

Somerset Bypass gets \$85 Million

Project will create new eight-mile, four-lane highway to extend Louie B. Nunn Cumberland Expressway

Governor Andy Beshear announced that his administration has secured \$85 million in federal grant funding for the long-planned Somerset Northern Bypass project, which will extend the Louie B. Nunn Cumberland Expressway east to improve safety, reduce traffic, boost tourism and enhance commerce. The funding was made available through the 2026 Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight

and Highway Projects Grant (INFRA), established through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.

“My administration worked hard to secure this \$85 million in funding because this essential roadway and the people of Somerset are long overdue for an upgrade and Team Kentucky is determined to get it done,” said Gov. Beshear. “Thousands of Kentuckians travel

this roadway daily, and it also serves as the welcome route to more than 4 million visitors each year traveling to Lake Cumberland. Now we have the funding in place to make this roadway safer while also opening up the area for even more growth. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible, including the members of our Kentucky delegation who voted for the Infrastructure Act.”

The Somerset Northern Bypass will

create a new 8-mile, 70 mph, four-lane, divided highway that is fully access-controlled. The project will complete an east-west corridor across southern Kentucky, creating economic opportunities for communities from Paducah to Pikeville. Initial studies identifying the need for this project date back to early 1990s, but funding constraints have delayed progress.

“This INFRA grant helps us move forward on a vision to improve

safety, ease congestion, support the economy, and create better connections in South-Central Kentucky,” said Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman. “We’ve made significant improvements to the surrounding road network, like the KY 461/KY 80 interchange, to pave the way for the completion of the bypass. We’re excited to build on that progress to complete a critical link that will make travel easier.”

Projects selected for the INFRA grant had to meet four criteria metrics including safety, economic competitiveness and opportunity, state of good repair and innovation. The Beshear administration submitted the proposal in July 2026, outlining that the project plan would reduce fatalities and serious injuries, support economic growth and commerce, ease congestion and improve travel time and more.

USDA invests \$1B+ to strengthen communities across rural KY

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Kentucky State Director Travis T. Burton recently highlighted over \$1 billion in rural community investments across rural Kentucky.

These investments help expand housing and business opportunities and strengthen essential infrastructure.

“Rural Kentucky is the best place to live, work, and raise a family, and USDA Rural Development is doing our part to make sure it stays that way,” said Burton. “Thanks to the leadership of President Trump and Secretary Rollins, we’re delivering modern infrastructure, affordable housing, and new

economic opportunities in rural communities. These investments help create measurable improvements in access to clean water, reliable power, broadband connectivity, health care facilities, emergency services, and safe, affordable housing, all while bolstering the local economy.”

Highlights from across rural Kentucky include:

Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services Inc. will use a \$73.8 million Community Facilities Direct Loan to modernize and create an addition at the hospital. The addition will create 56,000 additional square feet of treatment space.

West Kentucky Rural Tele Coop Corp will use a \$1.3 million Community Connect grant to construct a fiber-to-the-premises system in Carlisle County. The network will deliver symmetrical speeds up to 2 gigabits per second, expanding access to economic, educational, health care and public safety opportunities.

Campbellsville Hospitality II LLC will use a \$9.95 million guaranteed loan to construct an 81-room Hampton Inn hotel.

The city of Hardinsburg will use a

\$1.7 million direct loan for wastewater system updates that will improve the operation of

the plant and provide emergency power. The project will benefit the entire service area of

the city of Hardinsburg and provide a safer, more reliable system.

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⁴ For you have upheld my right and my cause, sitting enthroned as the righteous judge.

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