

**APPENDIX D**  
**RESOURCE AGENCY LETTERS**



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Dear «Letter\_Title» «Last\_Name»:

SUBJECT: Planning Study  
Union County  
US 60, From Sturgis to Morganfield  
Item No. 02-8102.00

We are requesting your agency's input and comments on a planning study to determine the need and potential impacts for a proposed highway project. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has assembled a study team to evaluate the proposed widening and/or relocation reconstruction of US 60 in Union County from KY 109 in Sturgis to KY 56 in Morganfield. The study is currently in the initial data-gathering stage.

We ask that you identify specific issues or concerns of your agency that could affect the development of the project. This planning study will include a scoping process for the early identification of potential alternatives, environmental issues, and impacts related to the proposed project. We believe that early identification of issues or concerns can help us develop highway project alternatives to avoid or minimize negative impacts.

We respectfully ask that you provide us with your comments by December 12, 2003, to ensure timely progress in this planning effort.

During the development of this planning study, comments will be solicited from Federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other interested persons and the general public, in accordance with principles set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act



(NEPA) of 1969. The Federal Highway Administration is partnering with us in these efforts.

Other Transportation Cabinet offices or consultants working on behalf of the Transportation Cabinet may also contact you seeking more detailed data or information to assist them in completing their environmental studies for this phase of the project.

We have enclosed the following project information for your review and comment:

- Purpose, Issues, Schedule, and Project Goals
- County Map & Project Location
- General Information
- Level of Service Calculations
- Exhibit 1 Year 2002 Traffic and Level of Service
- Exhibit 2 Year 2030 Traffic and Level of Service
- Crash Analysis
- Exhibit 3 High Accident Segments
- USGS Topographic Environmental Footprint
- KYOGIS Orthophoto Environmental Footprint

We appreciate any input you can provide concerning this project. Please direct any comments, questions, or requests for additional information to Daryl Greer or Joseph Tucker of the Division of Planning by phone at (502) 564-7183 or by email at [daryl.greer@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:daryl.greer@mail.state.ky.us) or [joseph.tucker@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:joseph.tucker@mail.state.ky.us). Please address all written correspondence to Annette Coffey, P.E., Director, Division of Planning, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 125 Holmes Street, Frankfort, KY 40622.

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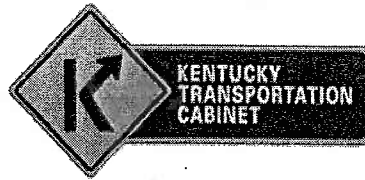
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**PROGRAMMING STUDY  
PURPOSE, ISSUES, SCHEDULE, AND PROJECT GOALS  
UNION COUNTY, US 60  
FROM STURGIS TO MORGANFIELD  
ITEM No. 02-8102.00**

***STUDY PURPOSE***

The purpose of this Alternatives Study is to evaluate US 60 from Sturgis to Morganfield and determine possible alternatives to improve safety and traffic flow. The study is intended to help define the location and purpose of the project and better meet federal requirements regarding consideration of environmental issues as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Items involved with this study include:

- Define project goals;
- Identify the beginning and ending points of the project as well as possible design criteria;
- Discuss project needs and issues with public officials, government agencies, and other groups with a special interest in the project;
- Identify known environmental concerns; and
- Listen to and share information with the public.

***ISSUES***

The most imperative needs on this section of roadway pertain to system connectivity. Several locations west of the study area have been improved or are scheduled for improvements. Other issues are as follows:

- The current route would operate at a less than desirable Level of Service in the design year of 2030, and with the possibility of many large scale projects including I-66 and I-69, increased traffic may produce considerable congestion.
- Many areas along the route have horizontal and vertical curves that do not meet current design guidelines. Several intersections throughout the study area have less than preferred sight distance.
- Many points of interest such as schools and the county hospital are located along the route.

