

Maintenance of Traffic is an important issue with any of the alternatives presented for this project. There will be some disruption to traffic flow during construction, especially for through traffic. Measures will be included to limit the length of time of any disruption to service. Traffic will be maintained to residential properties, G. C. Burkhead Elementary School, Hardin County Library and intersecting streets and access points during construction through the use of temporary pavement and other short-term temporary measures, phasing of work and possible use of detour routes. Widening equally about the existing centerline will involve more disruption in service during construction than the other two alternatives. Widening to the north or south provides room for phased construction of the new roadway while maintaining traffic on the existing road and then shifting traffic to the newly constructed portion while the new road is completed.

The preliminary work is included on exhibits available this evening. Project representatives will be available to assist in your review of this information and answer questions you may have about the project. We encourage your thoughts about the work needed to make travel safer and more efficient on this section of St. John Road (KY 1357).

### **SCHEDULE/NEXT STEPS:**

The Current Highway Plan (2014) provided design funds for the development of this project. Future phases (right-of-way, utility and construction) will be addressed during the current legislative session. Comments received from the meeting this evening and input received from local officials will be considered in the selection of the alternative for Final Design. We anticipate that decision will be made this spring and work will then begin on the development of the detail necessary to describe the right of way and easements required for construction of a wider St. John Road.

Please complete the questionnaire included with your handout. It provides information important for selecting the alternative for further development of the Project. You can either drop the completed questionnaire in a box near the Check-In Station or mail to the District 4 Office using the envelope that is provided. Please provide any comments you wish to be considered by the close of business on January 26, 2016. The Project Team will be reviewing comments received from this meeting in selecting the alternative for final design.

Outside of tonight's meeting, the meeting materials can be viewed at the District 4 web page. Go to <http://transportation.ky.gov/district-4/Pages/default.aspx> and look for the "KY1357 (St John Rd)" link.

### **CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION:**

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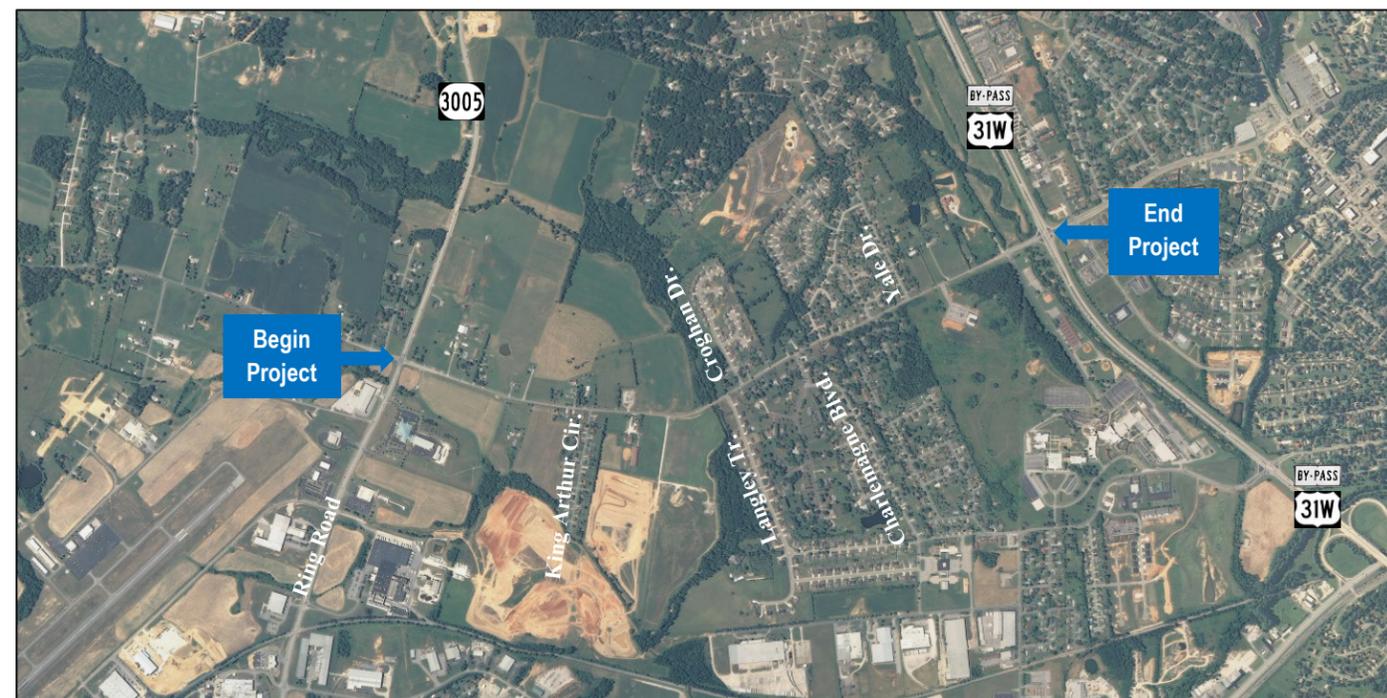


**KY 1357 (St. John Road), Hardin County  
Ring Road (KY 3005) to US 31W Bypass  
Public Meeting – January 12, 2016  
G. C. Burkhead Elementary School**



### **WHY ARE WE HERE?**

To provide information on improvements being considered for St. John Road (KY 1357) between Ring Road (KY 3005) and the US 31W Bypass. To obtain your input on alternatives being considered, property information included on project mapping, and comments for the Project Team to consider as work on the project progresses.



### **PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PROJECT:**

This section of St. John Road (KY 1357) was reconstructed in the 1950s and consists of two 10-foot-wide travel lanes and narrow shoulders. The road follows the alignment of an earlier gravel road and generally rolls with the terrain. Roadside drainage conditions have deteriorated in some areas and sight distance is limited at some locations. Some additional improvements have been made to this segment of St. John Road, but those have generally been limited to minor reconstruction associated with construction of the US 31W Bypass and Ring Road.

### **INFORMATION AVAILABLE THIS EVENING INCLUDES:**

- Map of the existing St. John Road right of way and any dedicated right of way (for future widening) included in properties along the project
- Preliminary alternatives for correcting roadway conditions that include inadequate drainage, narrow pavement and limited recovery areas
- Questionnaire soliciting your suggestions about improvements to this segment of St. John Road (KY 1357)
- Presentation around 5:15 P.M to 5:30 PM by Project Representatives with an overview of the Project and goals for this meeting



**PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES:**

The Do-Nothing alternative is a consideration with any project, which would leave the roadway as it exists today. Three basic *Build Alternatives* were evaluated during early work in the Preliminary Design Phase:

- Widening to the left or north side (North)
- Equal widening of existing road (Center)
- Widening to the right or south side (South)

The Project was broken into five segments for initial evaluation of possible improvements. These are as follows:

- Segment 1** – Ring Road through the G. C. Burkhead Elementary School
- Segment 2** – G. C. Burkhead Elementary School through King Arthur Court
- Segment 3** – Billy Creek Crossing
- Segment 4** – Croghan Drive to Yale Drive
- Segment 5** – Yale Drive to University Drive

The build alternatives identified above were evaluated for each segment and those most viable were selected for public review and comment. These are presented this evening on the displays. Your input is important as we move forward with work to improve St. John Road.

**NEW ROADWAY SECTION:**

The roadway section selected for this project is a 3-lane urban roadway section that includes an 11-foot driving lane in each direction, 13-foot center turn lane, sidewalk along the north side and a shared-use path along the south side. Drainage will be handled through storm sewers constructed within the roadside.

The existing right of way on St. John Road through most of the project is 40 feet (20 feet either side of centerline). An exhibit is available this evening with the existing right of way shown for St. John Road. The right of way required for the curb & gutter section with a sidewalk on the north and shared-use path on the south is 64 feet. Additional right of way will therefore be needed for the project. Any work beyond the right of way will involve easements, and these areas will remain with the abutting properties after construction.

Utilities located along St. John Road will be relocated or adjusted to accommodate a wider roadway. Existing easements acquired by the various companies and utility easements included with some of the residential developments that fall within the proposed right of way for the highway will need to be replaced. Additional easements will be acquired along the new right of way for some locations to accommodate changes in the location of poles, overhead lines, manholes, valves and underground lines.

