



STUDY PURPOSE, ISSUES AND PROJECT GOALS
Taylorsville NW KY 44/KY 55 Connector
Intermediate Planning Study
Spencer County
Item No. 5-347.00

Study Purpose

The purpose of this Intermediate Planning Study is to identify and gather critical information about the project corridor prior to the design phase, and to help define the location of possible roadway improvements that might better serve the residents of Spencer County. It will also aid the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in addressing the Federal requirements regarding consideration of environmental issues, as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The ultimate objectives of this study include:

- Defining project needs and goals
- Identifying the beginning and ending points of the project, as well as potential project locations and design concepts
- Discussing project needs and issues with public officials, government agencies, concerned citizens, and other groups with interest in the project
- Identifying known environmental concerns
- Exchanging information with the public

Preliminary Corridor Issues

Issues currently identified along the existing KY 44/KY 55 corridor include both congestion and safety. Some of the most evident safety issues are narrow lanes and shoulders and restricted sight distances. Other issues are as follows:

- The existing routes are experiencing poor levels of service
- Occurrences of sideswipe and rear end accidents although overall accident rates are low
- Poor geometrics on KY 44 west between Taylorsville and Mount Washington
- Possible development of new industrial area in Spencer County
- Spencer County is the State's fastest growing county (in percentage population growth)
- Need to accommodate future growth of the area
- Traffic between schools causes congestion through town

Preliminary Project Goals

KY 44 is functionally classified as a Rural Major Collector and KY 55 is designated as a Rural Major Collector from the Bullitt County line to KY 55 in Taylorsville and a Rural Minor Arterial from KY 55 South to KY 55 North in Taylorsville. Both routes are designated as State Secondary on the State System Classification. A proposed Northwest Connector would likely also have a functional class of a rural major collector road. Several preliminary goals have been identified for the Taylorsville NW KY 44/KY 55 Connector project, including:

- Alleviate current and projected KY 44 and KY 55 traffic congestion.
- Decrease accident rates on these routes.
- Accommodate future population growth
- Improve access for recreational/tourism traffic to Taylorsville Lake
- Accommodate increasing commercial and industrial traffic

Project Schedule

The current schedule for the project is:

Phase	Year	Funding
Design	FY 2003	\$1,000,000
Right-of-Way Acquisition	FY 2005	\$1,500,000
Utility Relocation	FY 2005	\$1,000,000
Construction	Not Scheduled	--

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