



## Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting

The second Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting (CAC) was held for the US 27 to I-75 Connector Project on July 24, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Room of the Central Bank & Trust located at 305 West Main Street in Richmond, Kentucky. Sixteen CAC members attended the meeting along with approximately thirty interested area residents. A complete list of the CAC membership with their contact information can be found on the Project Website: [www.i-75connector.com](http://www.i-75connector.com)

The members present at the July 24, 2012 CAC Meeting and their organizations represented were as follow:

Roger Barger	Madison County Magistrate
Dan Bowling	Jessamine County Resident
Michael F. Brandenburg	Madison County Resident
Tyler Campbell	Commerce Lexington
David Carlstedt	City of Wilmore
William Neal Cassity	Jessamine County Judge Executive
Max D. Conyers	Lexington Area MPO
Duane Curry	Madison County Planning
George Dean	Jessamine County Magistrate
Wayne Foster	Jessamine County Economic Development Authority
Mendi Goble	Richmond Chamber of Commerce
David Hamilton	Kentucky River Authority
Jason Hart	City of Richmond Department of Planning and Zoning
Liz Hobson	Jessamine County Resident
Nancy Stone	Jessamine County Joint Transportation Task Force
Kathleen White	White Hall State Historic Site

The CAC was provided with Project Notebook updates that included the following information for the night's discussion:

- Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
- Updated CAC Member List
- Glossary
- Agency Coordination Plan & Section 106 Coordination Plan
- Purpose and Need Discussion from the 2008 Planning Study
- Modified Area of Potential Effects (APE) Map

- Historic Survey Map
- Surveyed Resources Map with Itemized Listing
- Draft Needs and Deficiencies Executive Summary
- CAC Meeting PowerPoint Slides
- Interactive Exercise Zone Map



KYTC's Bob Nunley welcoming all attendees to the second CAC Meeting.

## Connector Environmental Update

Many residents in the project area may have noticed or spoken with Project Team members who have been conducting field surveys in recent weeks. These surveys are to identify historic resources in the Project Corridor. Over 200 resources have been documented thus far. Mapping showing the resource locations was provided to the CAC members and is located on the Project Website.

A historic resource survey includes the information gathered during the field survey and research undertaken. Official survey forms are completed for each site surveyed. This survey of resources will be completed and submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of the Kentucky Heritage Council for review to determine eligibility status.

The Federal Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires states to establish historic records through surveys such as the ones taking place for the Connector Project. The surveys are used to determine which sites are eligible for nomination to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) lists the following guidelines for determining eligibility status on their website located at [www.achp.gov](http://www.achp.gov).

**Criteria for evaluation:** *The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and*

*(a) that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or*

*(b) that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or*

*(c) that embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master; or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or*

*(d) that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.*

Upon the SHPO completion of their evaluation of the resource surveys presented, an eligibility determination will be made for the resources. These significant identified resources will be important in determining the areas to try to avoid while designing the alternative roadway locations.

### **Section 106 Consulting Parties**

It isn't too late for individuals and organizations with interests in historic preservation of resources to participate in the I-75 Connector Project as Section 106 Consulting Parties. Consulting Parties will assist the Project Team in the further identification of historic properties and provide input for potential mitigation measures to reduce the adverse effects of the project on historic resources. Information about becoming a Section 106 Consulting Party can be obtained from Ananias Calvin III, KYTC Project Manager. Interested persons may phone (859) 246-2355 or email. [Ananias.Calvin@ky.gov](mailto:Ananias.Calvin@ky.gov). Several publications that help explain the federally-required Section 106 process are available online at the ACHP website. *A Citizen's Guide to Section 106 Review* is a particularly helpful document located on the ACHP website as well at <http://www.achp.gov/docs/CitizenGuide.pdf>. Please take time to review these documents that explain the federal laws that regulate project activities.

## Interactive Exercise

As part of the CAC's evening activities, an interactive exercise to help determine travel origins and destinations was completed with the CAC members. The CAC received small numbered keypads and a regional map that had been broken into ten different zones. The members pressed the corresponding number on the keypad to answer questions relating to travel to and from the numbered zones. For instance, the CAC members were asked "Where do you live?" as the first question. Results were anonymous and could be instantly viewed on the screen at the end of responding with the keypads. Based on the results of the first question, of the sixteen CAC members present, about one-third live in Zone 7, which is the area just east of Nicholasville, and about one-fourth live in the Richmond area, or Zone 9.

Several questions were concerning the likelihood of the members using the Connector to travel from one zone to another. Such origin/destination data will help the Project Team determine existing and future traffic patterns.

Based on the information and data that KYTC has collected and analyzed to date, the need for the I-75 Connector is to provide access for all types of vehicles that want to travel to and from I-75 to the Jessamine County area. The purpose for the Connector is not solely based on providing access for commercial vehicles and large truck traffic. In the 2008 Planning Study, commercial trucks were estimated at approximately 15% of all vehicles that would use the I-75 Connector; therefore, approximately 85% of all vehicles that would use the new facility would be automobiles and small trucks.



CAC member Nancy Stone engaging in the Interactive Exercise.

## Connector Access Control

Several questions have arisen during both the CAC Meetings and from public attendees concerning access control for the Connector Project. What exactly is access control for a roadway, and how can the type of access control implemented affect the surrounding area?

In the Kentucky Administrative Regulations, Section 603 KAR 5:120 states that Access Control is “the condition where the privilege to access a highway by abutting owners, occupants, or other persons is controlled by public authority.” There are three types of access control: Fully controlled, partially controlled, and permit controlled.

Fully-controlled access means that no one can enter the main roadway without using an interchange to do so. Interstates are fully controlled access roadways.

Partially-controlled access allows main roadway entrance via selected public roads and streets with at-grade intersections allowed only at locations that meet the required spacing along the main roadway. US 27 in Jessamine County has partially-controlled access.

Permit-controlled access means that a property owner adjacent to a roadway may request an entrance to the roadway through submitting a permit request to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Most local, county, and state roads are permit-controlled.

Every access point on a roadway is a potential conflict point. Numerous roads and driveways intersecting a roadway increase the potential for higher crash rates, reduced travel speeds, and increased user delays.

The exact locations of access points for the Connector have not been determined yet. Through controlling access on and off of the I-75 Connector, unwanted and undesirable development of the land along the new highway can be controlled. As Connector design progresses, decisions regarding locations of access points will be made in coordination with the Jessamine County and Madison County Planning Commissions and will be in compliance with the comprehensive plans of both counties. The current plans are the *Jessamine County Joint Comprehensive Plan 2010* and the *Madison County 2020 Land Use and Resource Management Plan*. These comprehensive plans are available online.

[www.bgadd.org/jessamine/pdf/2010WilmoreNicholasvilleJessamineCompPlan.pdf](http://www.bgadd.org/jessamine/pdf/2010WilmoreNicholasvilleJessamineCompPlan.pdf)

[www.co.madison.il.us/Planning/PDF/2020ComprehensivePlan.pdf](http://www.co.madison.il.us/Planning/PDF/2020ComprehensivePlan.pdf)

As further clarification of what exactly a Comprehensive Plan is and why is it important, the Bluegrass Area Development District provides the following explanation on their website located at [www.bgadd.org](http://www.bgadd.org):

A Comprehensive Plan is a means of defining a community's long term goals and setting objectives to reach those goals. It serves as a guide to development decisions and helps determine the course of public policy within the community. Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 100 (KRS 100) requires every Comprehensive Plan to contain specific elements:

- *Statement of Goals and Objectives: These serve as a guide for decision making regarding the physical and economic development of the community as well as the social well-being of its residents.*
- *Land Use Element: A plan for the use and development of land, public and private*
- *Transportation Element: A plan for transportation within the community and with its neighboring communities and counties, including roadways, pedestrian and bike paths, railroads, mass transit*
- *Community Facilities Element: A plan for public buildings, land and facilities which may include schools, parks, libraries, hospitals, and fire and police protection*
- *Military Installation Element: A plan for interaction with any military installation in or near the community, to include expansion plans, environmental impacts, safety and security and issues related to airspace usage*



CAC members during presentation

*Communities are also encouraged to consider additional elements which reflect specific concerns in their area, such as historic preservation or environmental conservation.*

*Comprehensive Plans are generally developed on a 20-year basis. Since communities naturally experience ongoing change, periodic review and update of the Plan – usually every five years -- is necessary in order to maintain its relevance and effectiveness over time.*

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## Future CAC and Public Meetings

The next Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 25, 2012 in Jessamine County from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Meeting location will be posted on the Project Website and CAC members will be notified in advance. A CAC Meeting is also planned for January of 2013.

Two Public Workshops, one held in Jessamine County and one held in Madison County, are scheduled for August. The Public Workshop in Jessamine County will be held on August 21, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at East Jessamine Middle School located at 901 Union Mill Road in Nicholasville. In Madison County, the Public Workshop is scheduled for August 23, 2012, also from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at B. Michael Caudill Middle School located at 1428 Robert R. Martin Bypass in Richmond.

A Public Information Meeting to present the environmental overview is planned for January of 2013.

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### Social Media Sites

Project Website: [www.i-75connector.com](http://www.i-75connector.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/I75Connector](http://www.facebook.com/I75Connector)  
Twitter: @I75Connector

*The Project Team welcomes you to sign up on the I-75 Connector Website listed above to be added to the mailing list for future newsletters, meeting notices, and project updates.*

