

Public Meeting #2 Minutes

DATE: June 21, 2001

TO: Paul Estes, P.E.
TEBM for Pre-Construction
KYTC – District 4

FROM: Larry D. Chaney, P.E., L.S. *LDC*
Transportation Department Manager

SUBJECT: Nelson, Spencer, and Bullitt Counties
US 31-E Scoping Study
Item No. 4-0287.00

The second public meeting was held from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. on April 10, 2000, at Cox's Creek Elementary School to gather local input pertaining to the reconstruction of US 31E. The following project team members were in attendance:

Paul Estes – TEBM for Pre-Construction (KYTC District 4)
Gary Valentine – District Design Engineer (KYTC District 4)
Larry Chaney – Department Manager (HNTB)
John Moss – Project Manager (HNTB)
Karen Mohammadi – Traffic Engineer (HNTB)
Brian Aldridge – Engineer (HNTB)

The meeting began with an open format. As the public entered the cafeteria, they were asked to sign in and were given a meeting packet, a copy of which is attached to this memorandum. The five-page packet included a general information sheet; an exhibit showing the alternative alignments, an exhibit depicting existing, construction-year, and design-year average daily traffic (ADT) volumes; and an exhibit showing general critical accident rate factors. The final page was a form for feedback, to be mailed in to the KYTC District 4 office or submitted at the end of the meeting. HNTB provided 900' scale color displays depicting alignment alternatives, potential environmental considerations and existing property boundaries. Copies of these exhibits were set up at three stations and members of the project team staffed each station to answer questions.

At around 6:00 P.M., Paul Estes welcomed the audience and discussed the rationale for the establishment and placement of the alternative alignments. The criteria that Mr. Estes discussed were that the geometric portion of the alignments had to comply with current design standards and that the impacts on the potential environmental concerns had to be minimized. Mr. Estes requested that those members of the public in attendance provide feed back to the Cabinet so that the Cabinet could consider the public's opinions. He then turned the meeting over to Larry Chaney. Mr. Chaney began by thanking the audience for attending and discussed the information included in the meeting packet. Mr. Chaney also emphasized the need for public comment and explained that the alignments shown on the plans were conceptual and subject to change. He said that the concepts should be considered, not the exact location of each alignment. One alternative (Alternative A) presented was an alignment completely off the existing alignment, to the west, that minimized impacts to those properties close to the existing alignment. A

second alternative (Alternative B) presented was also to the west of the existing road, but closer to and more closely paralleling the existing alignment. A third alternative (Alternative C) was offered as a completely new roadway to the east of the existing alignment. This alignment also closely paralleled the existing alignment to provide opportunities to connect to the existing road. The fourth alternative (Alternative EX) was the proposed widening of the existing roadway along its present alignment. Mr. Chaney explained that there were portions of the existing road that could not be widened on its present alignment due to horizontal and vertical constraints and potential environmental impacts.

The meeting was adjourned and the audience visited the stations once again and asked additional questions of the project team.

A total of eighty-four people signed the registry and the Cabinet received a total of eighteen comment sheets from the public. Of those people expressing a preferred alignment, twelve favored rebuilding the existing alignment, three favored the eastern alignment, each of the two western alignments was favored by one person, and two people expressed no preference. The total number of expressed preferences is nineteen because one respondent preferred either rebuilding the existing road or the eastern alignment.

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Attachments.

C: All attendees

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

**TO DISCUSS THE RELOCATION OF THE
KY 332 – PLUM RUN ROAD INTERSECTION
IN BARDSTOWN TO THE SALT RIVER
ITEM NO. 04-287.00**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2001
6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
COX'S CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA
5635 LOUISVILLE ROAD
COX'S CREEK, KENTUCKY
NELSON COUNTY**

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has scheduled a Public Information meeting to discuss the relocation of US 31E from the KY 332 – Plum Run Road Intersection in Bardstown to the Salt River. The purpose of this meeting will be to present preliminary alignment alternates for the project.

The public meeting will have a brief presentation at 6:00 p.m., followed by an open exhibit area where officials will be prepared to answer questions and/or receive public input. The exhibits will outline potential locations for the relocation of US31E and describe the potential environmental and engineering impacts.

Both written and oral statements will be accepted at the meeting. A recorder will be made available for those who desire to make oral statements and a comment sheet will be distributed to make it more convenient to provide written comments. Written statements will be accepted at the meeting. Written statements may also be mailed to S.R. Smith, Chief District Engineer, Kentucky Department of Highways, District Four, and P.O. Box 309, Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42702. All recorded and written statements will become part of the official record. Once compiled, the summary of this meeting and other supporting documentation will be made available for review and copying only after an Open Records Request has been received and approved. All Open Records requests must be submitted to the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Administrative Services, State Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622.

In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act," if you have a disability for which the Transportation Cabinet needs to provide accommodations, please notify us of your requirements by December 11, 2000. This request does not have to be in writing. Please contact Paul Estes, Preconstruction Engineer, District 4 - Elizabethtown, 634 East Dixie, P.O. Box 309, Elizabethtown, Kentucky, 42702 or call 270/766-5066.