

Meeting Summary

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Public Meeting #1b – Green County

A Public Information Meeting for the US 68 Scoping Study was held on February 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. CST at the Greensburg Baptist Church. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the study and the projects under consideration, discuss conceptual alternatives, and solicit input from the public. The following individuals from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the consultant staff were in attendance:

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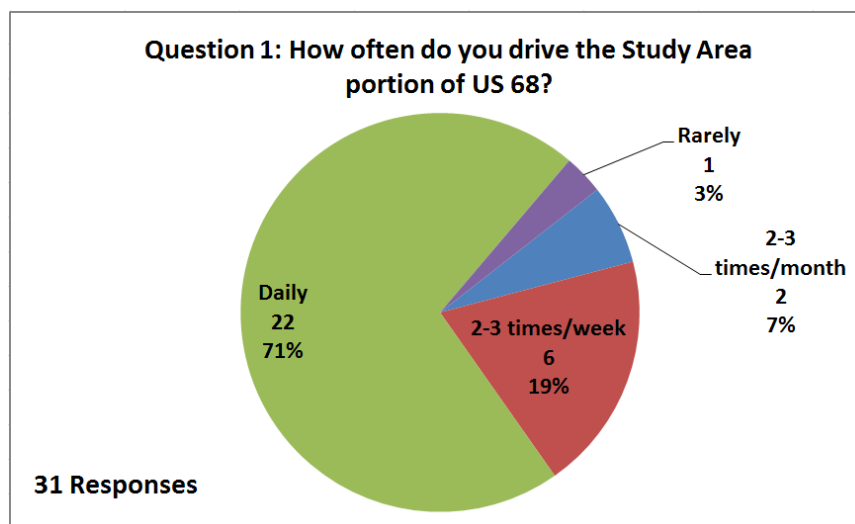
This was the second of two early public meetings with the first held the night before in Sulphur Well (Metcalf County). The same information was presented at each location. The meeting was held in an open house format, with a formal presentation at 5:15 pm to explain the project. Attendees were asked to sign in and were provided a project handout, a copy of the draft Purpose and Need Statement, and a questionnaire. All information was made available on the project website at <http://transportation.ky.gov/YourTurn/Pages/US-68-Scoping-Study.aspx>. KYTC and consultant staff was available to answer questions and discuss issues. Based on the sign-in sheets, 86 members of the public attended the meeting.

The following project exhibits were on display:

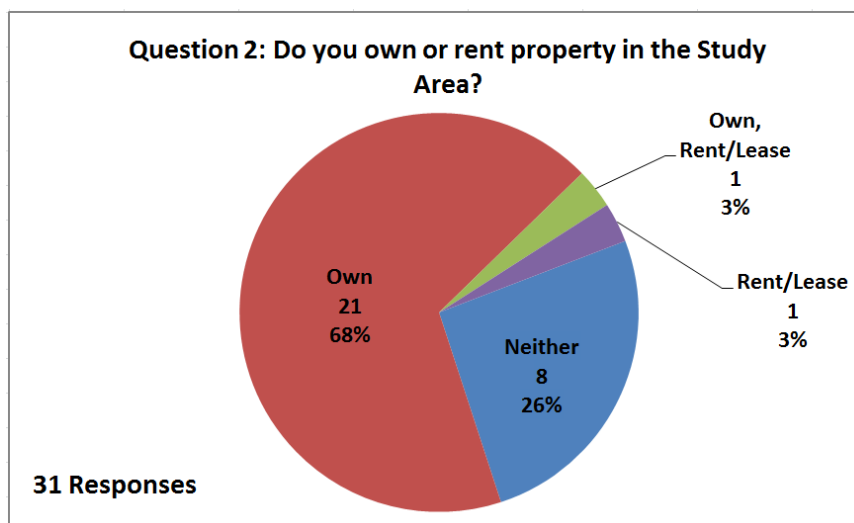
- Study Area for the US 68 Corridor (“Map A”)
- Study Area for the US 68 Connector (“Map B”)
- Crash History (2010–2012) and Curvature Map

Public meeting attendees were given the option to either fill out their questionnaire at the meeting or return it by mail after the meeting. (An online version of the questionnaire was also made available and the results are summarized in a separate document.) A total of 31 questionnaires were returned with 14 received at the meeting and 17 received within the two-week comment period. The results of the questionnaire are summarized as follows:

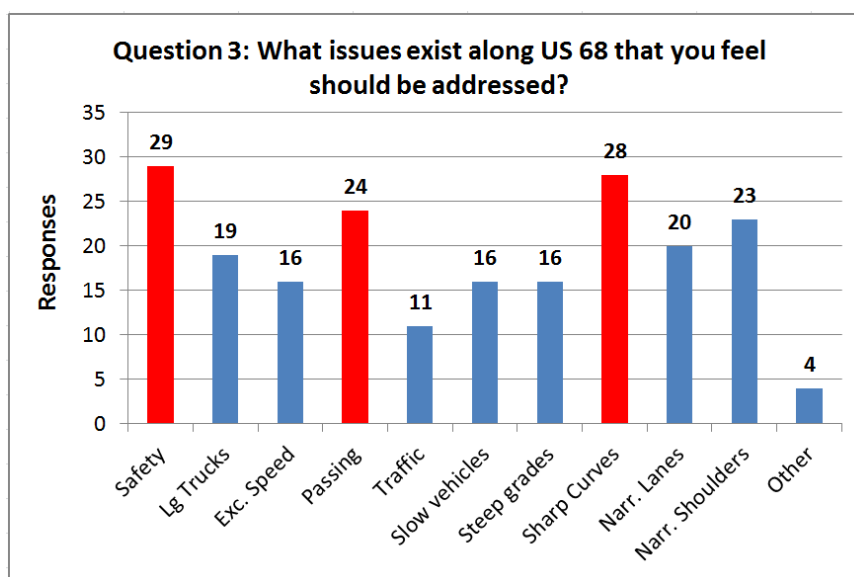
- a. The first question asked how frequently the attendees drove through the study area. Twenty-two respondents (71 percent) said they drive through the study area daily.



- b. Question 2 asked if the attendees own or rent/lease property within the study area. Of the 31 responses, 21 (68 percent) indicated they own property within the study area. About one quarter (8 responses, 26 percent) indicated they neither owned nor rented property in the study area.

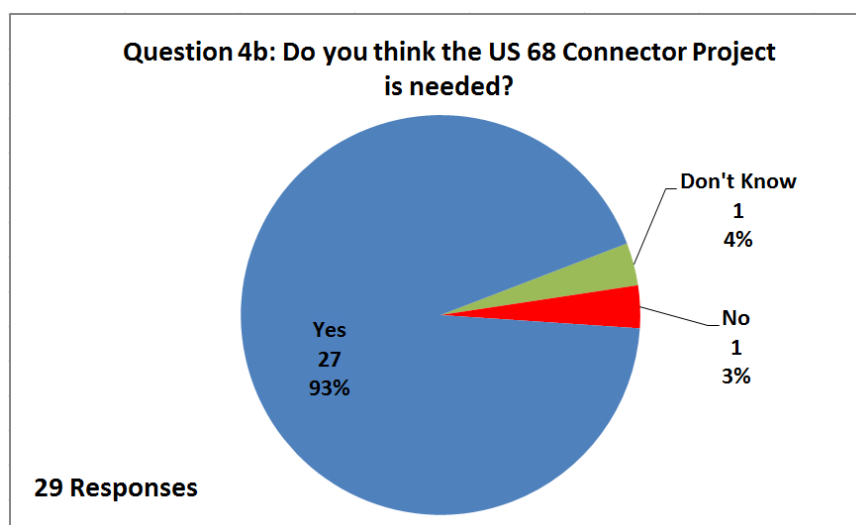
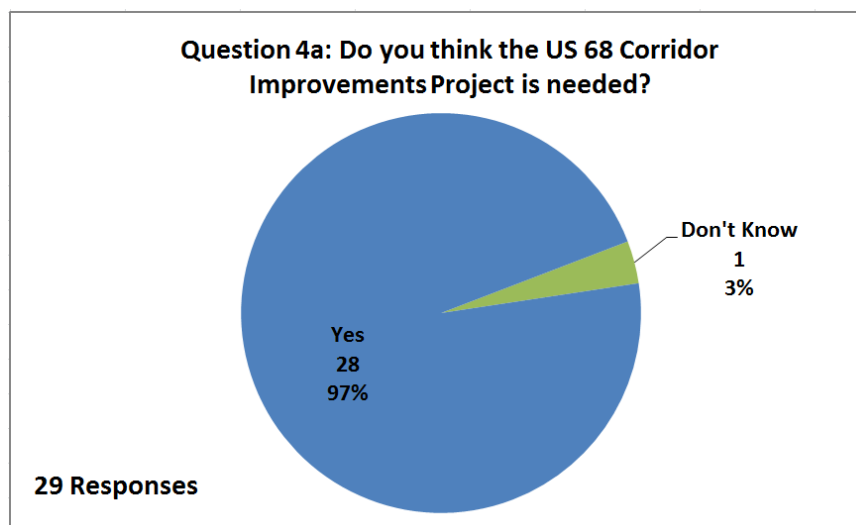


- c. Attendees were asked whether several transportation issues along US 68 should be considered as part of the project. Of the 10 options provided, safety (29 responses), sharp curves (28 responses), and few passing opportunities (24 responses) were selected most. Other issues that were mentioned include narrow bridges and areas prone to flooding.

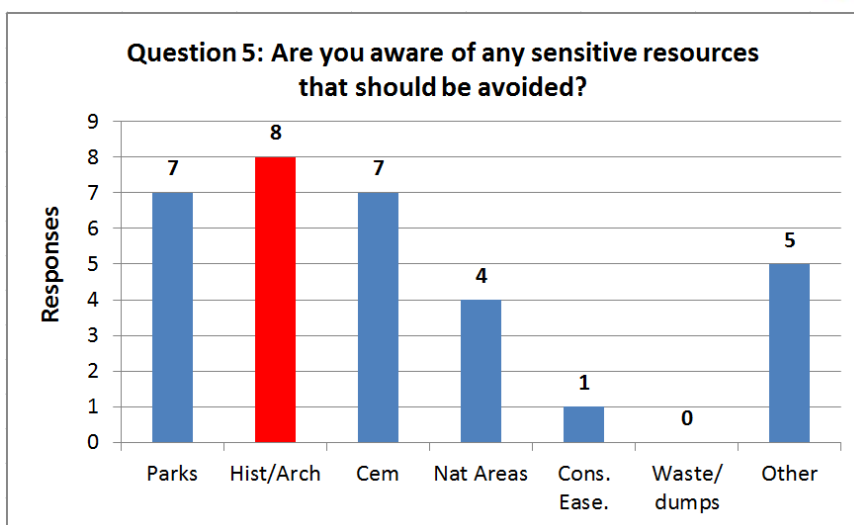


- d. Attendees were asked if they felt the US 68 Corridor Project and the US 68 Connector Project are needed. Twenty-eight respondents (97 percent)

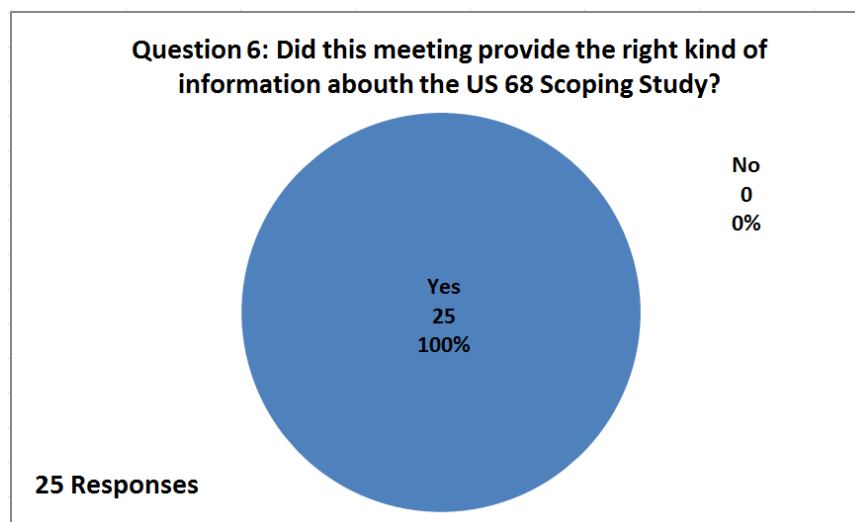
indicated the US 68 Corridor project is needed with the remaining response (three percent) indicating they did not know if it is needed. Twenty-seven respondents (93 percent) indicated the US 68 Connector is needed.



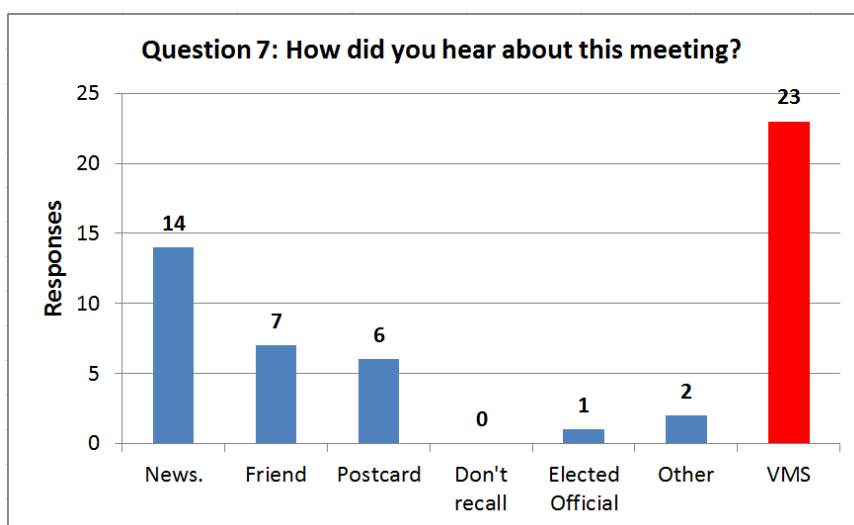
- e. Attendees were asked if they were aware of any sensitive environmental resources that should be avoided should the projects move forward. Responses included multiple cemeteries, parks, and mentions of known historic properties, such as the Vaughan House.



- f. Question #6 asked if the attendees felt the appropriate type of information was provided at the meeting. All respondents indicated the right kind of information was shared.



- g. The final question on the survey asked how respondents had learned about the public meeting. The most frequently listed option was the Variable Message Signs (VMS) posted in the weeks prior to the meeting as 23 respondents indicated that was how they learned of the meeting. The newspaper was the second most frequently listed option with 14 responses.



The meeting ended at approximately 7:00 p.m. CST.