

APPENDIX 9

MEETING NOTES

US 25 Corridor Study

From KY 14/16 to North of the City of Walton
Boone and Kenton Counties, KY
Item No. 6-105.00

November 2023

WALTON AREA CONGESTION RELIEF

I-75 Interchange & US 25 Corridor Study

Project Team Meeting Notes

1:00 pm, February 7, 2022 (VIA Teams)

Present:

KYTC – Dane Blackburn, Steve DeWitte, Mike Bezold, Sharon James, Colton Pugh, Beth Neimann, Jay Balaji, John Moore, Scott Thomson, Mikael Pelfrey, Brooke Collins, Craig Walker

OKI – Bob Koehler

NKADD – Jeff Thelen

Lochner: Phil Logsdon, Ben Coomes, Derek Adams, JJ Samus

Michael Baker: Rob Hans, Karen Mohammadi, Eric Hirsch, Patty Dunnaway

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Waived personal introductions (22 people present)
2. Project Schedule/Milestones
 - a. No one expressed concerns
3. Draft Purpose and Need
 - a. Lochner has initiated development of separate P&N Statements for 6-80 and 6-105
 - b. Mike noted that there could be as many as 4 or 5 projects coming out of the planning study – each potentially with its own P&N statement
 - c. This will evolve as more existing conditions data becomes available
 - d. Stephen suggested that Purpose and Need will be formulated once the data analysis is complete
4. Traffic Data – Status/Development
 - a. MBI Data – Karen reviewed the progress in a PowerPoint presentation
 - i. Roadway Characteristics and Field Reviews are being completed this week
 - ii. Other nearby Transportation Projects and Reports were reviewed/discussed
 - iii. Travel Time runs locations were shared
 - iv. Traffic Counts – Partially complete – Weather and equipment issues required a second field visit to take place week of February 7th
 - b. Jay asked about capturing truck speeds
 - i. Asking to capture single occupancy and truck speeds
 - ii. Could impact overall analysis
 - iii. Scott – Microsimulation guidance is available on KYTC's Web Site
 1. Some consultants use Drone Data to evaluate Following Distance, Lane Changing Behaviors, Acceleration and Deceleration, etc.
 2. Use for comparative purposes
 - c. Modelling Update – JJ Samus
 - i. Lochner is building the VISSIM Model, received signal timings and will add and calibrate this week
 1. Jay asked Lochner to share/meet with Modal Branch after Calibration (Modal Branch, Steve, Dane, Mike)
 2. VISSIM and VISUM will use the 2020 version

3. VISSIM seed files are available on the KYTC Model webpage
 4. AM and PM Peak – show 5-minute video clip to compare to data
 - ii. Streetlight Data (OKI) – JJ has reached out to OKI with initial request, comments and questions
 - iii. Bob Koehler asked that traffic count data be shared with OKI
 5. Crash Data and Safety
 - a. Ben reviewed non-property damage only crashes (B, C, and K)
 6. Environmental Overview Status
 - a. Geotech Study – used a slightly different footprint – no concerns were expressed
 - b. Derek showed resource map to-date
 - c. Confirmed Env. Footprint is current and what was agreed upon
 - d. Socioeconomic Report
 - i. Phil to send Env. Footprint to Jeff Thelen at the NKADD
 - ii. Steve DeWitte noted that KYTC Planning is going to simplify the Socioeconomic Report requirements for Planning Studies
 7. Mapping/Story Map Concepts
 - a. Eric Hirsch (MBI) walked through the Story Map initial schedule and conceptual layout
 8. Alternative Concepts Discussion
 - a. Will get into this when we have more existing conditions data
 - b. Include Low-Cost Short-Term Solutions (John Moore) and Moderate Term Solutions
 - c. Scott suggested that we keep Truck Parking needs in mind
 9. Establish Meeting Schedule
 - a. Will meet with full team at key Milestones
 - i. Kick-Off (Today)
 - ii. Existing Conditions (~March 31, 2022)
 - iii. Initial Concepts (~June 15, 2022)
 - iv. Refined Concepts (~September 15, 2022)
 - b. As needed with core PM team members
 - c. As needed with Multi-Modal team
 10. Meeting Review/Assignments - Next Steps
 - a. Logo/Branding – Briefly discussed – Lochner will continue developing the theme of “Walton Area Congestion Relief”
 - b. Lochner will establish a Teams Channel to share project information
 - c. Review County development plans – incorporate prior to developing corridor concepts
 - d. Next Meeting ~March 31, 2022, to review existing conditions



Walton Area Congestion Relief

I-75 Interchange & US 25 Corridor Study

Project Team Meeting Agenda

9:00 am, April 29, 2022

Via Teams

1. Welcome and Introductions - Present
 - a. KYTC: Dane Blackburn, Steve DeWitte, Mike Bezold, Amanda Desmond, Jay Balaji, Sharon James, Scott Schurmann, Beth Nieman, Carol Callan-Ramler, Brooke Collins, Scott Thomson, John Moore
 - b. OKI: Bob Koehler
 - c. NKADD: Jeff Thelen
 - d. Lochner: Phil Logsdon, Ben Coomes, Derek Adams, JJ Samus, Mary Hieronymus, Caleb Van Nostrand
 - e. Michael Baker: Rob Hans, Karen Mohammadi
2. Teams/SharePoint Channel – Phil Logsdon
 - a. Team members reported no issues accessing the SharePoint folders
 - b. Phil asked that requests for access come through him
3. Mapping/Story Map – Karen Mohammadi
 - a. Karen walked through the Story Map
 - b. Background Studies, Existing Roadways/Classifications, Crash History, Environmental Red Flags, Historic Resources
 - c. Amanda Desmond asked about adding the updated project purpose and need
 - d. John Moore also suggested stronger content on the need for the project
4. Traffic
 - a. Existing Conditions Data – Rob Hans, Karen Mohammadi
 - i. This was covered in the StoryMap review
 - b. Vissim Model – JJ Samus
 - i. Modelling consultation meeting with Scott and Jay was held on April 7
 - ii. JJ reviewed the traffic model outputs
 - iii. Steve asked to confirm 2050 vs 2045 design year
 1. 2045 was mentioned in Traffic Analysis methodology
 2. It was agreed to match OKI traffic model 2050 design year
 - iv. Bob Koehler asked to see problem areas on a map

1. Reviewed the recent drone video
 2. Discussed KY 1292 queue
 - a. Signal timing vs. proximity to interchange ramps and queue spillback
 - v. Jay will follow up with comments on the traffic model
 1. Connor will review by the middle of next week
5. Crash Data and Safety – Ben Coomes
- a. Reviewed crash data/ walked through the CDAT analysis
 - b. Carol – asked to zoom into at grade crossing with NS RR
 - i. Speed limit in area is 35
 - ii. No cluster of crashes evident
 - c. Steve – corrected the EEC abbreviation to “Excess Expected Crashes”
 - i. Offered to check KYTC records for additional detail if needed
6. Environmental Overview – Derek Adams
- a. Derek walked through the draft report
 - b. Mixed urban and rural environment
 - c. Human Environmental, Natural Environment and Cultural Resources
 - i. Scott S – Discussed resilience studies for bridges in area
 1. Scott will provide spreadsheet
 2. Document urban flooding events (if any)
 - d. T & E Species, Streams & Wetlands, Stormwater
 - i. Impaired stream in NE study area
 - ii. Scott S. – asked to name streams on mapping
 - e. Arch and Historic
 - f. Jeff has updated the socioeconomic report – two low-income areas
 - g. 4(f) and 6(f)
 - i. Sharon asked about 6(f) – Walton Community Park (along I-75 N. of Walton)
 - ii. Project should avoid
 - h. Future land use was discussed
7. Alternative Concepts – Ben Coomes
- a. Ben shared SPUI concept
 - b. Reviewed bypass concepts from proposals
 - i. Look at Eastern, Western
 - ii. Enough alternatives to look at 25
 1. Look at 25 widening – to demonstrate whether it can be built
 2. If it will not work, document the issues
 3. Spot improvements to address sight distance
 4. Provide one Avoidance alternative for potential 4(f) impacts to widening US 25
 - iii. West Alt
 1. Would go over I-75 (not use Chambers Rd. Tunnel)

2. Not too much emphasis on W Alt
 3. Sharon – Neighborhood west of I-75 and S of Chambers will be vocally opposed
 - iv. Eastern Alternative
 1. Goal for trucks to make that their preferred movement and stay out of Walton
 2. Rob asked about extending to KY 338 – Mike said that could be future design project that ties into this project, but currently no funding
 3. Make “new 25” the through movement vs. “T” intersections
 - v. Interchange alternatives
 1. SPUI – Geometrics are started, will feed model development.
 2. Relocate 1292 – Geometrics will be developed and then modeled.
 - vi. 6YP Projects – District will be meeting with CO in late-May
 1. Review with consultant project team in early June
 2. Studies in the project area and to the south
 - a. Chambers Rd Tunnel Study
 - b. Design funds for KY 14 Interchange 2 miles south
8. Meeting Review/Assignments – Phil Logsdon
 - a. Early June timeframe to meet with local officials
 - i. Alternative concepts will be further along
 - ii. 6YP project priorities will be clearer
 - iii. Review P&N as priorities are clarified
 - iv. Update Story Map to emphasize problem we are trying to solve
 1. E.g., show future year traffic issues
 2. Trucks/Congestion in Walton
 3. Resilience info from Scott Schurman
9. Next Project Team Meeting – August 2022
 - a. Interim coordination surrounding 6YP priorities and local officials in early June (or as needed)