## US 641 CORRIDOR CALLOWAY COUNTY, KY HENRY COUNTY, TN

#### **Expedited Environmental Processes**







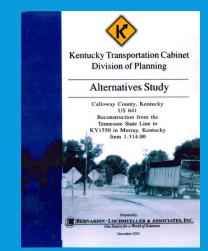






## PROJECT BACKGROUND

- 2002 Alternatives Study
- 2011 / 2012 Preliminary Engineering
- 2012 VE Study
- 2017 Highway Safety Improvement Program
  - \$1.4 Million Funding for Spot Improvements
- 2018 Re-Start
  - Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Assessment





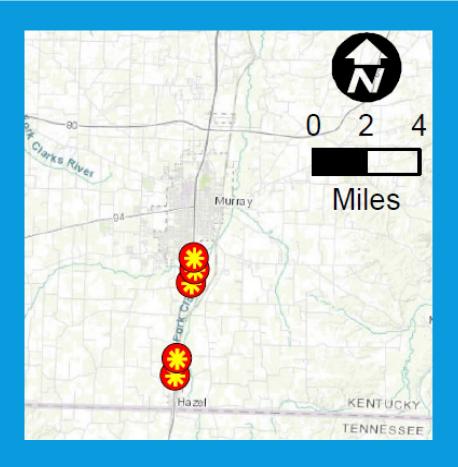








#### PURPOSE AND NEED



- **NOT** a capacity Project
- 2013 2017 crash data
  - 8 fatalities from five crashes
  - Fatality rate in KY more than three times the statewide average for similar roadways.
- Improve connections to Interstates (I-24, I-69 and I-40) in the Region

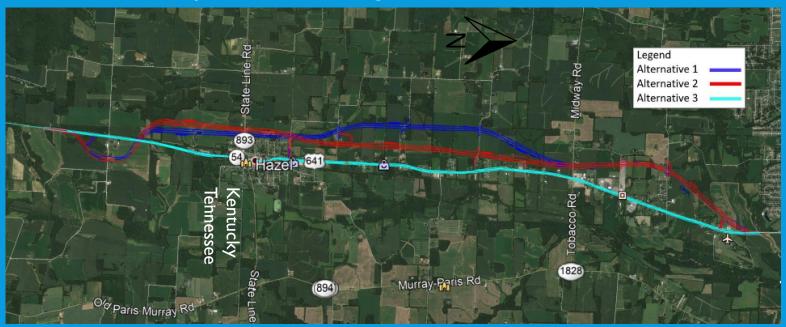






#### INITIATE PRELIMINARY DESIGN

- Scoped for two off-corridor alignments to west and improvements along existing
- Work underway in earnest August 2018









### **SOUTHERN TIE-DOWN**

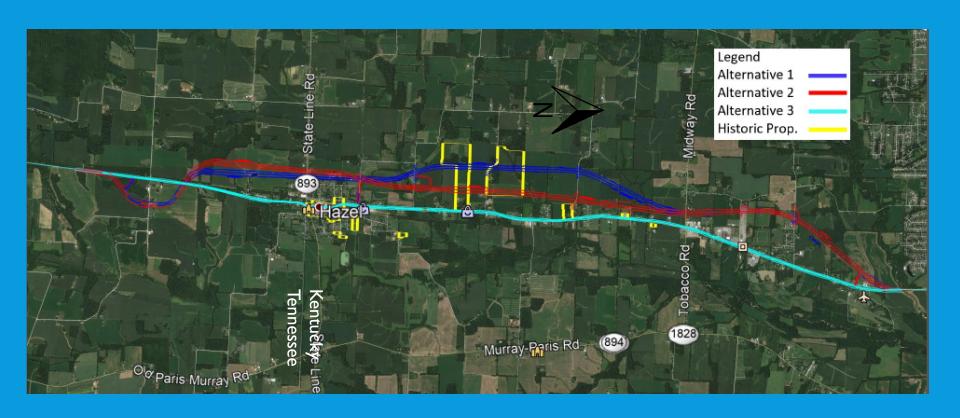








# THE BEST LAID PLANS (AKA BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD)









## BUILD GRANT AWARDED DECEMBER 2018



- Project previously rejected for grant funding
- 2018 selection criteria placed emphasis on projects in rural areas
- Local support \$1M
- \$23 M awarded to project
- With KYTC contribution, sufficient for building KY section (4-lane divided)
- Must be ready for letting by September 2020







#### ACCELERATED SCHEDULE

- Preliminary Line and Grade February 2019
- Begin Final Design April 2019
- Begin Preliminary Right of Way Acquisition in Kentucky July 2019
- Draft EA June 2019
- Public Hearing -- August 2019
- Complete Environmental Documentation October 2019
- Complete Right of Way Acquisition in Kentucky April 2020
- Begin Construction October 2020







#### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

- Along Existing US 641 Corridor 3 Lanes
- Avoidance Alternative West of Existing US 641 Corridor 4
  Lanes
- Re-visit East of US 641 Corridor 4 lanes



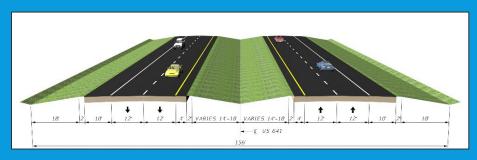






## PRELIMINARILY PREFERRED (IN KENTUCKY)

West of Existing US 641 Corridor – 4 Lanes











#### STAY THE COURSE

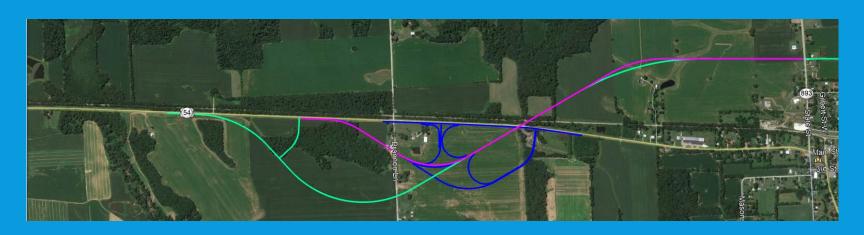
- With the Preliminarily Preferred Alternative identified:
  - Environmental approval for early ROW acquisition (April)
  - Initiate Phase I archaeology; Separate reports for each State
  - Initiate Biological Assessment
  - Initiate Permitting
- State differences regarding Section 106 MOAs
- TDOT uncertainties regarding project scope and timing







#### TENNESSEE CONNECTIONS







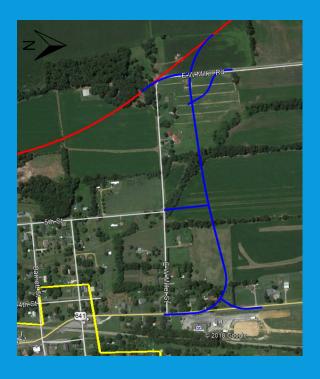




### **EW MILLER CONNECTIONS**













#### **EXPEDITING THE WORK**









#### EXPEDITING THE WORK

- Heavy Project Management responsibility
- Communication paramount especially with bi-state projects
- Understand other State's processes
- Early identification of Preferred Alternative critical for:
  - Early authorization of ROW activities
  - No acquisitions until NEPA complete
  - Initiating Phase I Archaeology
  - Completing Biological Assessment
- Limit second-guessing
- Universal commitment is essential!







## **QUESTIONS**







