PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In July 2006, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet completed the US 25 (Corbin to London) Scoping Study. The Scoping Study encompassed the US 25 corridor from US 25E in Corbin to KY 192 in London. The primary goal of the Study was to identify possible improvements within the US 25 corridor to improve capacity, mobility, and safety by developing an improved route that complies with current design standards, and also to provide an alternate route during incidents or closures for I-75. Several different improvement concepts were advanced from the Scoping Study into Phase I Design. This project specifically addresses potential improvement concepts along US 25 between Levi Jackson Mill Road (KY 1006) to KY 192. This project also includes improvements for a segment of KY 229 north of KY 192.

Materials presented at this public meeting have been developed using the Scoping Study as a starting point and with the input of a Citizens Advisory Committee made up of users, residents, and business owners along the US 25 corridor and local officials. Alignment studies considered widening the existing roadways to the east, widening to the west, and widening along both sides of the road. Both the Scoping Study and preliminary design has indicated that future traffic volumes may require up to seven lanes along Existing US 25 to accommodate both through traffic and turning movements. The required right of way for this template would be detrimental to existing business, so alignment studies also considered relocating a segment of US 25 from the existing route to use KY 229 with improvements (Relocated US 25). Providing this connector would remove through traffic from Existing US 25 and minimize impacts on the existing corridor. Right of Way and Utility impacts were considered with each alternative studied, in order to balance potential benefits and impacts. The materials presented tonight summarize alignments that were studied.

Traffic analyses and the potential for growth in the area resulted in a preferred four lane typical section with turn lanes throughout the project corridor. Wide 20' medians have been used along Relocated US 25 between Levi Jackson Mill Road (KY 1006) and KY 192. Along Existing US 25 and Relocated US 25 (Existing KY 229 between KY 192 and US 25 near the cemetery), where right of way and utility impacts restricts wide medians, narrow 8' medians have been used. 12' lanes and curb and gutter have been used throughout the project area. Sidewalks have been designed on both sides of the road throughout the corridor, with the exception of the area along Relocated US 25 between James Lewis Drive and McClain Lane. In this section, sidewalk will be constructed on one side while a shared use path will be constructed on the other side.

A raised median will be used throughout the project corridor, with designated areas provided for left turning and u-turning movements. Access will be maintained to all parcels throughout the existing corridor. The raised median throughout the corridor will result in modified access to existing property owners. Access to properties will be provided by allowing vehicles to turn right into a property, and right out of a property. Vehicles wishing to make left turns out of a property will be required to turn right and then make a U-turn at the nearest designated location. Vehicles wishing to make left turns into a property may be required to pass the property, make a U-turn at the nearest designated location, and turn right into the property. If U-turns cannot be made (larger vehicles), an internal traffic circulation pattern has been developed wherein property can be access with right-turns only. Revised access should make traffic move more efficiently and more safely. See the companion handout *Safety Improvements are Coming to US 25*.

TONIGHT'S MEETING

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to update you with information on the current status of the project.

Your input is very important in developing this project. Your comments are very important and as we complete the preliminary design phase and move into final design. Please feel free to discuss your ideas and concerns with representatives of the design team present and/or complete the questionnaire/comment sheet.

Thank you for your assistance and participation.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The US 25 Improvement Project from Levi Jackson Mill Road (KY 1006) to KY 192 is moving into the final design phase. Below are the major milestones for completing this project.

Public Meeting No. 2 April 2013

Preliminary Line and Grade Meeting May 2013

Preliminary Right of Way Plans August 2013

Begin Acquiring Right of Way Fall 2013/Spring 2014

Construction Fall 2014

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS

Representatives of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and selected engineering consultants are available to answer questions you may have regarding this project. In addition, exhibits are on display to assist you in understanding the facets of this project. You are encouraged to make comments that will be incorporated into the project summary.

To make a written statement, complete one of the comment sheets provided and leave it tonight with one of the representatives or mail it by May 1, 2013 to the address listed below.

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