



Winchester Southeast Bypass Project

From Veterans Memorial Parkway to Boonesboro Road (KY 627), Clark County

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Project's Environmental Assessment Nearing Completion

After a series of postponements caused by a lack of funding, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is again underway on the Southeast Bypass Project (KY 1958). This proposed new highway would complete a four-lane bypass route around the western, southern, and eastern sides of the city of Winchester, connecting Boonesboro Road (KY 627) to the current end point of the Veterans Memorial Parkway, at Irvine Road. This is shown on the map inside this newsletter.

In 2004 KYTC conducted a corridor study to assess possible route locations for this section of the Bypass route. Once the 2004 study was completed, lack of committed funding kept the project from advancing.

In 2013, the project was reactivated and a more detailed Draft Environmental Assessment was prepared, based on refinements to the work done in 2004. Funding issues again prevented the project from being completed, however.

By 2020, federal funding for the construction phase of the project was officially included in Kentucky's FY 2020-FY 2026 Enacted Highway Plan. This infusion of federal dollars has allowed KYTC to fund the completion of the required environmental assessment and to proceed to the next stages of the project. The inside of this newsletter contains more information about these next stages.

Opportunity to Become a Consulting Party on Historic Resources

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects that projects may have on historic and archaeological resources. The goals of Section 106 are to identify historic and archaeological resources potentially affected by a project, to assess the project's effects, and seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on historic resources.*

Working with Federal agencies, KYTC seeks to meet these goals by consulting with parties who have an interest in transportation projects' effects on historic and archaeological resources.

What is a Consulting Party?

Certain individuals and organizations with demonstrated interest in a project may work as a Consulting Party, helping KYTC meet the Section 106 goals. Individuals or organizations qualify to become a Consulting party because of the nature of their legal

or economic relationship to affected properties or their concern with the project's effects on historic properties. Consulting Parties may include affected property owners, business owners, historic preservation groups, or others who are interested in historic resources and preservation.

How Can I Become a Consulting Party?

If you or your organization are interested in becoming a Section 106 Consulting Party for the Winchester Southeast Bypass Project, you can submit a request online at: <https://transportation.ky.gov/EnvironmentalAnalysis/Pages/Consulting-Party-Projects.aspx>. Alternatively, you may contact KYTC directly using the contact information on the back of this newsletter. Consulting Parties will have the opportunity to review and comment on properties' eligibility for historic status, effects recommendations, and potential mitigation measures.

*Reference: Federal Register, Volume 64, No. 95 - Title 36, Chapter VIII, Part 800.

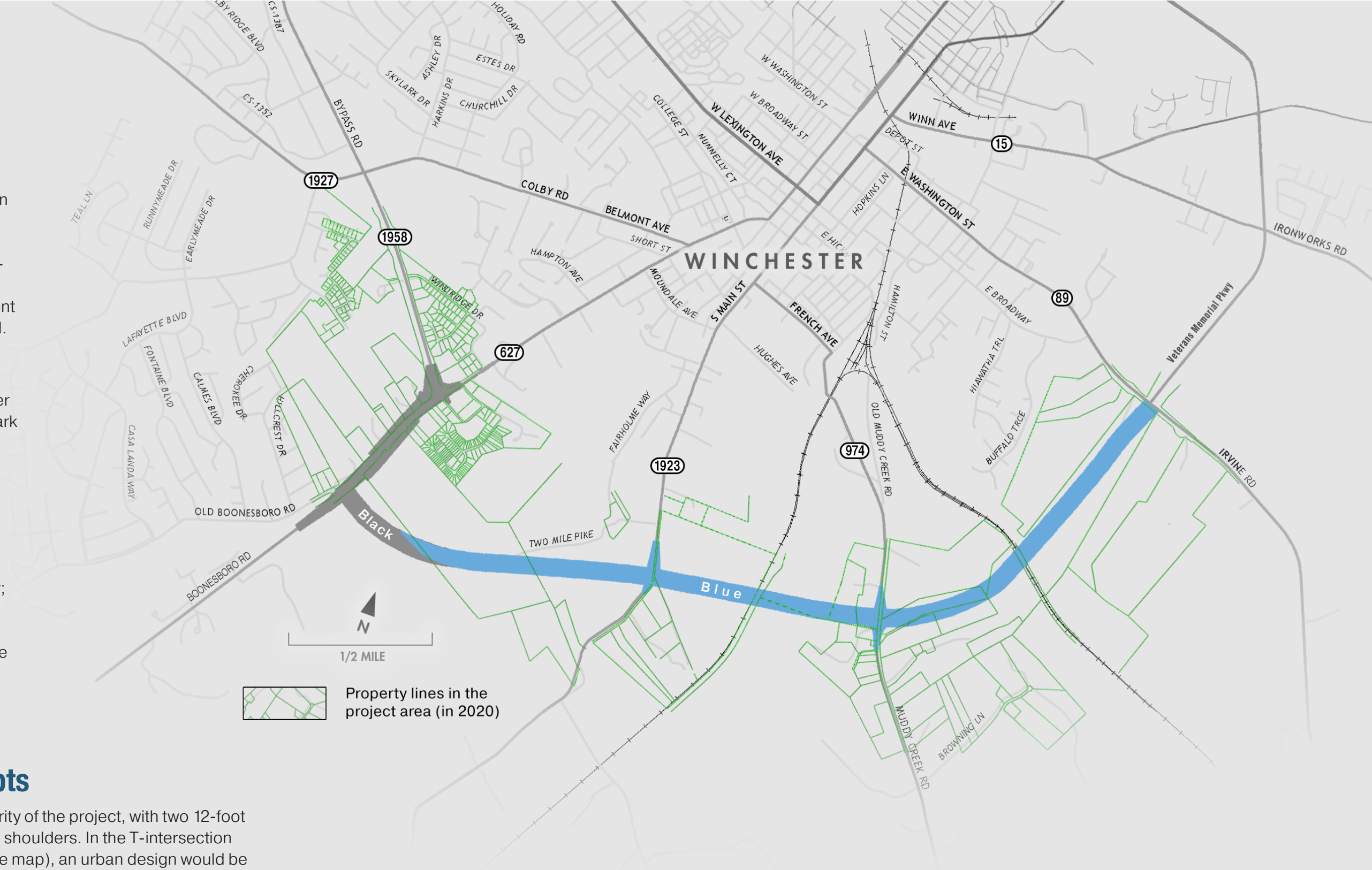
PREFERRED ROUTE LOCATION

This map shows KYTC's preferred location for the proposed Winchester Southeast Bypass project. This location is a general path and not the project's proposed right-of-way limits. Final, detailed construction plans will not be developed until the current environmental study has been completed.

The main purpose of the project is to improve east-west connectivity between the main roads that radiate from the center of Winchester into the southern half of Clark County.

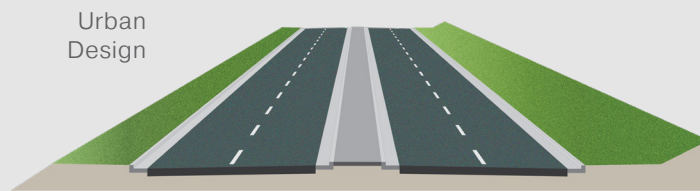
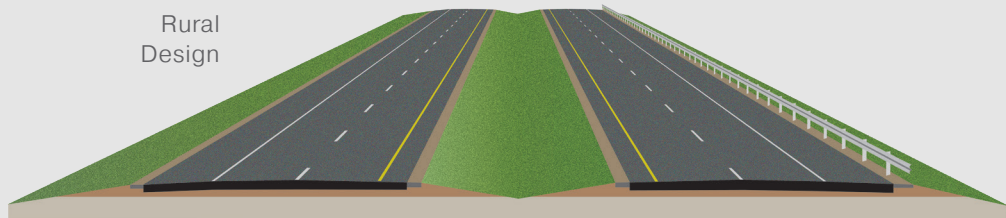
Another purpose is to provide a direct connection to the eastern and western existing Winchester Bypass route.

On the east side of Winchester those segments provide connections to I-64 and the Bert T. Combs Mountain Parkway; on the west side they connect to US 60 and I-64. By connecting these existing segments, the project would complete the bypass around Winchester.



Proposed Design Concepts

A rural design would be used for the majority of the project, with two 12-foot lanes, a grass median, and paved outside shoulders. In the T-intersection portion of the project (labeled black on the map), an urban design would be used, with curbs and gutters and a narrower overall width.



Time Frame (subject to change)



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PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ANNOUNCED

KYTC will soon be announcing a date, time, and place for the Winchester Southeast Bypass Study's public hearing.

The hearing will be a time for the Cabinet to describe the preferred project location in detail and explain the expected effects that it would have on communities and the environment.

The Hearing is also a time for all who are interested to submit formal comments about the project. Cabinet officials will review all comments and prepare response. This information will be summarized in study documents.

If you received this newsletter, you are on the mailing list for the public hearing announcement. For additional information, you may contact us as shown here.



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