

Purpose and Need

The purpose and need for this project is to improve safety and mobility for the US 641 corridor by improving roadway geometry to meet current highway design standards. Improving roadway geometry will also enhance the opportunity for freight movement between I-40 in Tennessee and I-24 and I-69 in Kentucky.

Save the Date

A public meeting is being planned for [March 12, 2019, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Central Time](#) at the Hazel Baptist Church Gymnasium. The public meeting will be an open house format with a brief formal presentation to provide an overview of project issues. This public meeting will provide you with an opportunity to view alternatives currently being considered and to provide comments.

Ongoing Activities

You may have already seen or talked with staff from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) or our engineering consultant, Palmer Engineering, regarding this project. We have been busy collecting data concerning potential historic resources, other environmentally sensitive concerns, and property data. You will continue to see our staff working along the corridor as they collect data and survey information in the months to come.

Historic Properties

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) requires federal agencies to consider the effects on historic properties of projects they carry out, assist, fund, permit, license, or approve throughout the country. If you have an interest in historic properties that may be affected by the project, you are invited to participate as a Consulting Party. To apply to become a Consulting Party, visit <https://transportation.ky.gov/DistrictOne/Pages/US-641-Project.aspx> or contact Brad Whybark at the KYTC District 1 office by calling 270-898-2431.



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Improvements are coming to the US 641 Corridor

The US 641 Project encompasses a study area from Murray, Kentucky, to Puryear, Tennessee. The objective of the project is to improve safety and mobility. Improving roadway geometry also will enhance the opportunity for freight movement between I-40 in Tennessee and I-24 and I-69 in Kentucky. Reconstruction of US 641 between the Tennessee State Line and Murray, Kentucky, is planned to begin in late 2020 thanks to a \$23 Million federal grant received by Kentucky. The KYTC is currently evaluating a range of alternatives for an improved roadway corridor. The range of corridors under consideration include options for new alignments along the existing US 641 and both to the east and west of existing US 641.

See details for the public meeting which will be ***[your opportunity](#)*** to provide input regarding this project!

Please see inside for more information and a map of the Study Area.

Study Corridor

The Map of the Study Area shown illustrates the study area and alignment corridors that are currently under consideration. Three corridors are currently being studied – **the Green Corridor, the Blue Corridor, and the Orange Corridor**. Each corridor is approximately 500 feet wide. Proposed Typical Sections are shown on the map for each corridor.

The **Blue Corridor** follows the existing US 641 roadway and would widen the existing corridor to three lanes initially, with right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation for an ultimate 5-lane typical section. However, only a 2-lane typical section with parking is being considered through Hazel because of the sensitivity of historic resources. The **Green Corridor**, with variations (**dashed Green**), is west of the existing US 641 Corridor. The **Orange Corridor** is east of the existing US 641 Corridor. Both the **Green Corridor** and **Orange Corridor** would use a 4-lane divided roadway typical section as illustrated below.

