SUMMARY OF COMMENT FORMS

Public Information Meeting
Southwest Shepherdsville Transportation Study
Bullitt County
September 25, 2008

This public information meeting was conducted to (1) inform the public about the options for improving traffic in the southwest Shepherdsville study area and (2) to receive public input/comments about which improvements that they prefer. Citizens were provided a handout consisting of a project fact sheet with the study purpose, issues, and draft project goals, and a comment form to submit.

A staffed information table with a sign-in sheet was present at the entrance, and the handout/comment forms distributed to attendees. The meeting began at 6:30pm at the Shepherdsville City Hall located at 634 Conestoga Parkway, Shepherdsville, KY 40165. Several exhibits on display illustrated the various alternative improvements including both short-term spot improvements and long-term new corridors. Staff members from Qk4 and KIPDA were available to answer questions and elicit comments and discussion.

Sixty (60) people attended the meeting and signed the sign-in sheet. Forty-four (44) of the pre-printed comment forms were returned representing fifty-two (52) people. The questions from the comment form are listed below with the representative statements of all the comments received:

1. What are the most important transportation issues and/or locations in this area that concern you?

- Congestion at Beech Grove Road and KY 61 (24)
- Narrow road width of Beech Grove Road (8)
- Install signal at Beech Grove Road and KY 61 (4)
- Access to KY 61 (5)
- Speeding (4)
- Lack of sidewalks on Beech Grove Road (2)
- Blind curve entering Reichmuth Lane from Beech Grove Road (2)
- Do not want property taken (2)
- Vehicles cutting through parking lots and improper passing
- Old Ford Road to KY 61
- This problem was created by the city when they changed the area to residential
- Beech Grove Road has no guardrails
- 55 MPH speed limit on KY 61 North before reaching 1494
- Lack of secondary access to KY 1494 without driving to Bardstown
- Need lights at KY 480 and KY 61 intersection
- The convenient store sign that obstructs vision at Beech Grove Road and KY 61
• Reduce Congestion
• Old Ford Road is one lane and full of potholes
• Exiting Beech Grove Road safely
• Narrow streets and congestion
• Old Ford Road needs to be two lanes to KY 61
• All the subdivisions being built and Beech Grove Road can not handle the traffic
• When there is a major accident on I-65, KY 61 is blocked (3)

2. What type of road improvements should we consider to reduce congestion on Beech Grove Road?

• Signalization at Beech Grove Road and KY 61 (26)
• Construct turning lanes on Beech Grove Road at KY 61 (15)
• Develop Old Ford Road as an alternative (9)
• Re-open Salt River Plant Road to KY 61 (8)
• Alternate Route to KY 61 (7)
• Widen Beech Grove Road (6)
• Straighten the curve at Old Ford Road (2)
• Add sidewalks down Beech Grove Road (2)
• Decrease 55 mph speed limit on KY 61 North before KY 1494 (2)
• Add signs at the sharp curve
• Control speeding
• Stop building so many subdivisions
3. Four out of five cars (80%) go north on KY 61 from Beech Grove Road. To help us better plan, we would like to know on average how many times per week you take the following routes:

1. (196) Directly to I-65 to Louisville  
2. (19) Directly to I-65 to Elizabethtown  
3. (358) Local routes in and around Shepherdsville  
4. (205) To I-65 with stops in Shepherdsville

Note: numbers in parentheses indicate respondents’ total trips per week.
4. Please list any other comments you may have: (e.g. pedestrian concerns, drainage, problems, places that are confusing, places where you can’t see other traffic, etc...)

- There are not enough sidewalks on Beech Grove Rd. for pedestrians and bicycles (11)
- Speeding (6)
- Drainage (4)
- Pickles Corner sign blocks view at Beech Grove Road and KY 61 (4)
- Narrow width of Beech Grove Road (2)
- People backing out onto Beech Grove Road (2)
- Blind spot on Beech Grove Road and Reichmuth, tree branches too close to power lines on Beech Grove Road, Narrow width of Beech Grove Road does not provide safety for bicycles (2)
- Drop off on Salt River Plant Road needs to be filled-in and concrete debris removed from that area (2)
- Deep shoulders, curves too sharp
- Leave Salt River Plant Road closed due to narrow width and its intersection with KY 61 would be too close to Beech Grove Road intersection
- The city would need to reimburse properly as if we were selling to a developer
- Children need to stay in their own subdivision; need to remove Pickles corner sign; don’t go north, go south to interstate
- Drainage in front of my house, can’t get out of my driveway, falling down building, old septic tank across from Pickles Corner, trees, overgrown property, and swamp
- Bad curve at Beech Grove Road and Old Ford Road and past Dogwood Run entrance, Pedestrians and bicycles are a problem due to the narrowness of Beech Grove Road.
- Fog increases problems turning because you can’t see if any people or vehicles are coming
- What is the financial burden to taxpayers?
- Road erosion on Beech Grove Road and lack of shoulder, also hard to see to turn from westbound Beech Grove Road into Lakes of Dogwood subdivision due to foliage
- Beech Grove Road needs repair and emergency vehicle access is a concern
- truck traffic is extremely dangerous
- People not using their turn signals
- Beech Grove Road is not at a 90° intersection with KY 61
- It would be an inconvenience for me to have to go down 480 to I-65 North.
- Time deadline of study and need voters’ input
- Taxpayers need to be notified of any decisions made
- Parking at Pickles Corner blocks view
5. There are several general long term and short term options presented tonight. Please provide us your comments on each.

**Short-Term:**

*Spot 1: Turning Lanes and signal at the intersection of KY 61 and Beech Grove Road (KY 1494)*

- Favorable (30): 75%
- Unfavorable (1): 2%
- Unclear (9): 23%

*Spot 2: Reconstruct the high crash intersection of Beech Grove Road and Old Ford Road*

- Favorable (16): 49%
- Unfavorable (9): 27%
- Unclear (8): 24%

*Spot 3: Convert Salt River Plant Road to one-way with right-turn only onto KY 61*

- Favorable (25): 60%
- Unfavorable (8): 20%
- Unclear (8): 20%

**Long-Term:**

*Corridor 1: Rerouting Beech Grove Road via the Old Ford Road Corridor to KY 61*

- Favorable (17): 49%
- Unfavorable (15): 43%
- Unclear (3): 8%

*Corridor 2: Rebuilding Beech Grove Road*

- Favorable (16): 43%
- Unfavorable (12): 33%
- Unclear (9): 24%

*Corridor 3: A new connector road from Cundiff Lane and/or the Lakes of Dogwood Subdivision to KY 61 just south of and parallel to Beech Grove Road*

- Favorable (16): 45%
- Unfavorable (13): 36%
- Unclear (7): 19%
Corridor 4: A new bridge over the railroad from KY 480 with a connector road to either Cundiff or Beech Grove Road

Favorable (12) 34%
Unfavorable (16) 46%
Unclear (7) 20%

Total Public Input Summary
The open-ended questions asked on the public comment form resulted in each response being unique. However, despite a lack of uniformity the common suggestions involved:

1. The most important transportation issues in this location are:
   • Congestion at the intersection of Beech Grove Road and KY 61
   • Narrow width of Beech Grove Road
   • Limited access to KY 61 from the subdivisions
   • Speeding

2. The preferred types of road improvements to reduce congestion on Beech Grove Road are:
   • Install signal and turning lanes at the intersection of Beech Grove Rd. and KY 61 (Spot 1)
   • Develop Old Ford Road as an alternate (Corridor 1)
   • Re-open Salt River Plant Road (Spot 3)
   • Construct an alternate route to KY 61 (Corridor 3 was the most popular of the options)
   • Widen Beech Grove Road (Corridor 2)

3. Forty-seven percent (47%) of respondents make trips that involve stops in and around Shepherdsville rather than traveling directly to I-65.

4. There is much concern among respondents regarding:
   • The lack of pedestrian facilities on Beech Grove Road
   • Speeding
   • Drainage
   • Financial burden to taxpayers regarding any construction alternative

5. Short-Term improvements rank in popularity with most popular first: 1, 3, 2
   Long-Term improvements rank in popularity with most popular first: 2, 3, 1, 4

6. Miscellaneous:
   There were two (2) petitions and one (1) email, requesting that no new roads be built. In addition to requesting that no new roads be built, one petition and the email illustrated support for the installation of a signal and turning lanes at the intersection of Beech Grove Road and KY 61.
Petition 1 states: “We do not want many millions spent on added roads. (Turning lane OK and road the city already has Old Ford Road OK)” This petition is signed by forty-one (41) people.

Petition 2 states: “We the undersigned, being residents, taxpayers and voters of Shepherdsville, KY, protest any proposal of putting an overpass over CSX Railroad. We know that the cost to the taxpayers would be in excess of 5 million dollars. We also know that there are less expensive ways of curing traffic problems on Beech Grove Road. We believe that the economy is in bad shape and we do not want more taxes. The City acknowledges that they do not have the money and we do not want to go in debt with bonds”. This petition is signed by fifty-four (54) people.

The email to Maxine Jeffries, City Clerk of Shepherdsville, states: “I have been walking around and talking to residents of the subdivisions off of Beech Grove Rd. They do not want a new road with the new taxes a/o bonds that will be associated with such an endeavor. However, everyone wants a turning lane at the top of Beech Grove Rd and a street light. They also want (especially those three subdivisions that connect with Oak Grove) Old Ford Rd which the city already owns finished. They also want to know who agreed to close Salt River Plant Rd. It seems that the city had been having meetings and keeping us that are affected out of the loop. This promotes distrust. I really hope that our politicians and such do not vote against what we want. After all, I am in for keeping all such activities public including what is said. Then we can keep everything honest”.
The City of Shepherdsville Needs Your Input!
Concerning a Traffic Needs Study in the Beech Grove Road / KY 61 Area

When: Thursday, September 25, 2008, 6:30 – 8:30 PM (Presentation at 7:00)

Where: Shepherdsville City Hall
634 Conestoga Parkway
Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Take this opportunity to share your ideas and concerns about traffic issues that affect you

For additional information or any ADA requirements, contact Maxine Jeffries, City of Shepherdsville, 634 Conestoga Parkway, P.O. Box 400 Shepherdsville, KY 40165, (502) 215-1527.
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Southwest Shepherdsville Transportation Study

The City of Shepherdsville has initiated a transportation study of the southwestern section of the city to address the traffic congestion on Beech Grove Road and vicinity. The scope will include evaluation of existing traffic conditions and identification of potential improvements that would reduce congestion and improve safety in the area. The general study area will include the area shown below, which includes the following existing major road corridors: Beech Grove Road (KY 1494), Old Ford Road, Reichmuth Lane, Cundiff Lane, KY 61 (S. Preston Highway), and KY 480 (Cedar Grove Road). The study area is illustrated below:

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Public Comment Response Deadline is October 2, 2008
PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

Southwest Shepherdsville Transportation Study

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