

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is undertaking a planning study to develop and evaluate alternatives for the improvement of US 25 between Dry Ridge and Crittenden in Grant County, Kentucky.

The planning study will (1) analyze existing conditions (including transportation, environmental, geotechnical, and socioeconomic issues), (2) estimate future travel conditions, and (3) identify and evaluate alternatives for the proposed project.

Throughout the planning process, comments, concerns, suggestions, and insight from the general public and local officials will be documented and considered.

PRELIMINARY PURPOSE & NEED STATEMENT
 The purpose of this project is to improve safety, correct geometric deficiencies, and provide for efficient traffic operations along US 25 between Dry Ridge and Crittenden.

*The purpose and need statement provides the foundation for successful decision making. This statement will **evolve** throughout the process. It will be **reexamined** and **refined** as appropriate throughout the study process by the US 25 Project Team with the **input** of the public and resource agencies.*

PRELIMINARY NEEDS IDENTIFIED
 The following issues have been identified along US 25 between Dry Ridge and Crittenden:
 (1) Vehicle crashes appear more frequent than on similar type facilities; (2) Close proximity to numerous crossings with main rail line; (3) School bus safety concerns; (4) Substandard roadway geometrics; and (5) Ability to appropriately handle detoured traffic due to I-75 incidents.

PRELIMINARY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- o Minimize Impacts to the Environment
- o Avoid or Minimize Impacts to Gates Lloyd Wildlife Management Area
- o Accommodate Bicyclists and Pedestrians
- o Improve System Connectivity
- o Improve Emergency Response Time
 - New Median Barriers along I-75 Restrict Emergency Vehicles from Changing Directions.
- o Accommodate Future Growth
 - Indications of Increased Development (new school, subdivisions) in the Corridor.
 - Northern Kentucky is Rapidly Growing South.
- o Economic Development
 - A Route on the Eastern Side of the RR would open up Eastern Grant County for Economic Development Opportunities.



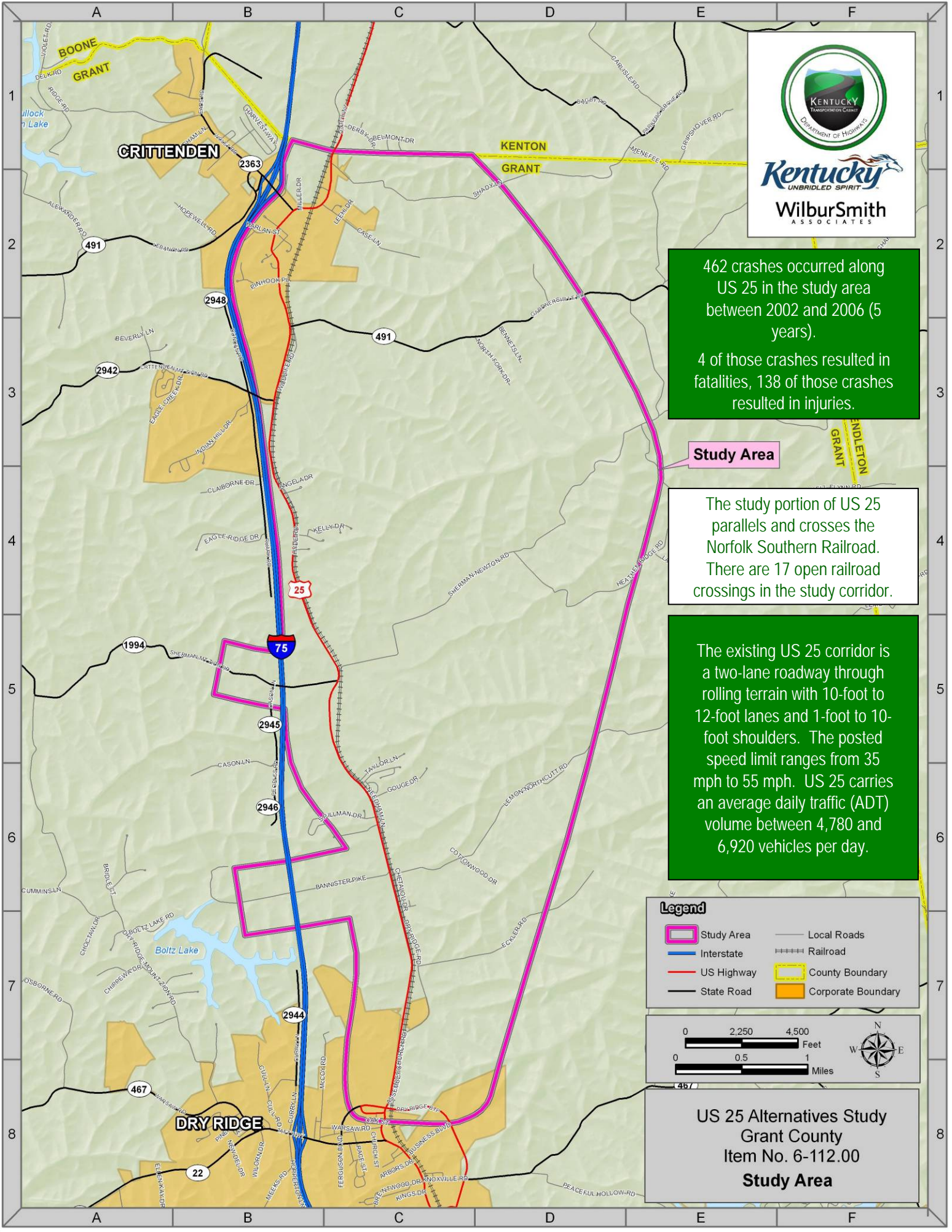
Two public meetings will be held during the course of this study to provide information and gain input on the proposed project regarding major issues, potential impacts, and possible alternates. Efforts are also included to coordinate with and get input from local officials, public agency representatives, and others with special interest in the project.

Using the input from all sources, a series of US 25 alternative corridors will be identified and evaluated based on a set of criteria including: traffic impacts, environmental issues, public and agency input, cost, constructability, and/or others. The no-build option will receive equal consideration. A recommendation for US 25 will be the result of this planning process.

Your Input Is Important!

Address comments to: Robert Hans, P.E., Project Manager at KYTC District Six, P.O. Box 17130, Covington, KY 41017 or (859) 341-2707, ext. 256 or Robert.Hans @ky.gov. Comments can also be sent to Daryl Greer, P.E., Director, KYTC Division of Planning, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40622





462 crashes occurred along US 25 in the study area between 2002 and 2006 (5 years).
4 of those crashes resulted in fatalities, 138 of those crashes resulted in injuries.

Study Area
The study portion of US 25 parallels and crosses the Norfolk Southern Railroad. There are 17 open railroad crossings in the study corridor.

The existing US 25 corridor is a two-lane roadway through rolling terrain with 10-foot to 12-foot lanes and 1-foot to 10-foot shoulders. The posted speed limit ranges from 35 mph to 55 mph. US 25 carries an average daily traffic (ADT) volume between 4,780 and 6,920 vehicles per day.

Legend

Study Area	Local Roads
Interstate	Railroad
US Highway	County Boundary
State Road	Corporate Boundary

0 2,250 4,500 Feet
0 0.5 1 Miles

**US 25 Alternatives Study
Grant County
Item No. 6-112.00
Study Area**