

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ( FONSI)**  
**GUIDANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY FORM**  
**KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET/DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

FONSI Prepared by: _____			
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<b>County:</b>	<b>Route:</b>	<b>Item No.:</b>	
<b>Description:</b>			
<b>Prime Consultant:</b>			
<b>Due Date:</b>	<b>Submittal Date:</b>	<b>Submittal Draft #:</b>	<b>Approval Date:</b>

**Instructions:**

**FONSI was Prepared by:** Name of author/firm that prepared the study. **County:** Name of county(ies) within which the project is located.  
**Route:** Name of highway for which the project is intended. Include route designation and number as applicable (i.e. US 60, Winchester Rd.)  
**Item No.:** Item number as it appears in the contract and Six Year Plan that corresponds with the project.  
**Description:** Official description of the project as it appears in the Six Year Plan.  
**Prime Consultant:** Name of the Phase I Design and Environmental Consultant (prime contract holder) for the project.  
**Due Date:** Date that the project is due as agreed upon in contract negotiation.  
**Date of Submittal/Submittal Draft Number:** Date of submittal and draft being submitted (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>) in appropriate sections.  
**Approval Date:** Date FONSI was approved by FHWA  
**For “Page Number(s)” column:** Identify page numbers where information from all applicable areas of focus can be found.  
**For “Completed” column:** use **Y** for yes and **NA** for not applicable as necessary (**Consultant’s responsibility**).  
**For “DEA” Column:** DEA will use √ for all areas that adequately address concerns, and “I” for those that are insufficient in coverage.

**Environmental Impacts: Only discuss the impacts associated with the selected alternative. If the selected alternative will have no impact on the resource (i.e., Air, Wetlands, Archaeology, etc.) do not discuss it in this document.**

**“Comment” page:** Discuss supplemental information, guidance or instructions, if any, that required deviation from the checklist. Discuss all categories that contain “NA” in the “Complete” columns of this format. Comments regarding the content and format of this form and/or its applicability may also be submitted in the comments section.

**“Mitigation and Special Issues” page:** Identify mitigation measures that are specified within the report, if any. Also, identify any special issues that are addressed within the document that should be considered by the Project Team as it makes decisions regarding the project.

**“Signature” page:** Signatures of Prime Consultant and KYTC/DEA Environmental Project Manager/Reviewer will attest that the FONSI meets the requirements set forth in this checklist. Signatures of KYTC Project Manager and District Environmental Coordinator ensure that the findings of the report, including impacts to the project and mitigation measures have been presented to the project development team and are acceptable.

**Completed form is to be delivered to KYTC with the document. Previous checklists for the document, or a copy thereof, shall be attached to the current checklist.**

The FONSI serves to document the decisions reached by the KYTC and FHWA regarding the proposed project and delineates the rationale employed in reaching project decisions. All appropriate findings are made, and most of the environmental issues addressed in the EA are summarized with conclusions in the FONSI.

The format of the FONSI is generally in short paragraph form without subheadings with each paragraph addressing a particular issue or group of common issues found in the EA. Addressed each topic in the following order.

Page Number(s)	Complete	DEA	<b>CATEGORY</b>
<b>Insert check mark and page number(s) as appropriate</b>			<b>Title Page</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify level of Environmental Documentation (EA)</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adequate project description</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Item Number</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement: "Submitted Pursuant To 42 U.S.C. 4332 (2)(c) By The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Division of Environmental Analysis</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify Cooperating Agency(s)</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of Submittal (month and year)</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of EA approval.</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify level of Environmental Documentation (FONSI)</li> <li>• Include adequate project description</li> <li>• Project Item Number</li> <li>• Statement: "Submitted Pursuant To 42 U.S.C. 4332 (2)(c) By The U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration and Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Division of Environmental Analysis</li> <li>• Identify Cooperating Agency(s)</li> <li>• Signature line for FHWA and KYTC</li> </ul>
			<b>Project Impact Profile</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fill out Project Impact Profile Sheet and attach to document</li> <li>• Identify further work required for unresolved issues</li> </ul>
			<b>Table of Contents</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List areas of focus and appropriate page numbers where the information can be found</li> <li>• Listing of exhibits, figures, and tables</li> </ul>



Page Number(s)	Complete	DEA	<b>CATEGORY</b>
<b>Insert check mark and page number(s) as appropriate</b>			<b>Environmental Impacts</b>
			<b>Air Quality</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the selected alternative will have no impact on air quality, do not discuss this section</li> <li>• Discuss Air Quality impacts associated with the selected alternative, if applicable</li> <li>• Discuss mitigation, minimization, or avoidance options that would minimize environmental impacts to air quality, if applicable</li> </ul>
			<b>Noise</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the selected alternative will have no impact on noise, do not discuss this section</li> <li>• Discuss noise impacts associated with the selected alternative, if applicable</li> <li>• Discuss reasonable and feasible noise abatement measures that would likely be incorporated into the project (i.e., noise barrier walls, berms, truck restrictions, vertical separations, speed limits), if necessary</li> <li>• If there are noise impacts associated with the selected alternative, provide an exhibit that shows the noise receptors impacted</li> </ul>
			<b>Water Quality and Stream Impacts</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the selected alternative will have no impact on water quality, do not discuss this section</li> <li>• Discuss water quality and stream impacts associated with the selected alternative, if applicable</li> <li>• Discuss efforts to avoid and minimize impacts, and appropriate mitigation, if applicable</li> <li>• If there are water quality and stream impacts associated with the selected alternative, provide an exhibit which identifies where these impacts occur</li> </ul>

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<b>Insert check mark and page number(s) as appropriate</b>			<p><b>Floodplains</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the selected alternative will have no impact on floodplains, do not discuss this section</li> <li>• Discuss floodplain impacts that are associated with the selected alternative, if applicable</li> <li>• Discuss efforts to avoid and minimize encroachment, if applicable</li> <li>• If there <b>are floodplain impacts associated with the selected alternative, provide an exhibit which identifies where these impacts occur</b></li> </ul>
			<p><b>Wetlands</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the selected alternative will have no impact on wetlands, do not discuss this section</li> <li>• Discuss potential wetland impacts associated with the selected alternative, if applicable</li> <li>• Discuss efforts to avoid and minimize impacts and appropriate mitigation, if applicable</li> <li>• If there are potential wetland impacts associated with the selected alternative, Include exhibit showing location of wetlands</li> </ul>
			<p><b>Wild and Scenic Rivers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the selected alternative will have no impact on wild and scenic rivers, do not discuss this section</li> <li>• Discuss involvement with any stream designated as “wild and scenic river”, if applicable</li> <li>• Discuss avoidance, minimization and mitigation, if applicable</li> <li>• If there are impacts to wild and scenic rivers associated with the selected alternative, provide Exhibit showing location and impact of wild and scenic river</li> </ul>

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<b>Insert check mark and page number(s) as appropriate</b>			<p><b>Federally Threatened and Endangered Species</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the selected alternative will have no impact on federally threatened and endangered species and/or critical habitat, do not discuss this section</li> <li>• Identify any federally threatened or endangered species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat that may be impacted, if applicable</li> <li>• Discuss mitigation of impacts to T&amp;E species or critical habitat, if applicable</li> <li>• Include Exhibit showing location and impact of T&amp;ES critical habitat, if applicable</li> </ul>
			<p><b>Section 106</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify consulting parties, including federally recognized Native American tribes</li> <li>• Discuss efforts to consult with Native American tribes, local governmental agencies, and other interested parties</li> <li>• Discuss an involvement that other agencies/organizations (public groups, citizens advisory groups, resource agencies, etc.) may have had throughout the project process</li> </ul>
			<p><b>Historic Structures or Districts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the selected alternative will have no impact on Historic structures or districts, do not discuss this section</li> <li>• Discuss any impacts the selected alternative will have on each historic property (ies), if applicable</li> <li>• Discuss any minimization and mitigation, if required</li> <li>• Reference MOA in Appendix, if applicable</li> <li>• If there are impacts to historic properties associated with the selected alternative, provide exhibit which identifies all Historic Structures and/or Districts</li> </ul>

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<b>Insert check mark and page number(s) as appropriate</b>			<p><b>Archaeological Sites</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the selected alternative will have no impact on archaeological sites, do not discuss this section</li> <li>• Discuss any impacts the selected alternative will have on each archaeological site(s), if applicable</li> <li>• Discuss any minimization and/or mitigation, if applicable</li> <li>• Include MOA in Appendix for any sites that require additional work</li> </ul>
			<p><b>Land Use</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss changes that the selected alternative will have on current land use</li> <li>• Provide exhibit, which shows current land use as well as anticipated changes in land use, if applicable.</li> </ul>
			<p><b>Community Impacts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss impacts the selected alternative will have on travel patterns, accessibility, community facilities, economic vitality, established business districts, and overall public safety</li> <li>• Discuss social and cultural loss to the community by those displaced, if applicable</li> <li>• Discuss impacts on economic vitality in project area and on established business districts</li> </ul>

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<b>Insert check mark and page number(s) as appropriate</b>			<p data-bbox="464 293 758 326"><b>Relocation Impacts</b></p> <ul data-bbox="464 407 1864 781" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="464 407 1499 435">• If the selected alternative will have no relocation impacts, do not discuss this section</li> <li data-bbox="464 472 1850 532">• Identify number &amp; type of relocations (residential, commercial, industrial, non-profit, etc.) for selected alternative, if applicable</li> <li data-bbox="464 570 1255 597">• Identify available housing in the area, if relocations are to occur</li> <li data-bbox="464 634 1864 695">• Discuss Relocation Assistance Program (Last Resort Housing, if applicable), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1966, if relocations are to occur</li> <li data-bbox="464 732 1835 792">• Include statement, if applicable, that the acquisition and relocation program will be conducted in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, if relocations are to occur</li> </ul>
			<p data-bbox="464 857 611 889"><b>Farmland</b></p> <ul data-bbox="464 927 1814 1182" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="464 927 1509 954">• If the selected alternative will have no impact on farmland, do not discuss this section</li> <li data-bbox="464 992 1398 1019">• Discuss impacts the selected alternative will have on farmland, if applicable</li> <li data-bbox="464 1057 940 1084">• Include NRCS LESA Form AD 1006</li> <li data-bbox="464 1122 1814 1182">• If there are impacts to farmland associated with the selected alternative, provide an exhibit that identifies prime farmland.</li> </ul>

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<b>Insert check mark and page number(s) as appropriate</b>			<p><b>Environmental Justice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the selected alternative will have no impact on minority and/or low-income populations, do not discuss this section</li> <li>• Identify impacts to minority and/or low income population, if applicable</li> <li>• Include statement that project complies with Executive Order 12898, Environmental Justice guidance</li> <li>• Discuss avoidance, minimization and mitigation, if applicable</li> </ul>
			<p><b>Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss opportunities for providing pedestrian and bicycle facilities</li> </ul>
			<p><b>UST/Hazardous Materials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the selected alternative will have no impact on UST/hazardous materials, do not discuss this section</li> <li>• Discuss impact the selected alternative will have on UST/hazardous materials, if applicable</li> <li>• Identify sites recommended for Phase II site assessments and/or remediation, if applicable</li> <li>• If there are impacts to UST/hazardous materials associated with the selected alternative, provide an exhibit that identifies these sites</li> </ul>
			<p><b>Visual Impacts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss current viewshed</li> <li>• Discuss impacts the selected alternative will have on the current viewshed</li> </ul>

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Insert check mark and page number(s) as appropriate			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Impacts of Construction Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss potential adverse impacts (noise, traffic congestion, detours, etc.)</li> <li>• Discuss waste and borrow sites</li> <li>• Refer to <i>KYTC Standard Specs for Road and Bridge Construction</i></li> </ul>
			<b>Public Involvement</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attach a copy of the Public Hearing Transcript.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss public issues, concerns, and KYTC responses</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify any changes that occurred as a result of the public hearing process</li> </ul>
			<b>Project Events</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss any events and/or project influences that have occurred since the approval of the Environmental Assessment</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include a statement discussing public availability of the FONSI after approval</li> </ul>

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<b>Insert check mark and page number(s) as appropriate</b>			<p><b>Final Section 4f Evaluation (Pages 46-47 of TA)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss impacts to all Section 4(f) properties, if applicable</li> <li>• Included a discussion that the project included all possible planning to minimize harm to the Section 4(f) property. The selected alternative must be alternative with the least harm on the 4(f) properties after considering mitigation.</li> <li>• If a Section 4(f) property (ies) is impacted by the selected alternative, discuss any minimization and/or mitigation associated with the property.</li> <li>• Include discussion of any MOA(s) associated with the project, if applicable</li> </ul> <p>Use of Section 4(f) property cannot proceed until FHWA gives a Section 4(f) approval (49 U.S.C. 303(c)).</p>
			<p><b>APPENDICIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summarizes methodologies and results of technical analyses and research</li> <li>• Include additional correspondence and/or concurrence letters that were not included in the EA</li> </ul>
			<p><b>Attach a signed copy of the approved Environmental Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include any supplements or appendages.</li> </ul>

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<b>Insert check mark and page number(s) as appropriate</b>			<b>Communicating All Promises (CAP) for the Project</b>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify all mitigation and minimization actions that must be committed to for the project to proceed.</li> <li>• Include identification of who is responsible for achieving these commitments.</li> <li>• Include any MOA's</li> <li>• Include any actions that will be necessary for the permitting process.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• Include any Section 106/4(f) commitments</li> </ul>



***Mitigation and Special Issues:*** Identify mitigation measures that are specified within the report, if any. Also, identify any special issues that are addressed within the document that should be considered by the Project Team as it makes decisions regarding the project.

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## ***SIGNATURE PAGE***

I have reviewed the project documentation and attest that those responsible for its preparation are familiar with the requirements set forth in the checklist above and that proper management controls were in effect throughout the course of document development to assure that the document is complete, thorough and addresses all applicable checklist components.

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*Prime Consultant*

*Date*

### **Recommended for Approval By:**

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*KYTC/DEA Environmental Project Manager/Reviewer*

*Date*

### **Team Review of Commitments**

The findings of the report, including impacts to the project and project commitments, have been presented to the Project Team and will be considered during the development of this project.

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*KYTC/District Environmental Coordinator*

*Date*

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*Project Manager*

*Date*