

Excess/Surplus Land Frequently Asked Questions

What is Kentucky Transportation Cabinet excess/surplus land?

Excess land is property that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet originally acquired for a transportation project or other operational need such as a maintenance facility. The property becomes surplus when the Department determines that it will no longer be necessary for a transportation project or other operational need.

How can I find out if a particular property is available for sale?

Identify area you wish to acquire, (address or nearest mile point) - (in most cases you will need to be an adjoining property owner). Contact the local KYTC District Highway Office and ask for the Right of Way section, Excess/Surplus Property Coordinator.

How do I get on your mailing list?

Contact your local District Excess/Surplus Property Coordinator by phone or email with your information.

How is excess/surplus land sold?

Excess/surplus land is sold at auction, either by an oral public auction or a sealed bid auction. Under certain circumstances, excess/surplus property may be offered for sale directly to adjoining property owners. It may also be offered for direct sale to public agencies if the property is to be used for a public purpose.

Is there a minimum bid?

Yes, there is a minimum bid.

How are excess/surplus properties valued?

All properties are appraised at fair market value by a KYTC prequalified appraiser. The applicant will pay the appraisal fee.

What forms of payment does the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet accept?

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet accepts cashier's checks and certified checks. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet does not accept personal checks.

What do I need to do in order to bid on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet excess/surplus land?

Generally speaking, you only need to show up at the auction and register to bid. However, it is important to review the sales announcement prior to bidding since individual sales may have different requirements.

Who pays the closing costs on excess/surplus land transactions?

Generally, the buyer pays all closing costs and recording fees.

Where does the money go that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet receives from the sale of excess/surplus land?

The Road Fund

Does the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet offer financing?

No