

65-71 Regional Connector Planning Study

Focus Group Meetings Round #2

May 30, 31, and June 3, 2019



PURPOSE

- Improve regional connectivity and mobility;
- Improve accessibility to and within growing counties and communities;
- Reduce congestion on existing routes by improving traffic flow on and between major arterials and interstates, and;
- Provide opportunities for economic development and support land use, development and growth objectives.

NEEDS

- Rapid growth in communities outside Metro Louisville
- Expansion of residential communities
- Economic development – industrial and commercial
- Lack of circumferential connectivity
- Existing network is increasingly becoming congested
- Freight mobility



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The 65-71 Regional Connector Planning Study is a high level study to determine project need, project goals, and project feasibility/cost of a corridor from I-65 in Bullitt County connecting to I-71 in either Henry or Oldham County. Funding for this study was included in the 2018 Highway Plan by the Kentucky legislature.



STUDY SCHEDULE

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| • Existing Conditions Report | Spring 2019 |
| • Environmental Overview | Spring 2019 |
| • Preliminary Alternatives Report | Summer 2019 |
| • <i>Level 1 Screening</i> | <i>Summer 2019</i> |
| • Level 2 Evaluation | Summer 2019 |
| • Recommendations | Fall 2019 |
| • Draft / Final Report | Late Fall 2019 |

NOTES

CURRENT STATUS

Existing Conditions Report and Environmental Overview are complete.

Fifteen preliminary alignment alternatives (12 new and three along existing routes) have been developed based on the existing conditions and environmental considerations as well as input from the first round of focus group meetings.

Performance Measures include:

- Mobility
- Land Use and Development
- Safety
- Environmental
- Cost and Consideration

The project team is currently working through Level 1 Screening which will narrow the number of preliminary alignments to a representative range of alternatives to be evaluated in more detail later this year.

NEXT STEPS

Based on input from this round of Focus Group Meetings, the project team will decide which alternatives best meet the overall goals and objectives of the project. The team will study the selected range of alternatives in greater detail this summer.

Preliminary Recommendations will be presented at the next round of Focus Group Meetings.

The Final Report will include data, analyses, and interim study reports that document the process employed by our team and provide an executive summary detailing recommendations by the project team.

