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OKI Identifies Improvement Projects for I-471 Corridor

33 multimodal recommendations will improve transportation in northern Campbell County

Cincinnati, OH – Improvements outlined in a transportation plan approved today by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) Board of Directors will increase travel efficiency and safety on Interstate 471 and other major routes in northern Campbell County. The 33 multimodal improvements were developed to address existing and forecasted safety and capacity issues in the corridor.

“This plan is critical to addressing the growing transportation needs of this corridor,” said Campbell County Judge Executive Steve Pendery, chair of the I-471 Project Management Team. “It will help ensure safety and mobility of those traveling in Campbell County.”

The corridor includes I-471, U.S. 27, I-275, KY 8 and KY 9 which accommodates close to a million vehicles every day. Travel demand through this corridor is expected to increase between 15 percent and 35 percent by 2030.

“We reaffirmed the importance of this major transportation corridor when we started this study two years ago,” Pendery said, who also serves as OKI’s First Vice President. “The recommendations will make it possible to systematically solve the problems of one of Kentucky’s major transportation spines.”

The study was conducted in two phases. Phase I was the overall corridor analysis. Two substudies were completed as part of this phase: U.S. 27 Alexandria Pike Access Management Plan and U.S. 27 Traffic Signal Optimization Plan. Phase II was the preparation of a preliminary Interchange Modification Study.

Special consideration was given to addressing projected 2015 needs, particularly related to the likely disruption of traffic in the region due to the anticipated Brent Spence Bridge replacement construction. An executive summary of the study is available via www.oki.org.

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Final Recommendations



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| Project | Description | 2030 Plan? |
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| Roadway Recommendations: Interstate | | |
| Ramp from I-471 Southbound to I-275 Westbound | Widen ramp one additional lane to provide increased capacity. | ✓ |
| I-471/I-275 interchange | Upgrade I-471/I-275 interchange, including I-275/NKU access enhancements. Due to inadequate spacing, the Three Mile Road partial interchange would be eliminated when I-471/I-275 is upgraded. | ✗ |
| I-275 and I-471 | Expand ARTIMIS capability along I-275 and I-471, upgrading equipment and adding fiber optic cable, cameras and detectors. | ✓ |
| I-275/KY 9 Interchange | Reconstruct interchange for safety and capacity improvements. | ✓ |
| I-275 | Add one additional lane in each direction from I-75 to AA Highway. | ✗ |
| I-471 mainline and interchanges at Memorial, Grand and US 27 | Widen one lane in each direction from I-275 to Ohio state line and upgrade three interchanges. | ✓ |
| I-471/US 27 interchange – southbound exit ramp | Reconfigure southbound off ramp to US 27 westbound to improve safety to Mook Road access. | + |
| I-275 | Add one additional lane in each direction from AA Highway to Ohio state line. | ✗ |
| Roadway Recommendations: Arterials | | |
| Taylor Southgate Bridge approach (north) | Reconfigure Taylor Southgate/3 rd Street (Kentucky approach) and I-71 southbound left turn to Broadway (Ohio approach) to improve bridge access. | + |
| Taylor Southgate Bridge approach (south) | Provide new KY 9 connection through Ovations property and bridge approach intersection. | ✓ |
| US 27 | Implement traffic signal optimization from Sunset Avenue to Meijer entrance – Highland Heights and Cold Spring. | + |
| US 27 | Sunset to KY 1120: Three lane conversion (KYTC planning 2008 resurfacing to include re-striping to 3 lanes). | + |
| KY 8 | Realign KY 8 from Veterans Memorial (4 th St.) Bridge to US 27. | ✓ |

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| Roadway Recommendations: Arterials (Continued) | | |
| US 27 | Add one additional lane in each direction from KY 2345 (Martha Layne Collins Blvd) to I-471 | ✓ |
| US 27 | Sunset to AA Highway: implementation of non-traversable median with mid-block U-Turns at some locations. | + |
| US 27 | Implement Crowell to AA Highway access management plan recommendations. | + |
| Access Management Policy | Develop Access Management Policy Countywide for future guidance on new access. | + |
| KY 8 | Widen Veterans Memorial (4 th Street) Bridge to 6 lanes (add 3 lanes). | ✓ |
| US 27 | Reconstruct US 27 from KY 1892 (Carothers Road) to KY 1120 (11 th Street); including sidewalks on the east side of US 27. | ✓ |
| KY 8 | Reconstruction from Tower Hill Road to KY 445. | + |
| KY 9 | Add one additional lane in each direction from I-275 to US 27. | ✓ |
| KY 1632 (Moock Road) | Reconstructed KY 1632 from KY 9 to US 27. | × |
| Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Recommendations | | |
| I-471 Interchanges | Ramp Metering (potential short and long term implementation) | + |
| I-471 and I-275 | Package (fiber optics, additional messaging signs, incident management upgrades) | + |
| Transit Recommendations | | |
| NKU Transit Center | New transit hub and circulator serving NKU and connecting routes. | ✓ |
| Newport Transit Center | New transit hub and circulator service in the vicinity of Monmouth and Third Streets. | ✓ |
| I-471 Bus on Shoulder (requires interstate reconstruction) | With the I-471 additional lane in each direction (US 27 to Ohio River) full shoulders would be constructed which would allow for future transit on shoulder use. | ✓ |

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| Transit Recommendations (Continued) | | |
| Express Route Service I-275 and I-471 | Promotion of existing express bus routes on I-471 and I-275 (TANK, METRO, and CTC). | + |
| Eastern Corridor Multi-modal Projects | Multi-modal improvements between Eastgate and I-71 including new highway, passenger rail and bus transit components. | ✓ |
| Recommendations for Further Studies | | |
| KY 8 Traffic/Access Management Studies | KY 8 through Bellevue and Dayton | ✓ |
| Northern Campbell County Traffic Study | Review of surface street connection needs: Riviera, Donnermeyer, 6th Street (after I-471/KY 8 Interchange Project recommendation determined) | + |
| Southern Campbell County Access Management Study | Access Management study of US 27, south of AA Highway/US 27 | + |
| Long Range Transit HOV and Bus on Shoulder Study | Study potential for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes during peak hours and bus on interstate shoulder when I-471 additional lanes recommendation implemented | + |

✓ = Specifically listed in Plan
+ = Consistent with Plan
= Not in 2030 Plan

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