



What's next for the DBE Program?



There are many projects that involve current DBE businesses. The DBE Program has proven helpful in the success of many individuals and their companies, accomplished through hard work and opportunity. Only time will tell what advances these DBE businesses will make in the coming years.



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See Excerpt: <http://transportation.ky.gov/Civil-Rights-and-Small-Business-Development/Documents/DBE%20NEWSLETTER%20Spring%202016.pdf>



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Route for Summer Shade Bypass Chosen: utility construction to begin next year



Joe Plunk, chief district engineer for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's District Three office in Bowling Green, shared the news with the Metcalfe County Fiscal Court Tuesday, after talking about the project allotment for the county's rural secondary road program.

“Last year, in May, we had a public meeting there, actually it was in Eighty-Eight, but it was for the Summer Shade project. There were several alternatives that went either to the north side of the town or to the south side of the town, and there was kind of an even split between who wanted it on the north and the south,” Plunk said. “Our project team did elect to move forward with the southern alignment.”

The bypass would generally stretch from west of the former Summer Shade Elementary School building, tying back in with Ky. 90 near the Dollar General Store.

A public hearing regarding the project will take place at some point this year, he said. The Summer Shade bypass is a \$19.3 million federally funded project, with right-of-way acquisition scheduled to take place this year. Utility construction is set to begin in 2018 and construction in 2020.

Magistrate Moe Hensley said he thought the southern alternative was the one that appeared to have the less impact on property owners based on the maps he viewed during KYTC's public meeting in May 2016.

“I don't think it's going to impact (as) many as it would have on the upper side,” he said. Hensley took advantage of the opportunity to ask Plunk about other road projects, such as improvements along Ky. 163 from Edmonton to the Ky. 90 intersection.

A bridge on the south side of Missionary Mound was put on hold when Kentucky's secretary of transportation and the governor paused state funded projects.

“We have been approached recently by the administration that there will be some projects that will be (released) this next fiscal year, starting July 1. And that is on the list,” Plunk said, adding KYTC is working with the city of Edmonton in tweaking water and gas relocation plans. “There are some telephone and power poles to move, but currently that project is scheduled to bid in December of this year.”

Construction of the new bridge isn't expected to start until the spring of 2018, he said. As for additional improvements along Ky. 163, Plunk said the original project called for a bypass around the western side of Edmonton and a series of spot improvements at Cedar Flat and Missionary Mound, plus a truck climbing lane on the north side of the Ky. 90 / Ky. 163 intersection.

To read more see Excerpt: http://www.glasgowdailytimes.com/news/route-for-summer-shade-bypass-chosen-utility-construction-to-begin/article_10687b3a-1f24-11e7-acce-233cfd42599.html

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