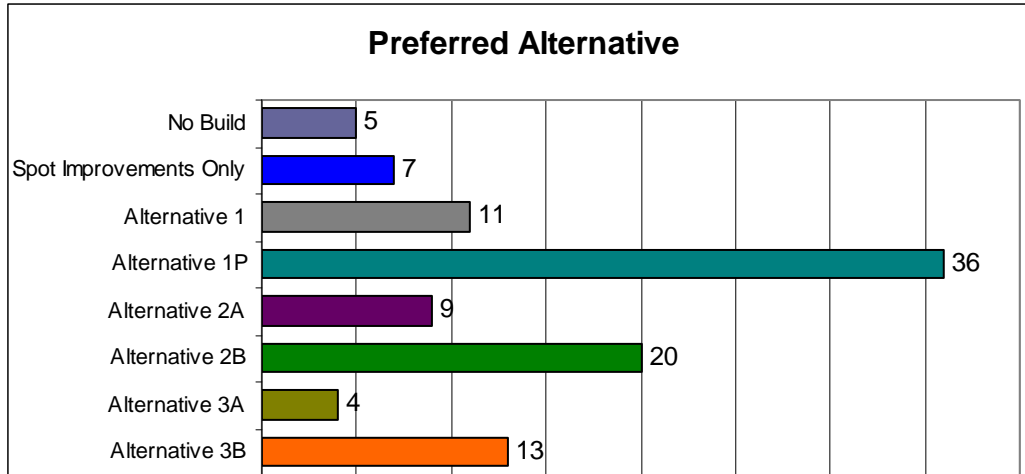
Attendees were invited to view the project exhibits and ask questions or discuss any issue with KYTC, ADD, and consultant staff.

- **Survey Area**

Tables were available for attendees to fill out their survey forms and read over the project information sheet. Refreshments were provided.

Thirteen (13) survey forms were returned during the meeting. An additional 23 surveys were received after the meeting, for a total of 36. Key findings are summarized below:

Attendees were asked to identify their first and second most preferred alternatives. Two points were assigned for a first preference and one point was assigned for a second preference. The results showing the total points are as follows:



As shown, Alternative 1P was most preferred and Alternative 2B was the second most preferred. Alternatives 3A and the No Build Alternative had the lowest point totals.

Attendees were asked to identify their least favorite alternative. Following are the 34 answers just as provided:

- 1, 1P
- 1
- 1, it will cost more in the long run
- 1P
- 1P
- 2A
- 2B
- 2B
- 2A and 3A
- 2A and 3A
- 2A / 3A
- 2A / 3A
- 2A&2B - 3A&3B
- 2A2B - 3A3B
- 2A & 3A
- Alt 3 - create most environmental damage. Most cultural damage - most expensive.
- 3 - This would devastate Laurel
- 3 option 3
- 3
- 3A
- 3A - way too much ecological damage
- 3B
- Option B
- Major widening
- Major widening 32
- Major widening of existing KY 32
- Major widening of existing KY 32
- Major widening of existing KY 32 (It would probably take my church)
- Spot improvement only
- Do Nothing
- Do Nothing
- Do Nothing
- Do Nothing
- I don't prefer any of being the least.

Attendees were asked which 3 spot improvements were most needed. Points were again assigned according to preference, and Spot Improvements J, K, and B were ranked the highest.

One e-mail with input was also received after the meeting. All surveys and comments will be included in the official meeting record.

- **Summary**

A total of 68 persons signed an attendance sheet at the two-hour public session. Forty-six (67.6%) of the attendees cast votes at the Alternative Preference station, and 36 (52.9%) completed and returned survey forms.

At the voting station, Alternatives 1P and 2B tied for the most preferred alternative, and the No Build Alternative was the least preferred alternative.

Surveys returned by attendees resulted in the following:

- According to points assigned for the attendees' preferences, Alternative 1P was the most preferred, and Alternative 2B was the second most preferred. Alternatives 3A and the No Build Alternative received the fewest points.
- The No Build appeared to be the least preferred alternative.
- For spot improvement locations, the attendees preferred Spot Improvements J, K, and B.

The meeting was closed at 7:00 p.m.