PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

As part of the 30-day public participation process, copies of the "Draft" FY 2017-2020 STIP were available for public inspection at statewide Highway District Offices, Area Development District (ADD) Offices, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and Transportation Cabinet Offices in Frankfort. Letters were mailed to Kentucky's County Judge/Executives, Mayors of Kentucky's cities (with population over 5,000), Transit Providers, and persons on our STIP distribution list that stated the locations of the "Draft" STIP that was available for public inspection.

In addition, the "Draft" FY 2017-2020 STIP was available for public review via the KYTC web site, with email capabilities for sending review comments and questions concerning the "Draft" FY 2017-2020 STIP. We received 31 emails with comments regarding the "Draft" STIP.

The Public Notice was published in the following newspapers outlining the 30-day public availability period for public review and comments on the "Draft" FY 2017-2020 STIP.

Lexington-Herald Leader Louisville Courier-Journal Covington Kentucky Enquirer Paducah Sun

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from the two cities have visited each other, and Montgomery has held a Bastille Day event annually.

"It's great celebrating their national day here in Montgomery,"
Dobrozsi said. "It brings together our community, adjoining communities, our neighbors and friends. This is what it's really about. This is old time America."

About seven delegations from France have visited, event organizer Marcallene Shockey said. She recalled during their most recent visit in 2014 they took the group to Woodford Reserve and to Sun Watch near Dayton. In 2015, a small Montgomery delegation traveled to Neuilly-Plaisance where the town threw of a Fourth of July celebration.

Shockey said it's meant to be a cultural exchange that fosters support and goodwill between the towns and the countries. Dobrozsi explained that in times of mourning it's especially important to offer support however possible.

, "We're a very small part of the equation on the world," the mayor said. "It takes all of us to make this happen."

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Community members and others join hands in prayer with Rev. Charles Elliot, Pastor of King Solomon Baptist Church as they celebrate the "Jesus and A Job" program that is putting felons and others who make mistakes on the wrong side of the law. The program provides a second chance in giving those persons employment and a chance to get back on the right side of the law. LMPD Chief Steve Conrad and Louisville Metro Mayor Greg Fischer were also at the event.

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Sent: Saturday, July 30, 2016 4:41 PM

To: Rigney, Ron B (KYTC) < Ron.Rigney@kv.gov>

Subject: U.S. 25E Corbin

Mr. Rigney,

As you know, U.S. 25E connects I-75 in Corbin with I-81 and I-40 in the south. We get a lot of traffic from motorist travelling to the Smokey Mountains region and the coasts of the Carolina's. I've worked in businesses and I was a server at the Cracker Barrel in Middlesboro. The biggest complaint I have heard from motorists is too many traffic lights. That is why I am reaching out to you. U.S. 25E in Corbin has something like fourteen traffic lights! That is more than any town between Corbin and the I-81 junction in the south. I have heard talk of a bypass around Corbin to the north. This is a great idea. I would simply reroute US 25E around Corbin and create a new exit with I-75. Rerouting the roadway and keeping it the same name would be less confusing for our tourists travelling through our area. But something needs to be done and soon. I believe Barbourville has four traffic lights, Pineville three, Middlesboro three, Harrogate, TN has four, Tazewell, TN has two and Morristown has one just outside of town. (I may have left one out but that's close). That's seventeen and Corbin has around fourteen! Please talk with your team, Representative Hal Rogers, Senator McConnell and anyone else who can help us. We are losing motorists. This route was the buzz once construction was completed making this a four lane highway. But the buzz has calmed down now that motorists have travelled this route and came face-to-face with the traffic lights. We need our tourists travelling through a dying coal country to give us a little hope.

Regards,



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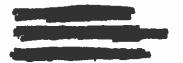
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Ms. Curry,

I understand that you should receive the comments on the proposed construction of a connector from Nicholasville to I-75.

This project is an absolute waste of money!!! Unnecessary, cannot be justified, and another example of more land disappearing forever under another road. It is too expensive besides. Dollars spent on any part of the project should be directed elsewhere.



From: Sent:

Sunday, July 31, 2016 9:29 PM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

project 7-8404

Hello Ms. Curry,

I am writing to you to comment on the above state highway project — the proposed connector road between U.S. 27 and I-75 in Jessamine and Madison Counties.

The STIP for FY 2017 -FY 2020 contains \$15 million for design, right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation.

I live in the affected area and I have attended numerous meetings and public forums concerning this project.

The most recent cost estimate for this project that I am aware of (a couple of years ago) was in excess of \$400 million. In this day and age when we can barely take care of infrastructure we have it is beyond comprehension that a project of this magnitude is still being seriously considered.

What's more, building this connector road will be of marginal benefit to the people and businesses of Jessamine Co. and Central Kentucky. Its proponents claim a saving of 20 or so minutes for gaining access to I-75 from Jessamine Co. Can this "saving" be worth what will surely approach a half billion dollars? I certainly think not.

Additionally the construction of this road would involve building bridges over ecologically sensitive areas along the Kentucky River palisades and Marble Creek.

This road is a bad idea whose time should never come.

Thank You

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I am writing to protest study project of \$15 million dollars for Project 7-8404. It is a waste of the taxpayers' money. Why don't we take that money to help pay for the bridge going over the Ohio River from Covington to Cincinnati before it collapses and kills motorists. Thank you.



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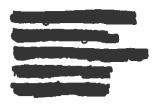
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I-75 Connecter

To Whom it may Concern,

In reviewing the projects listed in the STIP, I see there is still an enormous amount of money dedicated to the I-75 Connecter project. I personally disagree with the need for this road and I am concerned about the numerous negative impacts that the construction of this road would create. The project has been on hold for quite some time now, but the monies continue to be allocated for it. By allocating these large sums of money toward this project, many projects will not make the list. The Transportation Cabinet's own survey showed that the citizens of Kentucky want more money to be spent on repairing the current transportation infrastructure rather than building new roads. There is approximately \$15 million in the STIP for the I-75 Connecter. I personally feel that that money would be better used/allocated for needed repair projects such as bridge repair/replacement. The number of deficient bridges in each county is astonishing, yet the plans to repair them are minimal.

Please consider removing the I-75 Connecter money from the updated STIP.



From:

Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2016 3:00 PM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

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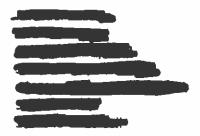
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I-75 Connector

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The proposed I-75 connector is an egregious waste of tax payer money that could be better spent on meeting Kentucky's pressing education needs than on an expensive gift to the City of Nicholasville.



From:

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 1:06 AM

To: Subject: Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)
The Connector Road

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Dear Ms. Curry,

While I do not live in Jessamine County, I feel compelled to comment on the plans to connect Nicholasville with I-75 by destroying the wonderful land that the road is scheduled to traverse.

For nearly 50 years I have been involved with Girl Scout Camp Shawano that has brightened the lives of thousands of Girl Scouts who have a love affair with the land. Shawano is at the end of Newman Rd which is a very short distance from the proposed Connector road. No longer will young women experience the tranquility that exists there with the advent of such an invasion.

Why not expend that money on road repair and improvements without causing new destruction of our precious land. Marble Creek is a treasure that should never be compromised. We should be preserving the Palisades, not destroying them.

Sincerely, (

From: Sent:

Wednesday, August 10, 2016 10:24 AM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

I 75 Connector

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Good Morning,

As an very active and well informed member of the Disconnectors, a grass roots effort to stop the I 75 Connector, I strongly oppose any further efforts to continue the proposed road project between the White Hall exit on interstate 75 to Nicholasville. Too much time and money has been spent on a this project, resources that should have been spent on maintaining, repairing or widening busy roads and bridges in Jessamine and Madison Counties.

This project keeps resurrecting itself and should have been permanently shelved years ago.



From:

Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 11:47 AM

To: Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

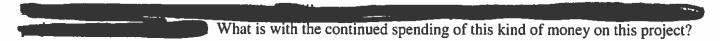
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Subject: I-75 Connector in July 2016 STIP Draft

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Good Morning,

In reviewing the current STIP Draft I see that the I75 Connector project from Nicholasville to Richmond continues to raise its ugly head and is threatening to siphon another \$15million from our already way overspent government. This is an absurd allocation of sparse resources and an insult to every hard working American taxpayer. Stop this nonsense. Too much time and money has been spent on this project. These resources should be spent maintaining, repairing, and improving those much used winding, hilly, dangerous roads and bridges that we all travel every day going to our grocery stores, schools, friends, and businesses in our own communities, not on this way too expensive boondoggle to improve connectivity between Jessamine and Madison Counties that the residents of these counties will use only occasionally.



Let the record show that I and virtually all of my friends in Jessamine County are opposed to spending another dime or another minute on this project while we drive narrow dangerous roads within our own communities every day.

Respectfully,



From:

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2016 9:58 AM

To: Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject: Comment on STIP (Item 7-8404)

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Ms. Curry:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the State Transportation Improvement Plan. It is so important that citizens be given the opportunity to comment on the processes of government and it is too bad that so few take the opportunity.

I am writing as a taxpayer in the Commonwealth and as a resident of Nicholasville, Jessamine County. My opposition to Item No. 7-8404, the I-75 Connector, in Jessamine County, is strong. This project is a waste of taxpayer dollars and will do little to nothing to alleviate or reduce traffic along the US 27 corridor in northern Jessamine County.

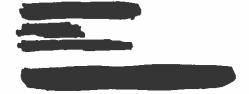
The costs of the project should be prohibitive, especially as there is failing infrastructure elsewhere in the Commonwealth. It makes little sense to construct new roads while the bridges and roads we have are deteriorating. The advantage of connecting Nicholasville with the interstate only benefits those heading southbound on I-75; there will be no time gained for those needing to travel east, west, or north.

Additionally, the environmental and cultural/historical impact of this project would be huge. Once a new major road is cut, development will naturally follow further destroying the Bluegrass region which was designated as an endangered site in 2006 by the World Monuments Fund.

Over the years, I've written several posts in opposition to the proposed I-75 Connector that would slice through Jessamine and Madison counties to connect Nicholasville with the interstate. The proposed road is expensive, wouldn't add much time savings for travelers, would destroy natural landscapes and historic places, and is an all-around bad idea.

In addition to being a practicing attorney, I maintain a historic preservation and Kentucky history website called the Kaintuckeean. The site has been profiled in the Herald-Leader and has won an award from the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation. In one post, I wrote about how the Economics of I-75 Connector Don't Add Up. The proposed cost of this 13-mile road is about \$400-500 million. All to build a new road while existing infrastructure needs critical repairs. In another post, Marble Creek is a Jessamine County Treasure, I observed that "once lost, natural and historic resources cannot be created." There is too much to lose with the connector. By reference, I incorporate the full text of these posts in my comment.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and voice my opposition to Item 7-8404, the I-75 Connector.



From:

Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2016 4:32 PM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

I- 75 connector

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I am writing to express my opposition to the I-75 connector. It is too expensive and will destroy too many natural features to be worthwhile. Let's just declare this as a bad idea and use our resources in a more responsible way.

Thank you, (

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From:

Sent:

Thursday, August 11, 2016 7:24 PM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

Item No. 7-804, the I-75 Connector in Jessamine County

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Ms. Curry,

As a citizen of Jessamine County, I would like to make a stand against item No. 7-804, the I-75 Connector in Jessamine County. It is an expense the state and taxpayers don't and shouldn't waste money on. Myself and most of the citizens and neighbors I've spoken within heard discuss the proposed connector quite frankly don't want it. When looking at where to spend roads money in the coming years, please don't make this a consideration.

Thank you for your time,

From:

Sent:

Friday, August 12, 2016 11:42 AM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

I-75 connector

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Ms Curry my family and I are opposed to the connector road, item # 7-8404. The cost is much too expensive. Probably twice the funds would be needed by the time this project were to be completed. Spend the funds on existing roads and bridges. Respectfully

From:

Sent:

Friday, August 12, 2016 1:44 PM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

STIP: Item No. 7-8404

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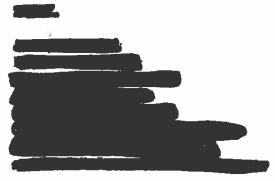
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Ms. Curry,

Good afternoon, I am writing to express my opposition to STIP Item No. 7-8404 in Jessamine County, the I-75 Connector. The proposed road is expensive, wouldn't add much time savings for travelers, would destroy natural landscapes and historic places, and is an all-around bad idea.

Thank you



From:

Sent:

Friday, August 12, 2016 2:43 PM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

I75 connector

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Dear Ms Curry,

I am opposed to the I75 connector. It will cost far too much money and cross many environmentally sensitive areas.

Not enough people will benefit to justify the destruction of historical, natural, and agricultural resources.

We would end up with a wasteful road and far too many resources depleted.

Keep rural Kentucky rural!!

My friends and family are in hearty agreement with me.

From:

Sent:

Friday, August 12, 2016 2:48 PM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

"Item No. 7-8404 in Jessamine County."

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ABSOLTELY OPPOSE THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONNECTOR BETWEEN NICHOLASVILLE ROAD AND 175 IN THE STRONGEST TERMS POSSIBLE



From:

Sent: Friday, August 12, 2016 3:45 PM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

I 75 connector in Jessamine County Item No...7-8404

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Dear Sherry!

First I want to say thank you for taking emails and listening to the desires of the Jessamine County citizens.

I grew up in Lexington but 20 years ago when my 4 children were still in their teens we moved to a beautiful, calm, serene, and slower pace of life in Jessamine County. We worked hard to build our home and have loved being part of a smaller town away from the noise and busyness of a larger city.

I ask you today to please help us end the craziness of the I 75 connector...(Item No...7-8404). On a personal level I am devastated that the connector is proposed to begin across the road from my home. On a historical level I am saddened that we would take this road through areas of the county that would disturb history, nature, Marble Creek, and the beauty of the land. On a cost level it is beyond ridiculous to ask tax payers to pay for this connector...the cost far outweighs the convenience that a small amount of people want for access to a major highway. Any accesses out of Lexington whether going north or south are simply a few miles down the road.....and believe me....tax dollars need to be spent on much needed infrastructure items. It truly is just plain ludicrous to build this connector.

Please be our voice and say NO to this connector. The majority of Jessamine County citizens feel much like I do and for once would love to have our voice and concerns heard.

Thank you again!

From:

Sent:

Friday, August 12, 2016 6:42 PM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

Opposed to the 1-75 Connector

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Dear Ms. Curry, I am writing to express opposition to the I75 connector road from Nicholasville, state project #7-8404.

This is a project that will destroy historical, natural and agricultural resources for short-sighted construction gain. The benefit of this road is questionable at best, and cannot be proven. The costs are extreme and would take money from other projects that have already-been started that do not have adequate funding to be completed.

Please allocate resources effectively to complete current projects, rather than planning for the destruction of our precious state resources and environment.

From:

Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2016 9:08 AM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

I-75 Connector

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Dear Ms. Curry;

As a member of the I-75 Connector Citizens Advisory Committee, I have wondered what happened to the DOT's promise that they were committed to following a process with complete transparency and with information available to all citizens. We have been waiting since June of 2015 to learn which of the four remaining routes has been chosen and to hear anything about the status of the project. And yet, two million dollars has been allocated in 2017 for design and ten million for right-of-way acquisition. With the huge amount of money badly needed for many infrastructure projects in Kentucky and the lack of information and clarity about this particular project, I respectfully suggest that allocating any money at all to the I-75 Connector at this time is at best premature and at worst a failure to honor a promise of honesty and transparency made to the Citizens Advisory Committee and the citizens of Jessamine and Madison Counties.

From:

Saturday, August 13, 2016 9:13 PM

Sent: To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

I-75 connector

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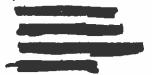
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I would like to express my concerns about the money that continues to be considered for this I-75 connector road. It is not a road that needs to be built. There are far too many other road projects worth spending the exorbitant amount of money that this road would cost. These other projects such as widening and repairing existing roads and bridges need this money first before any unneeded I-75 connector project. Is considered.

Thank you



From:

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2016 12:55 AM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

Road Improvement Plan - Item No. 7-8404 in Jessamine County.

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Dear Ms. Curry,

I would like to express my opposition to the I-75 Connector Plan No 7-8404 in Jessamine County. At a time when infrastructure repairs are badly needed in Kentucky for existing roads and bridges, at a time when money is sorely needed in the teacher retirement fund, at a time when services for those in need of health care are being slashed, it seems ill advised to spent tens of millions, then hundred of millions of dollars on a project that will benefit very few people and all in the name of saving up to ten minutes of driving time. I strongly suggest this money be put to better use on other highway projects, or as the state seems to do on occasion, move dedicated money from one source into a different area of need. This project will also cause extensive damage to the natural landscape and historic sites along Marble Creek, the Kentucky River Palisades, and in Madison and Jessamine Counties. It will also disrupt a rural landscape that is part of the charm and attraction of Central Kentucky.

The planning and discussion of this project was supposed to include a certain amount of transparency and openness to the public and to input. But it seems if specific sums of money are already being suggested before there has been any input, perhaps a bit of window cleaning needs to take place for the taxpayers of the state to have a better view.

Please pass along this feedback to the group making these preliminary plans on this project and thank you for your time.



From:

Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2016 12:56 AM

To: Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject: I-75 connector

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I want to let you know I am very much against Item No.7-8404 in Jessamine Co. I am very surprised that the idea is even being considered. The money spent could certainly be used better updating and repairing our current infastructures. I hate to even think of the scenic and historical areas that would be destroyed.

Thank you for listening to my concerns

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roads and bridges in the	placing more money toward the I-75 connector is a huge mistake. There are already many state of Kentucky that badly need repairs and updating.			
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From:

Sunday, August 14, 2016 11:16 PM

Sent: To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

I-75 connector item #7-8404 in Jessamine county

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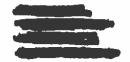
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Dear Ms. Curry,

I am writing to express my concern that money is being considered for the proposed i-75 connector. I continue to feel that this is a miss use of money that could be better spent repairing our existing roads and bridges. This is a road that doesn't need to be built.

Thank you



From:

Sent:

Monday, August 15, 2016 10:35 AM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

Statewide Improvement Plan

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Dear Ms. Curry,

I am concerned about the amount of money being allocated for road development in our state. The roads we have are in great disrepair and building new roads is a waste of money. From my experience, these highways have little traffic, except for the Interstates. I do not understand why we would want to build new roads that will have to be maintained in addition to our old roads that people rely on for local commutes. Who is this for, anyway? I oppose this plan. My tax dollars could be better spent by protecting our natural resources and maintaining our existing roads.

If we really want to get ahead, we need to consider a more stable and efficient energy grid that will be able to support the upcoming alternative energy plans of our utilities companies.

From:

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2016 11:31 AM

To: Subject: Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

I75 interconnect

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Dear Ms Curry,

I am really not sure what motivates the state in pursuing the construction of yet another eyesore and future maintenance obligation.

I realize that progress comes with its pains, but this is one pain people in Madison and Jessamine counties can do without.

Let's repair and maintain what we have and not burden the taxpayer with future obligations while adding yet another way to gobble up and split up old family farms.

From:

Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2016 11:52 AM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

I-75 connector in Jessamine/Madison Co

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Dear Sherry Curry,

As a tax paying citizen of this great country I'd like to express my opposition to the proposed monies spent/will spend for Item #7-804, I-75 Connector in Jessamine (and Madison) Co - - this is a total waste of taxpayer money, a waste of government time and effort spent on this proposal where the monies could be spent more wisely on existing infrastructure in need of critical repairs and improvements, this would destroy forever natural landscapes, historical places and critical farmland for future generations. This is an extremely and horrendously bad idea from start to end and i'm hoping that "BIG Government" will listen to the people living, working and enjoying the beautiful land that this proposed road would destroy.

Thank you,

From: Sent:

Wednesday, August 17, 2016 10:41 AM

To:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC); 4

Subject:

Time to put a stake in the heart of the Vampire Road

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As a tax payer and longtime resident of Central Kentucky I am writing to express my continuing opposition to the proposed I-75 connector between Nicholasville and Madison County.

That \$15 million is earmarked for the continuation of such a destructive, low ROI project in today's economic climate is simply incomprehensible.

As a marketing professional I am well aware of the fact that tourism is Kentucky's signature industry creating a colossal impact that trickles through our entire economy. The impact numbers in the recently released study conducted for the Tourism, Arts & Heritage Cabinet by Certec, Inc. tell an impressive story.

The tourism and travel industry contributed nearly \$11.7 billion to Kentucky's economy in 2011. Direct expenditures by tourists accounted for \$7.4 billion of this total.

The 2011 tourism industry generated over \$1.224 billion in tax revenues to government – \$1.06 billion to the state and \$157.5 million locally.

Scenic beauty is invariably cited as the number one reason visitors come to Kentucky. And visitors mean jobs -- a total of 169,932 jobs in Kentucky resulted from the industry in 2011 and direct expenditures from tourists created 118,917 of these jobs. The tourism-generated jobs provided over \$2.6 billion in wages to Kentucky workers.

In 2011, total travel expenditures in Jessamine County totaled \$83,635,372 and in Madison County, \$154,300,628.

I find it hard to understand why elected officials in these counties, rather than focusing on enhancing their appeal to visitors are actually bent on destroying the very Bluegrass countryside that puts our state on the world tourism map. And why, rather than working to capture even more visitor revenue, they seem intent on squandering \$350 million of taxpayer dollars on a road that will, at best, save truckers a mere 15 minutes in travel time.

The unspoiled beauty of the Kentucky countryside attracts visitors from around the country and across the globe. What a shame we appear to have elected the few people who appear to be immune to its charm — and blind to its value. I trust you will do the right thing and pull the plug on this ill-considered project before it wastes any more money our economically strapped state can ill afford to squander.

It's time to finally put a stake through the heart of the vampire road.

From: Sent:

Friday, August 19, 2016 7:01 AM

То:

Curry, Sherry L (KYTC)

Subject:

I-75 connector

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Dear Sherry,

I am a resident of Jessamine County and reside the state of the connector will not be near my residence, but I understand you were interested in comments about the road.

I am very much opposed to the road. Funding to even study further seems such a waste of our hard earned taxpayer dollars.

The roads and infrastructure in Jessamine County would benefit from the monies allocated to such an unnecessary and wasteful proposal.

I found a statement in the Summer 2106 Jessamine Matters, page 3, attributed to an unnamed Jessamine County Judge/Executive "...Jessamine County is dealing with the fact that so many of our roads and bridges have been in place for decades. Those roads and bridges are now getting older and falling in disrepair. At the same time, our county budget is under a tremendous strain, so we are working to do more with less."

I agree with his perception and ask that the state not allocate any further funding to this project.

Thank you,