U.S. HIGHWAY 641: LYON/CALDWELL COUNTIES PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, August 27, 2019 5 to 7 p.m. Fredonia Presbyterian Church 303 Cassidy Ave., Fredonia, KY

Welcome,

Thank you for attending to the Public Information Meeting to discuss improvements to U.S. 641 in Caldwell and Lyon counties. This meeting is being held to present revised details on the Preliminary Preferred Alternate being considered to widen and improve the U.S. 641 corridor between Eddyville and Fredonia.

The project being discussed tonight will improve safety and mobility for drivers, and will better serve the long-term transportation needs of Lyon, Caldwell and Crittenden counties, along with the entire region.

Engineers and representatives with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the project team are here tonight to talk about the Preliminary Preferred Alternate and how KYTC arrived at this solution to widen U.S. 641 to accommodate a four-lane highway and realign the road to improve safety.

An opening video is running at two stations that will provide an overview of this project, the planning and engineering studies that have occurred to date, and the route being studied to advance this project to construction. This meeting will be an open house format, and project leaders are available to discuss one-on-one the benefits and impacts of the project. Two large exhibits also are available that show information about the precise location of the Preliminary Preferred Alternate and the properties potentially affected by this project.

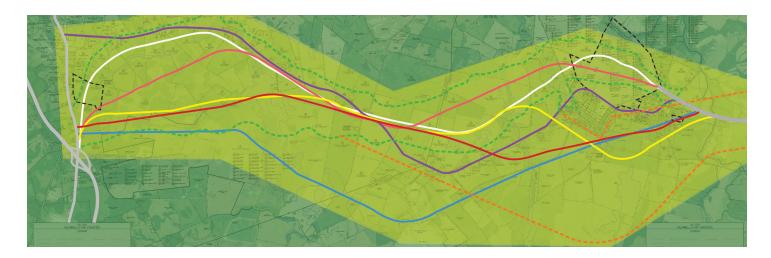
These stations are staffed by representatives of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and its consultants. Feel free to stop by and discuss the project with the representatives.

Please provide any comments or suggestions in writing on the comment form provided, by visiting the U.S. 641 project page at http://transportation.ky.gov/DistrictOne or by sending an email to Chris.Kuntz@ky.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this project.



PROJECT OVERVIEW



BACKGROUND

Currently, U.S. 641 serves about 4,000 vehicles per day. With its planned expansion, that number could grow to more than 5,300 vehicles per day by 2030, based on a KYTC traffic study. In addition to addressing this anticipated need to increase capacity, this project aims to improve safety and mobility for drivers throughout the region.

KYTC has thoroughly studied more than a dozen alternatives to widen and realign the U.S. 641 corridor in the area shown above and determined the Preliminary Preferred Alternate is the best option to meet the region's needs. Development of the Preliminary Preferred Alternate focused on these key factors, which KYTC has closely examined:

- Improving safety
- Limiting impacts to farms, homes, businesses, and private properties
- Addressing current and long-term transportation needs
- Maximizing use of state-owned property (Correctional Complex and Industrial Park site)
- Limiting impacts to wetlands
- Minimizing the cost to complete
- Avoiding further delays

TENTATIVE PROJECT TIMELINE

The next step for the U.S. 641 project will be final environmental and design studies, which should begin within weeks and be completed in 18 to 24 months. Following that process, the state will begin acquiring right-of-way for the project. Construction could begin by spring 2022 and last 2–3 years.

