

40th Annual Kentucky Aviation Association Conference Sept. 28 through Sept. 30

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 26, 2016) – The Kentucky Department of Aviation in conjunction with the Kentucky Aviation Association will host the 40th annual Kentucky Aviation Association Conference at the Owensboro Convention Center this week.

From Wednesday through Friday, approximately 300 aviation professionals will attend educational sessions and informational forums all while networking with aviation-related governmental entities and industry leaders.

Conference sessions will provide up-to-date information on handling airport emergencies, airspace considerations dealing with the growing use of unmanned aerial systems, enhancing the safety of aircraft approaches and airfield operations, and complying with environmental regulations. Representatives from the Kentucky Department of Aviation and the Federal Aviation Administration will be available to discuss current issues and airport funding considerations.

Throughout the conference, industry suppliers and contractors will be available at individual exhibition booths to discuss their products and services. On Wednesday afternoon, the Kentucky Department of Aviation is sponsoring an Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Air Safety Seminar.

The conference agenda is available on-line at <http://www.aviationkaa.org>. Contact the Kentucky Aviation Association president or conference chair if you have any questions.

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About The KYTC

The goal of the KYTC DBE Program is to ensure a “level playing field” on which DBEs can compete fairly for US DOT-assisted contracts, improve the flexibility and efficiency of the DBE program and reduce burdens on small businesses.

KYTC provides support for its certified DBE firms through the DBE Supportive Services Program with the intent to improve economic growth and future of Kentucky DBE firms by utilizing the following tactics:

- Expanding business knowledge
- Increasing project quality
- Enhancing abilities

Creating marketability of Kentucky DBEs

About The DBE Program

The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) as the statewide provider of the federally funded Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program.

We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient.

Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

70-Mile Section of the Natcher Parkway to Eventually Become an Interstate Spur

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 26, 2016) – Gov. Matt Bevin and U.S. Rep. Brett Guthrie today announced plans to designate a 70-mile section of the William H. Natcher Parkway from Bowling Green to Owensboro as the “Future Interstate 65 Spur.”

The partnership between federal and state officials to upgrade the Natcher Parkway to an interstate spur was forged during a sign unveiling ceremony at the Owensboro Riverport this afternoon.

“Today, we stand firm behind our commitment of unlocking the infinite economic potential that this spur will have. Not only will it attract key investors to Western Kentucky, but it will improve the commute for motorists across the region,” said Gov. Bevin. “From its inception, Congressman Guthrie has championed this project each step of the way. I applaud his diligent efforts as well as our federal and state partners to help secure the necessary funding to begin the process.”

The designation of an interstate spur elevates the prominence of a highway into a federally-recognized corridor. In turn, businesses and other entities look to locate along a major federal thoroughfare. In addition, upgrading the parkway to interstate standards enhances the safety and mobility of the route.

On Aug. 2, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s (KYTC) plan to designate the Natcher Parkway as a future interstate spur. A future agreement between FHWA and KYTC will identify and outline the requirements needed to upgrade the parkway to interstate standards.

The work will include upgrading bridge rails and guardrails; improving exit and entrance ramps;

constructing new and/or modifying existing interchanges; and raising some overpass bridges to increase vertical clearance.

In addition, FHWA approved the installation of eight “Future Interstate 65 Spur” signs located along the Daviess, Ohio, Butler and Warren county lines. Signs will also be installed at the interchanges of the Natcher Parkway and I-65 in Bowling Green as well as the Natcher Parkway and U.S. 60 in Owensboro.

“The future I-65 Spur Shield is obviously something the community has been looking forward to for a long time,” Sen. Joe Bowen, of Owensboro said. “Two years ago, we were able to get language in the budget to get this process started. The completion of the project will certainly boost the potential for new and more business opportunities, not to mention an enhancement for tourism opportunities. I sincerely thank Congressman Guthrie, Governor Bevin, my colleagues, the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce, and everyone else who worked hard to make this project a reality.”

The six-year highway plan includes \$20 million of federal funding in the current biennium to upgrade the Natcher Parkway to interstate standards. The highway plan also includes a \$13.81 million stand-alone project that will reconstruct the interchange at the Natcher Parkway/U.S. 231 intersection—once home to a parkway toll booth plaza.

“The promising opportunity of an interstate spur opens the door to improved mobility and future plans for economic development along this growing corridor,” said Cabinet Sec. Greg Thomas. “I want to commend and thank our partners Gov. Bevin, Rep. Guthrie, FHWA and the local officials who understand the importance of this historic designation.”

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