

Project Report

IN THIS ISSUE

1	EXISTING CONDITIONS REPORT DEVELOPED
1	DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS
1	PROJECT WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING
2	CONTACT INFORMATION
2	WHAT'S TO COME?



PROJECT RECAP

Existing Conditions Presented

The first order of work after the Project was introduced at our December 4th, 2006 meeting was to begin an evaluation of existing conditions in the Project area.

Existing conditions include a number of evaluations areas such as:

- Traffic volumes and movements
- Existing and planned development
- Historic and environmental resources
- Other conditions that may be affected by Project modifications.

A second meeting was held Wednesday, March 7th, 2007 at the Callahan Community Center in Bellevue where existing condition evaluations were presented.

The meeting was to show the Interchange Advisory Committee, Section 106 Review Consulting Parties and the Public, findings from on-going evaluations of existing conditions (see **Project Website** info below). These evaluations form a basis that will help direct eventual design solutions developed by Committee members and the Public.

CURRENT ACTIONS

Developing Alternative Designs

Project Entering Design Step 3 – Identify Conceptual Alternatives

The next step in the Project involves identifying concepts for modifying the I-471/KY 8 interchange. The phase begins with a “design workshop” meeting of the Interchange Advisory Committee and the Section 106 Review Consulting Parties scheduled for April 13th.

Committee members and Consulting Parties are invited to examine the Project area from aerial photos and draw potential solutions. The designs will be presented to the Public at a later meeting where comments will be solicited. This means that the solutions will be developed in an open and collaborative manner allowing input from all interested parties.

As the designs are examined and studied, an impact evaluation matrix will be developed to compare the pros and cons of each. As the designs are forwarded for additional evaluations, the matrix will be updated to help support decision making.

Project Web-Site Up and Running with Project Information

The Project Team has been working to get the I-471/KY 8 Interchange Modification Project web-site up and running. The web-site can be accessed at www.471project.org

The web site contains links to materials ranging from the History of the Project to the most recent alternative design discussions. Meeting handouts, exhibits, and meeting notes are included under links to Project information. The web site provides Project reference materials for interested persons and committee members who may not be able to participate regularly in the Public involvement activities planned for the Project.

We hope that you will use the web-site as a means to stay informed and involved in the Project. We would also appreciate any comments you have about how we can improve this service for the Community's benefit.

Contact Information

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? PLEASE CONTACT:

CAROL CALLAN-RAMLER, P.E..
PROJECT MANAGER
KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET
421 BUTTERMILK PIKE
COVINGTON 41017
859-341-2700

**NEWSLETTER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
PLEASE CONTACT:**

MICHAEL GALBRAITH, AICP
H.W. LOCHNER, INC.
1040 MONARCH ST., STE. 300
LEXINGTON, KY 40513-1830
859-224-4476x224
mgalbraith@hwlochner.com

What's To Come?

As the Project moves forward, a number of related activities are already taking place.

- The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is installing new vehicle detection loops and pedestrian signals at the stop lights along KY 8 in Bellevue.
- A new NEWPORT/NEXT TWO EXITS sign on southbound 471 has been approved. Installation of the sign is expected soon.
- The Cabinet is working with ARTIMIS to review the electronic messages for the Levee at the display board just north of the SB I-71 Gilbert Avenue exit.

Other plans include traffic signal timing improvements on KY 8 this summer, spot pavement repairs on KY 8 in the vicinity of the Bellevue Vets building, and curb radius improvements at the EB KY 8 turn onto SB Riviera Ave.