

Core Criteria by Workgroups

Project Item Number: 8-59

County and Route: Pulaski, New Route

Project Description: Somerset Northern Bypass is a 4-lane, limited access highway that will alleviate congestion in and around Somerset. The bypass extends from the Louie B. Nunn Parkway west of Somerset and heads north bypassing Somerset. It then intersects with KY 80 east of Somerset in the Barnesburg community.

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Approximate dates: 2000 to present

Comments (number of people reached, effectiveness of the technique, what you would do differently, etc.): This is a good activity to use to get a group to focus on the main points. While the list may be extensive, not all concerns can be addressed and this helps prioritize the issues.

Core Criteria Developed by Work Groups

Agriculture

- limit the loss of prime farmland
- minimize additional travel required for farm operations
- minimize the splitting of farms
- minimize disruption of local road networks and access to fields, markets and suppliers
- avoid displacement of farm homes and working structures

Business

- minimize the loss of jobs
- provide good access to existing businesses
- allow for site opportunities for business relocations and future development
- allow for the future expansion of Somerset

Economic Development/Tourism

- provide convenient access to developable industrial sites (with rail-access)
- provide good connectivity to KY 461
- provide good connectivity to KY 914
- allow for commercially developable land near interchanges
- provide easy access to tourism destinations
- facilitate commercial/industrial development in northern Pulaski County

Environment

- minimize impact on water quality (surface and ground water)
- minimize impacts on habitat (woodlands, prairies, wetlands ect.)
- minimize fragmentation of habitat
- minimize noise impacts on local residents
- provide for scenic quality of proposed interchanges and green spaces

Government

- ensure compatibility with school redistricting plans
- place bypass far enough north to be a true bypass
- provide enough room for the potential growth of Somerset
- provide convenient access to existing road system (e.g. school buses, emergency vehicles etc.)
- allow for economic development (develop tax base) near bypass interchanges

Neighborhoods

- minimize the displacement of households
- maintain community cohesion (splitting neighborhoods, community facilities and schools)
- maintain quality of life (open spaces, noise, air and light pollution)
- facilitate long-term development of residential areas and community services
- make access to the bypass convenient for neighborhoods (I-66, if developed, will be on the same alignment as the bypass)