KY 536 Scoping Study
FACT SHEET

The KY 536 Scoping Study is managed by the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) and follows project development guidelines established by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Regional leaders, transportation officials, Northern Kentucky businesses and residents widely recognize Kentucky Route 536 (KY 536) as a critical east-west connector in terms of mobility, connectivity and economic vitality for Boone, Kenton and Campbell counties. This is evidenced by the decades-long efforts to upgrade and modernize the entire transportation corridor.

The only remaining piece of the KY 536 improvement puzzle is the 6.5 mile portion between KY 17 and the Kenton/Campbell County Line. This KY 536 segment is the only one for which a preferred alternative – or recommendation – has not been identified. It therefore serves as the focus area for this Scoping Study.

Between KY 17 and the Kenton/Campbell County Line, KY 536 is characterized by fragmented connections, drastic elevation changes, poor sight lines and high crash rates. The KY 536 Scoping Study is examining the problems and conditions of this segment of the roadway, and will evaluate possible alternatives for improvement. The Study will conclude with a specific recommendation that will:

- Consider community input gathered through an open and transparent communications process
- Address local and regional needs for travel safety and reduce accident rates
- Update this section of KY 536 as part of a modern, continuous transportation corridor that connects to a regional, multi-county roadway system and can support multiple travel modes (car, truck, bus/transit, bike, farm equipment, foot)
- Provide infrastructure that can support economic prosperity in the region through efficient transportation connectivity
- Be consistent with current plans that address existing and future land uses to efficiently accommodate growth in urban and suburban sections while maintaining the rural, agricultural character of the eastern portion of study area
- Maintain/enhance the quality of life for residents, business owners and other stakeholder located within the study area
- Preserve and protect natural resources and hillsides and improve or maintain air and water quality in the study area while providing for mobility needs
- Demonstrate public support

The Scoping Study began in fall 2014 and will take approximately 12 months to complete. In summer 2015, a series of conceptual alternatives will be shared with the public for review and feedback. In fall 2015, a recommendation for roadway improvements – a preferred alternative – will be presented. Construction timing is dependent upon funding availability.

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Public Input Is Needed

Public involvement will be an integral component of the Scoping Study. Public input will inform the study process and help shape the final recommendation.

- The **Website,** www.OKI.org/536, contains information about the Scoping Study. Data, information and materials will be posted on the site as they become available.
- **Three public meetings** will be held during the Study process. Dates and times will be announced on the website, in newspapers, through OKI social media channels and through email updates. Visit www.oki.org/536 to sign-up for notices.
- A **Project Development Team** (PDT), comprised of local officials, residents, business owners and other community stakeholders, has been formed. The PDT meets with the staff regularly to review study materials and provide further insight and feedback. A list of PDT members is available at www.oki.org/536.
- **Questions** and **comments** can be submitted at www.oki.org/536 or sent to Robyn Bancroft, KY 536 Scoping Study, OKI Project Manager at rbancroft@oki.org or (513) 619-7662.

Other KY 536 Projects

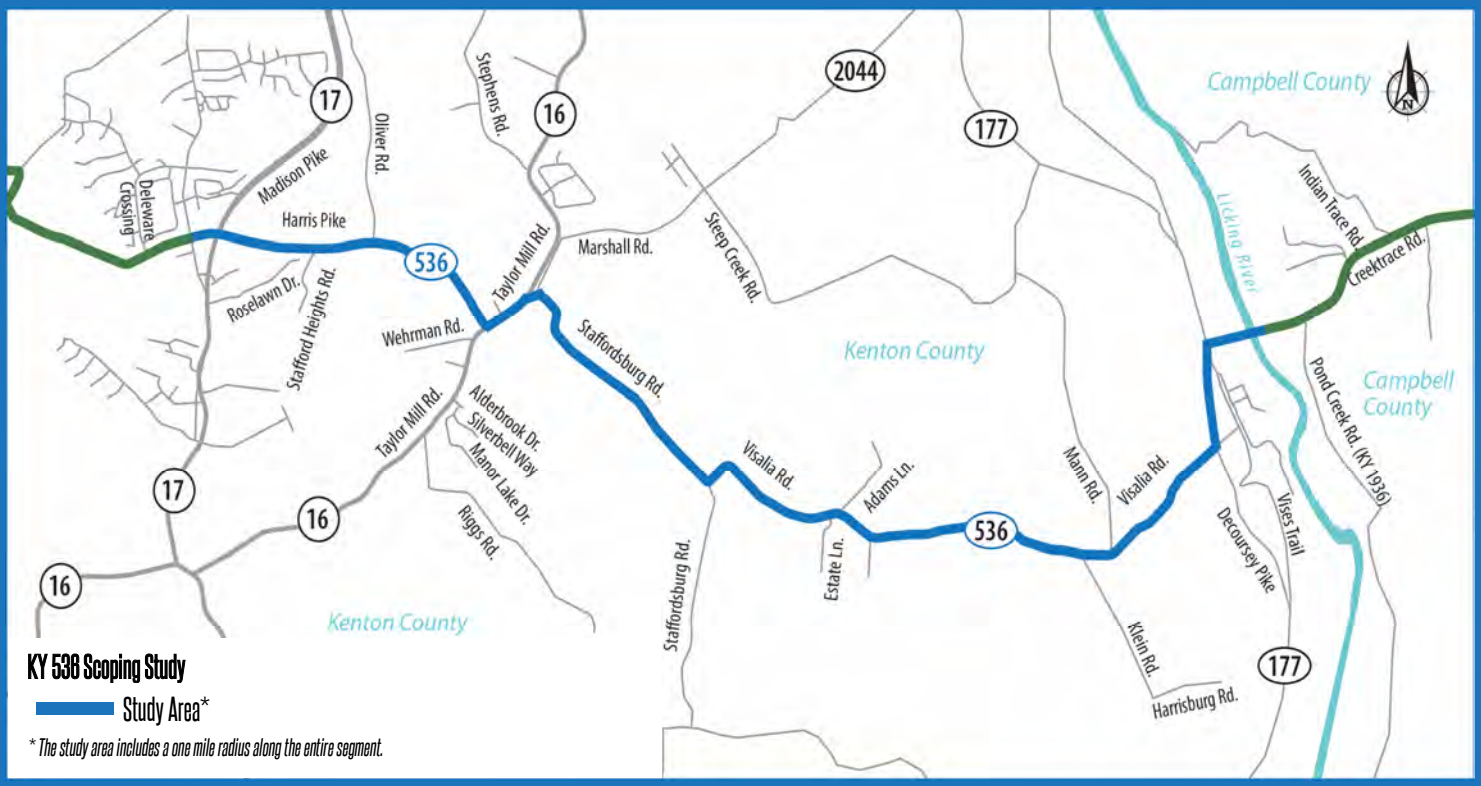
Improvements to KY 536 have been divided in to separate segments which are in varying stages of planning and development. The portion of KY 536 that extends between KY 17 and the Kenton/Campbell County line is the only segment for which a preferred alternative has not been identified. Other segments include:

Boone County:

- Between Hathaway Road and I-71/75, KY 536 will be widened to five lanes. This project is in right-of-way planning and acquisition phase.
- Between Old Union Road and the Kenton County line, KY 536 will be improved, widened and will incorporate bike/pedestrian paths. This project is in the preliminary design phase.

Kenton County:

- Between the Norfolk Southern railroad bridge to KY 17, KY 536 will be reshaped as a four-lane controlled-access urban road with raised medians, roundabouts, and multi-use paths. This project is in the preliminary design phase.

Campbell County:

- KY 536 improvements will be a two-lane road with shoulders traveling on a new alignment between US 27 and KY 9 (AA Highway). This project is in the preliminary design phase.