

## Workgroup Surveys for Somerset Northern Bypass

Project Item Number: 8-59

County and Route: Pulaski, New Route

Project Description: Somerset Northern Bypass is a 4-lane, limited access highway that will alleviate congestion in and around Somerset. The bypass extends from the Louie B. Nunn Parkway west of Somerset and heads north bypassing Somerset. It then intersects with Ky 80 east of Somerset in the Barnesburg community.

Project Manager Contact information (Cabinet): David Beattie, (606) 677-4017

Project Manager Contact Information (Consultant): Mike Bruce (Design) and Paul Biggers (Environmental) both of JDQ, (859) 277-3639

Other contacts: Cathi Blair, Environmental Coordinator, (606) 677-4017

Approximate dates: February 15, 2002

Comments (number of people reached, effectiveness of the technique, what you would do differently, etc.): Three workgroups were established for this project and surveys were sent out by each group:

- Agriculture surveys went out to 380 citizens. The mailing list was created by the CAG committee for agriculture.

- Business surveys went to 660 citizens and businesses. This mailing list was also created by the CAG and used the Chamber of Commerce mailing list as a starting point.

- Environmental surveys went to 1750 citizens including several from out-of-state. The CAG environmental committee used watershed mailing lists, the US Forest Service mailing list, and a list of cavers as the basis for their mailing lists.

SOMERSET NORTHERN BYPASS  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
AGRICULTURE WORK GROUP  
SURVEY FORM

February 15, 2002

Dear Sir/Madam:

As you may know, a Citizens Advisory Council was established for the Somerset Northern Bypass project. The Council members were selected from various issue/interest areas including agriculture, business, environment, economic development/tourism, government, and neighborhoods. One of our duties as council members is to collect information from community members and then to relay those ideas and concerns to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

As members of the Agriculture Workgroup, we have developed the following initial list of issues that could be used to analyze and compare the various Northern Bypass alternate alignments.

- n Limit the loss of prime farmland
- n Minimize additional travel required for farm operations
- n Minimize the splitting of farms
- n Minimize the disruption of local road networks and access to fields, markets and suppliers
- n Avoid displacement of farm homes and farm structures

In the space below, please add any other issues you feel are important to the Agriculture Work Group in examining the various alternate routes. (Use back of sheet if necessary)

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Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one)

I have added to the list of core criteria

I believe the core list is adequate

A "master list" of Agriculture Work Group issues will be developed from these responses and sent to you with instructions to select the ones that you believe are the most important. *Because there are five other workgroups, you may receive other survey forms from those workgroups. Those workgroups will have a different list of criteria and/or concerns. You are encouraged to answer all survey forms that you receive.*

Please return this form to Cathi Blair, Environmental Coordinator, Dept. of Highways, in the enclosed stamped, self-addressed envelope no later than March 4, 2002.

Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,

Agriculture Work Group of the Citizens Advisory Council  
Keenan Turner  
Allen Crawford  
Kenny Beshears

SOMERSET NORTHERN BYPASS  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT WORK GROUP  
SURVEY FORM

February 15, 2002

Dear Sir/Madam:

As you may know, a Citizens Advisory Council was established for the Somerset Northern Bypass project in Pulaski County, Kentucky. The Council members were selected from various issue/interest areas including agriculture, business, environment, economic development/tourism, government, and neighborhoods. One of our duties as council members is to collect information from community members and others with an interest in our region and then to relay those ideas and concerns to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

As members of the Environment Workgroup, we have developed the following initial list of issues that could be used to analyze and compare the various Northern Bypass alternate alignments.

- n Minimize impact on water quality (surface and ground water)
- n Minimize impacts on ecosystems (woodlands, wetlands, karst, prairies, etc.)
- n Maintain habitat as presently existing
- n Minimize noise impacts on local residents and wildlife (try to maintain noise to levels that are normally found in the neighborhoods)
- n Provide for scenic quality of proposed interchanges and minimize loss of green spaces

In the space below, please add any other issues you feel are important to the Environment Work Group in examining the various alternate routes. (Use back of form if necessary)

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Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,

Environment Work Group of the Citizens Advisory Council  
Lee Florea  
Ben Mattingly  
Dan Crockett  
Father Jack Kieffer

SOMERSET NORTHERN BYPASS  
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
BUSINESS WORK GROUP  
SURVEY FORM

February 15, 2002

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As you may know, a Citizens Advisory Council was established for the Somerset Northern Bypass project. The Council members were selected from various issue/interest areas including agriculture, business, environment, economic development/tourism, government, and neighborhoods. One of our duties as council members is to collect information from community members and then to relay those ideas and concerns to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

As members of the Business Workgroup, we have developed the following initial list of issues that could be used to analyze and compare the various Northern Bypass alternate alignments.

- n Minimize the loss of jobs
- n Provide good access to existing businesses
- n Allow for site opportunities for business relocations and future development
- n Allow for the future expansion of Somerset

In the space below, please add any other issues you feel are important to the Business Work Group in examining the various alternate routes. (Use back of form if necessary)

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Check one)

I have added to the list of core criteria

I believe the core list is adequate

A "master list" of Business Work Group issues will be developed from these responses and sent to you with instructions to select the ones that you believe are the most important. *Because there are five other workgroups, you may receive other survey forms from those workgroups. Those workgroups will have a different list of criteria and/or concerns. You are encouraged to answer all survey forms that you receive.*

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Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,

Business Work Group of the Citizens Advisory Council  
Ken Bean  
Jim Bentley  
John Tuttle