

Meeting Summary

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Public Meeting #1a – Metcalfe County

A Public Information Meeting for the US 68 Scoping Study was held on February 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. CST at the Sulphur Well United Methodist 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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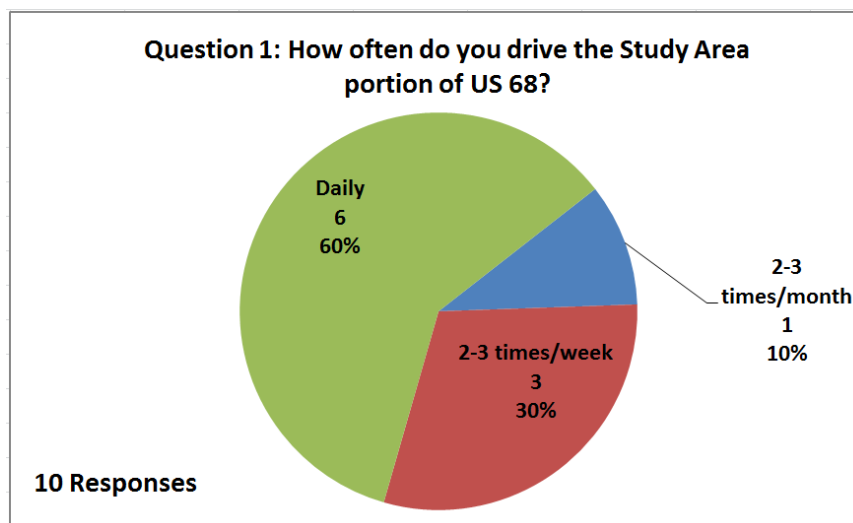
This was the first of two early public meetings with the second to be held in Greensburg the following night. The same information was presented at each location. The meeting was held in an open house format, with a formal presentation at 5:15 pm to explain the project. Attendees were asked to sign in 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, 72 members of the public attended the meeting.

The following project exhibits were on display:

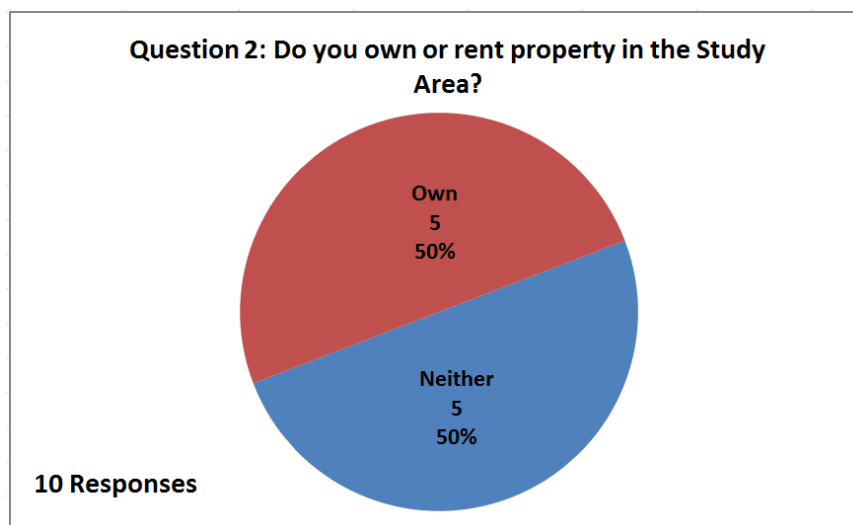
- Study Area for the US 68 Corridor (“Map A”)
- Study Area for the US 68 Connector (“Map B”)
- Crash History (2010–2012) and Curvature Map

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 10 questionnaires were returned with two received at the meeting and eight received within the two-week comment period. The results of the questionnaire are summarized as follows:

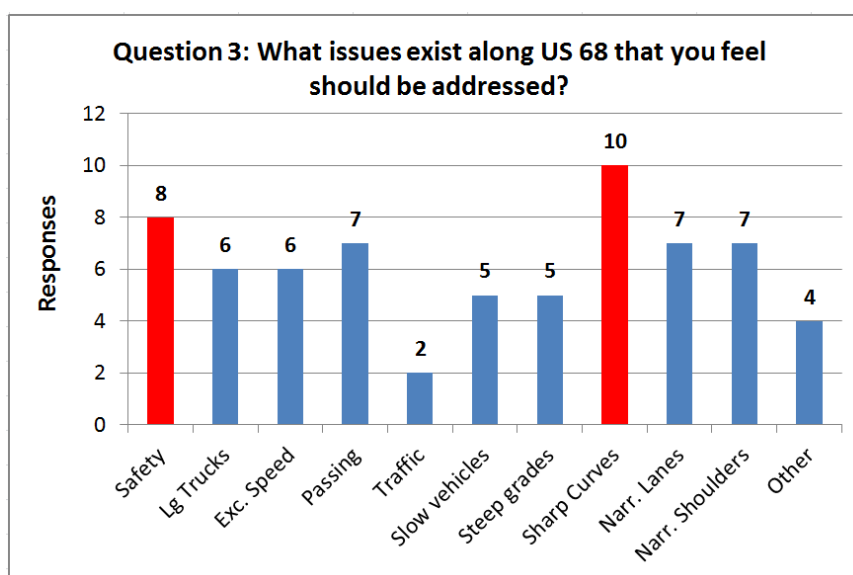
- a. The first question asked how frequently the attendees drove through the study area. Six respondents (60 percent) said they drive through the study area daily.



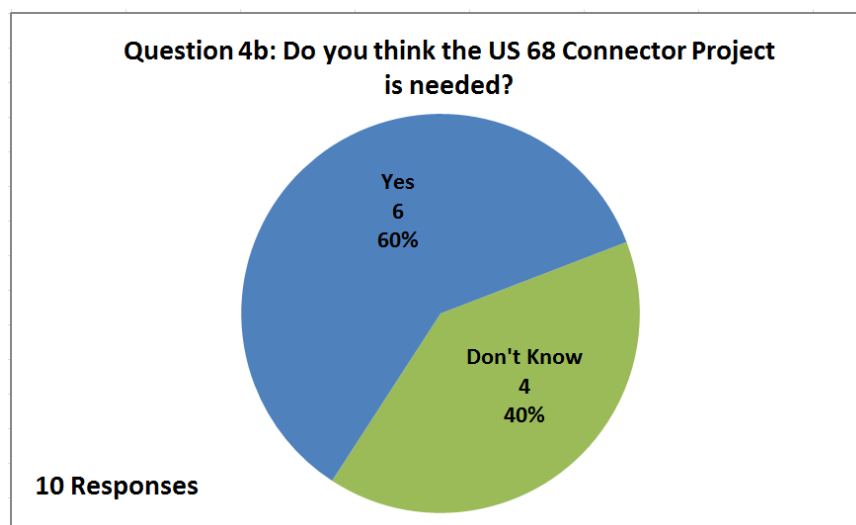
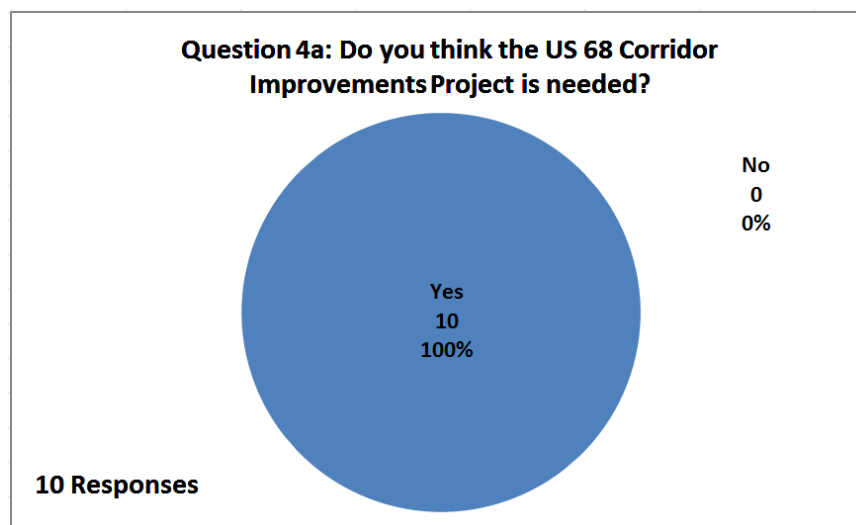
- b. Question 2 asked if the attendees own or rent/lease property within the study area. Of the 10 responses, half indicated they own property within the study area and half neither owned nor rented property in the study area.



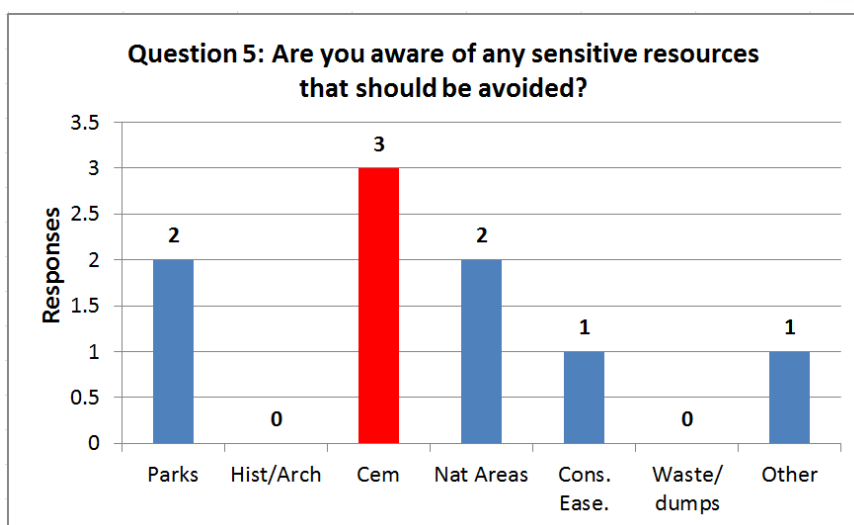
- c. Attendees were asked whether several transportation issues along US 68 should be considered as part of the project. Of the 10 options provided, sharp curves (10 responses) and safety (8 responses) were selected most. Few passing opportunities, narrow lanes, and narrow shoulders each received five responses. Other issues that were mentioned include slow moving farm equipment and narrow bridges.



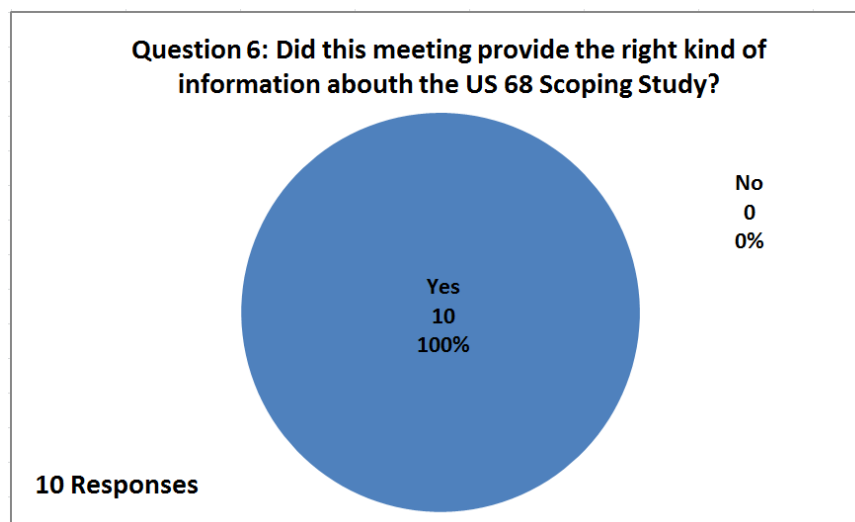
- d. Attendees were asked if they felt the US 68 Corridor Project and the US 68 Connector Project are needed. All respondents indicated the US 68 Corridor Project is needed. Six respondents (60 percent) indicated the US 68 Connector is needed with the remaining four (40 percent) indicating they did not know if it is needed.



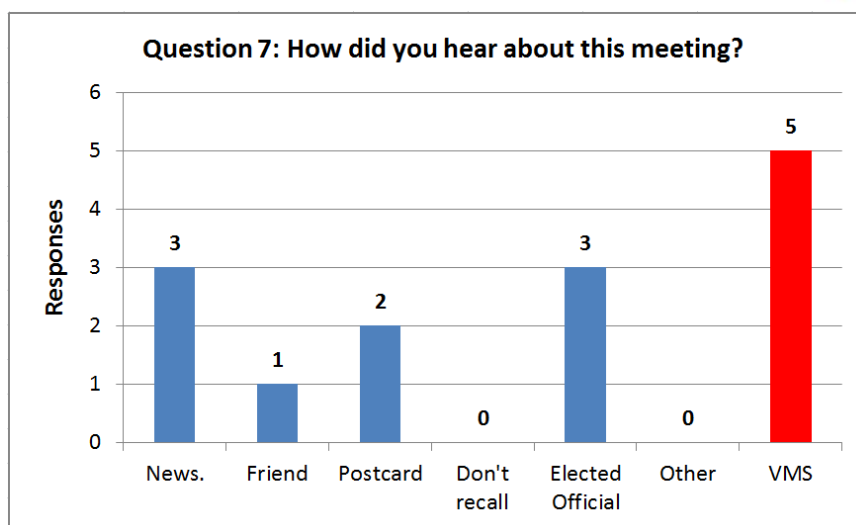
- e. Attendees were asked if they were aware of any sensitive environmental resources that should be avoided should the projects move forward. Responses included parks, specifically Wyatt-Jeffries Woods in Green County, and multiple cemeteries. The presence of caves throughout the study area was also mentioned.



- 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 Variable Message Signs (VMS) posted in the weeks prior to the meeting were instrumental in getting the word out as five respondents indicated that was how they learned of the meeting. The newspaper and elected officials were each listed three times.



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