

Breaking news



\$24 million grant awarded for Mountain Parkway work

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The federal government has approved a \$24 million grant that will speed up part of the project to widen and extend the Mountain Parkway.

The grant will allow work to begin two years ahead of the initial schedule on a project to ease congestion along a section of U.S. 460 and Ky. 114 in Salyersville, where there are dozens of businesses, according to a joint news release from Gov. Steve Beshear and U.S. Rep. Hall Rogers.

The state will put an additional \$15 million toward the \$39 million plan to widen the stretch of road and control access, according to the news release.

State lawmakers this year approved spending \$132 million to begin a 10-year project to widen the parkway and extend it past Salyersville to U.S. 23 at Prestonsburg, creating a four-lane link from Central Kentucky



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The Project

- Priority set by Gov. Beshear,
 Kentucky General Assembly
- Widening 46 miles of existing
 2-lane roads
- Preliminary cost estimate: \$753.6 million
- Construction work phased over 6+ years
- Much of corridor follows winding path near mountains and streams







COMPLETING THE MOUNTAIN PARKWAY WIDENING THE ROAD, NARROWING THE GAP The project will complete a 4-lane, high-speed corridor to better connect Eastern Kentucky and the rest of the state. **Ashland** Louisville Lexington Paintsville Prestonsburg Pikeville Mountain Four-lane, high-speed corridors Parkway Expansion Williamsburg





Project Goals

- Complete a four-lane, high-speed corridor from Campton to Prestonsburg
- Improve safety
- Maintain limited-access parkway
- Limit environmental impacts
- Support state and federal efforts to boost economic development, business and tourism







Project Funding

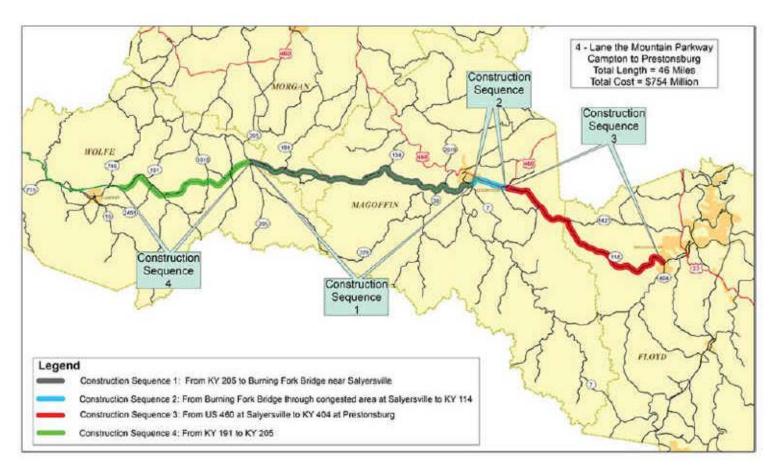
- \$753 million preliminary cost estimate
- \$381 million provided in Six-Year Plan
- \$108 million in biennium
- Priority on cost savings and innovation

2014 Enacted Plan (\$ Millions)								
TRADITIONAL FUNDS	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	TOTAL
Statewide Transportation Program (STP)	4,282,000	2,000,000	20,750,000	3,150,000	35,000,000	43,400,000	25,000,000	133,582,000
National Highways (NH)	7,560,000	23,480,000	36,150,000	25,150,000	11,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	133,340,000
State Construction High Priority (SPP)	3,543,000	20,500,000	5,000,000	15,000,000	2	12		44,043,000
State Construction (SP)	(4)			10,200,000	29,000,000	11,550,000	20,000,000	70,750,000
TOTAL	\$ 15,385,000	\$ 45,980,000	\$ 61,900,000	\$ 53,500,000	\$ 75,000,000	\$ 69,950,000	\$ 60,000,000	\$ 381,715,000





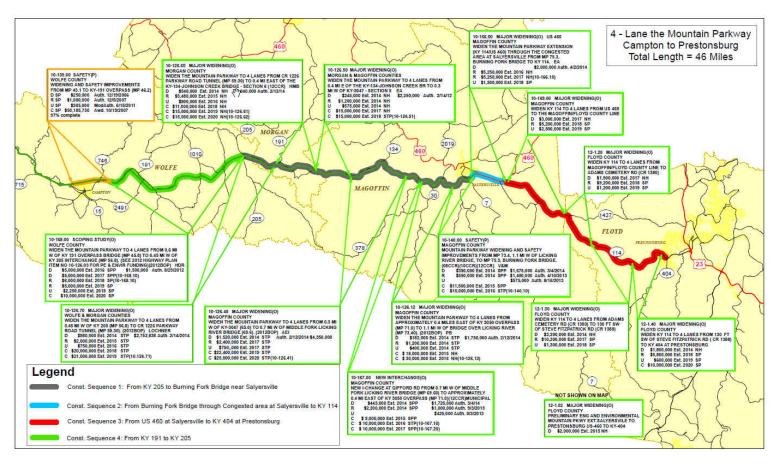
Project Sequences







Geographic Sections







General Engineering Consultant

KYTC goal: Provide experience, continuity over life of long-term, mega projects

Areas of responsibility include:

- Preliminary Engineering
- Environmental
- Project Management
- Contract Administration
- Design
- Oversight
- Right of Way Acquisition

- Utility Relocation
- Communications
- Record Keeping
- Construction Supervision
- Construction Inspection
- Other duties as determined through the life of the contract





Value Engineering Study Team

KYTC goal: Create public-private team of experts to find solutions that lower costs, improve safety and build a better parkway

- Bill Morris, Stantec Roadway Specialist
- Danny Woods, Stantec Structures Specialist
- Adam Crace, Stantec Geotechnical Specialist
- Harsha Wijesiri, Integrated Engineering Drainage Specialist
- Christopher Jenkins, Qk4 Construction Specialist
- Travis Carrico, KYTC Construction / Constructability Specialist
- Shawn Russell, KYTC Construction / Constructability Specialist
- Darren Back, KYTC Roadway Specialist
- Renee Hoekstra, CVS, RHA, LLC VE Team Leader
- Patrice Miller, AVS, RHA, LLC VE Assistant Team Leader









Challenges









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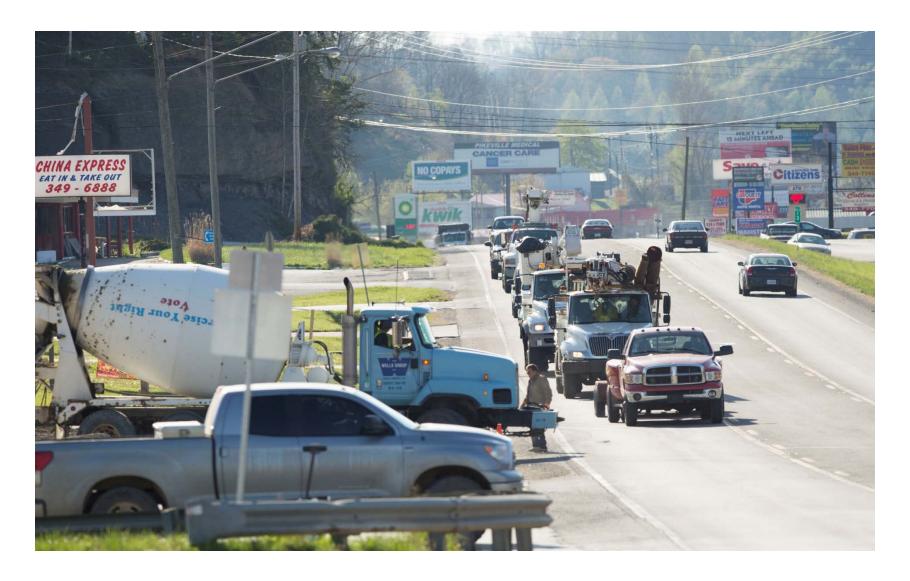




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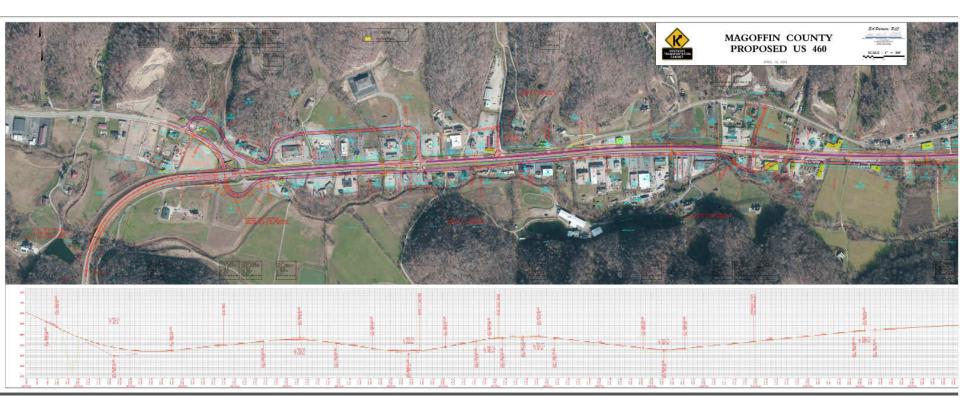














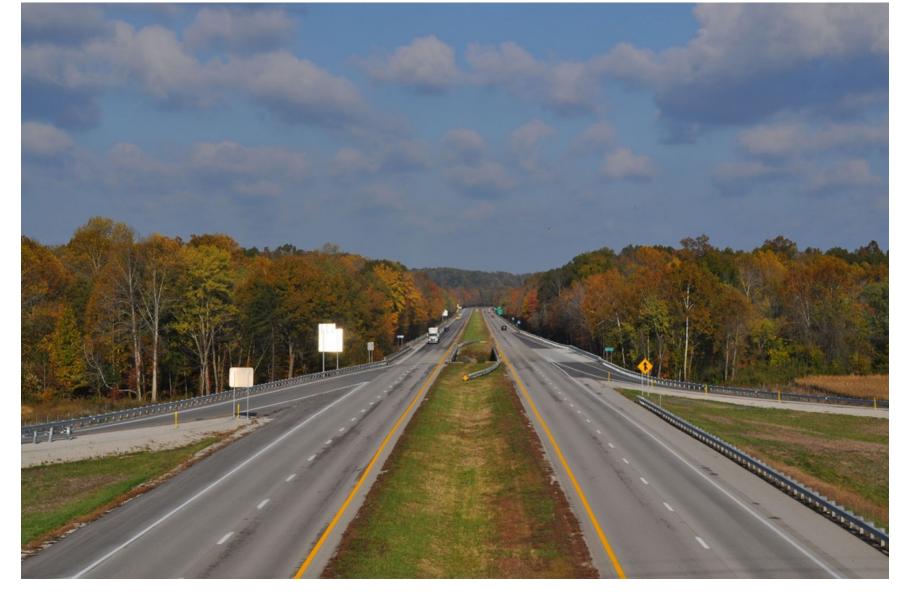


Solutions





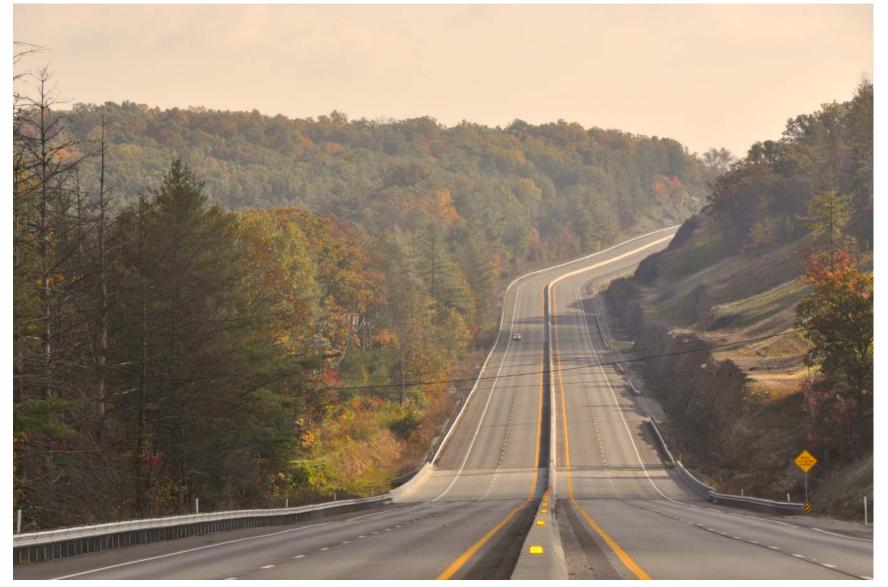




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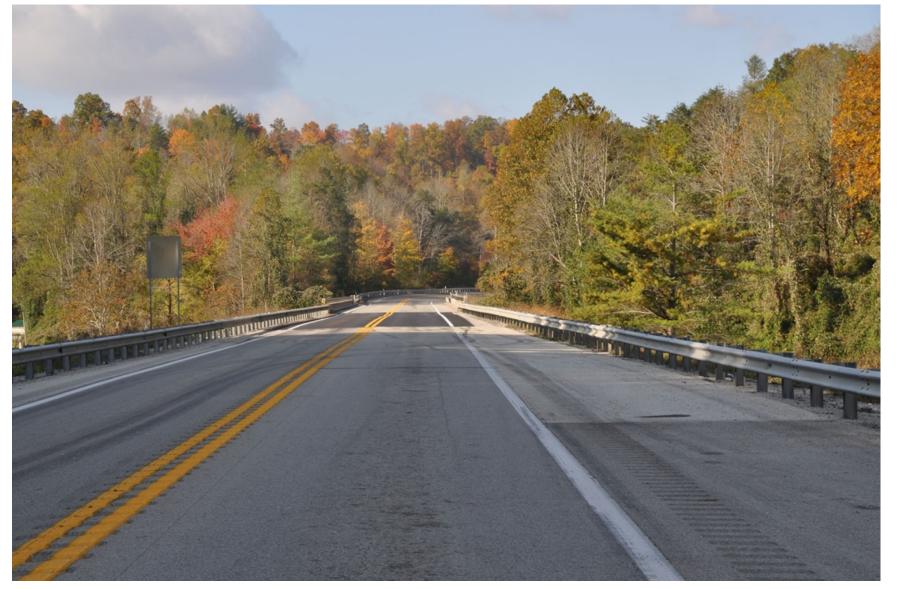




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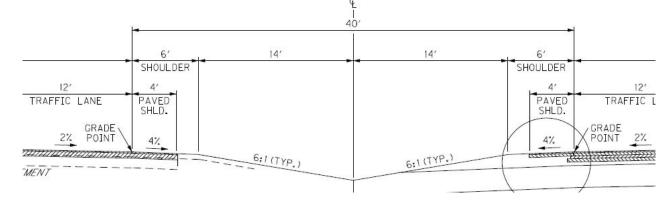


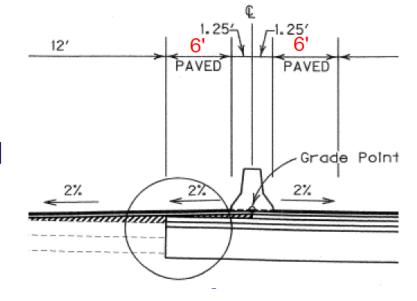




Solution: Use median barrier to reduce the footprint through the cuts

Baseline





Proposed

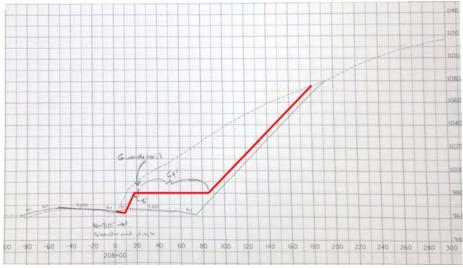




Solution: Bifurcate road to reduce cuts



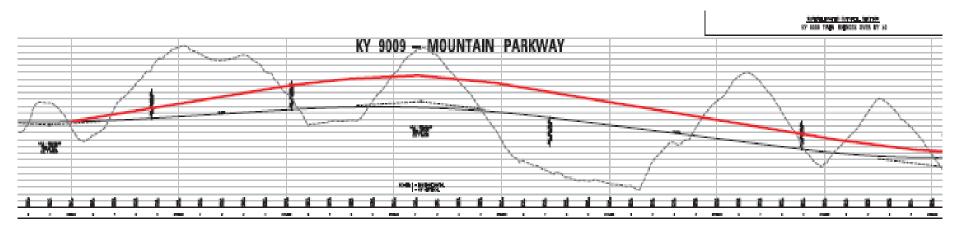








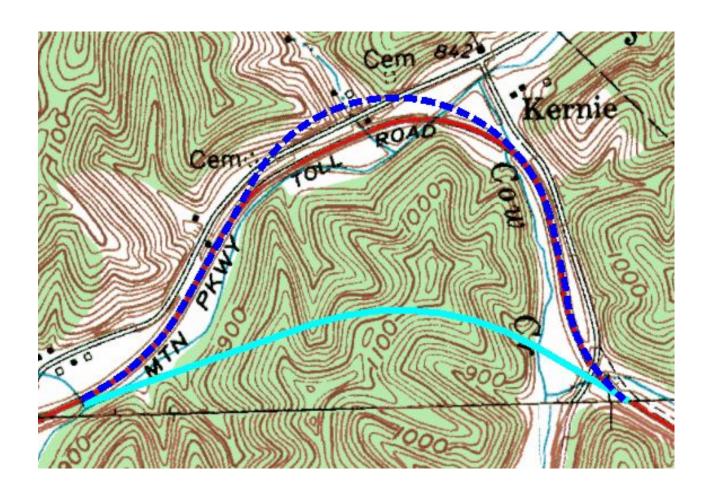
Solution: Raise grade to balance earthwork and reduce cuts







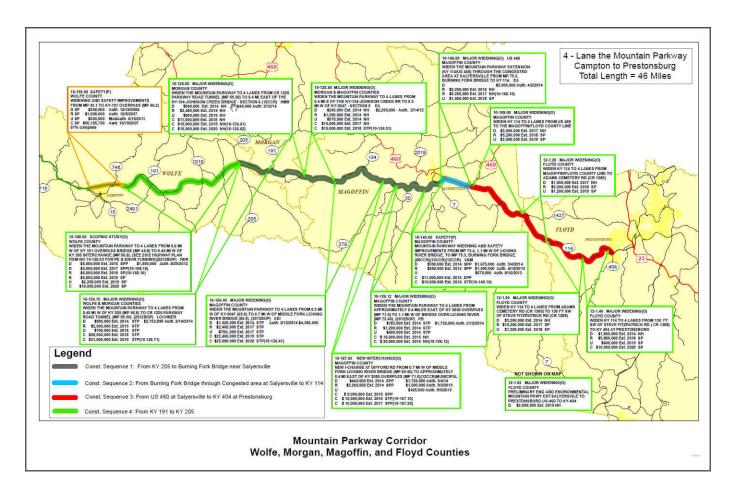
Solution: Reduce curvature of roadway







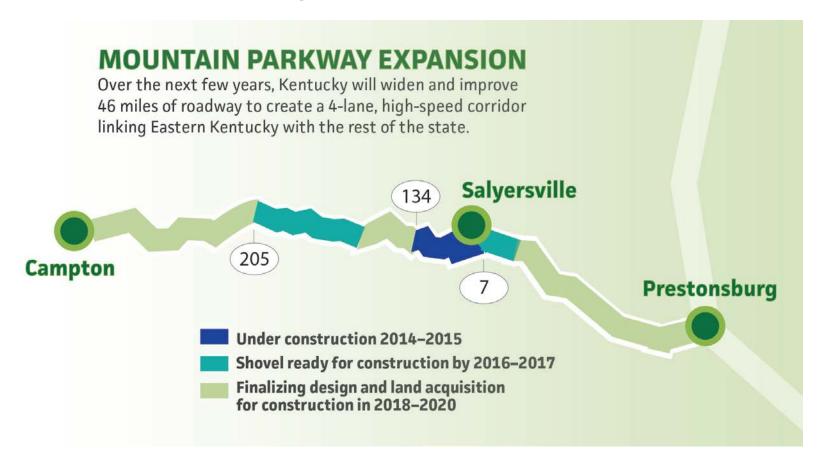
Construction Plans







Project Priorities







Communications Approach

- Project identity
- Team communication (GEC, cabinet, districts)
- Public information and media relations
- Open house meetings
- Milestone events









Communications Approach

- Project website
- Social media
- Email communications and e-newsletter
- Updates for community leaders
- Mountain Parkway
 Awareness Council



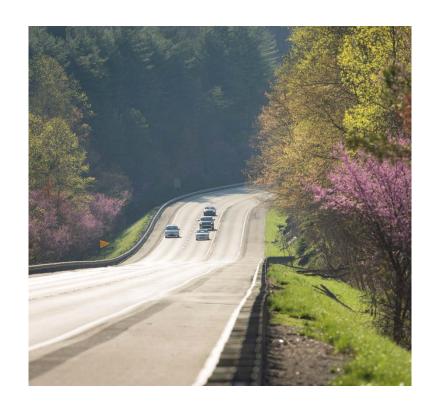






What's Ahead

- Public meetings
- Initial construction letting
- Groundbreaking
- Clearing
- Construction
- Design work and VE studies







Questions







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- Background on the expansion
- Updates on project plans, meetings, etc.
- Contacts for project partners
- Links to sign up for e-communications like social media sites and email newsletters

