

Beshear cuts ribbon on last portion of Mountain Parkway widening

Completed Wolfe County segment delivers 32 miles of continuous 4-lane hwy.

HELECHAWA, Ky., Aug. 31 – Gov. Andy Beshear today joined former Gov. Steve Beshear and local, state and federal officials to cut the ribbon on the Wolfe County segment of the Mountain Parkway Expansion, which completes 32 continuous miles of four-lane Mountain Parkway to better connect Eastern Kentucky to jobs, schools, healthcare and future economic growth.

“Team Kentucky is proud to mark another milestone in this project that Kentuckians have been waiting half a century to see come to life,” Gov. Beshear said. “This took a tremendous amount of work, and the end result means we have taken another step forward in making it safer, easier and faster for families to live, learn, work and connect across Eastern Kentucky.”



Gov. Andy Beshear, former Gov. Steve Beshear, and Democrat gubernatorial candidate Rocky Adkins were among state and local officials taking part in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Construction of the 11-mile Wolfe County segment, for which Gov. Beshear broke ground in 2022, took place from mile point 45.8 near Campton to just west of Exit 57 near Helechawa and included the reconstruction of two interchanges: Kentucky Highway 191/Campton (Exit 46) and

Kentucky Highway 1010/Hazel Green (Exit 53).

It’s a nearly \$100 million investment that included securing a \$55 million federal Infrastructure for Rebuilding America, or INFRA, grant in 2020 and the last of five project segments to widen the original Mountain Parkway’s two-lane route through mountainous terrain between Campton and Salyersville.

Completion of the Wolfe County section leaves only the sixth and final segment remaining in the Mountain Parkway Expansion. In 2025, Gov. Beshear broke ground on the 13-mile Magoffin-Floyd segment – an all-new, cross-country piece of the parkway that will provide a four-lane connection from Salyersville to Kentucky Highway 114 near Prestonsburg. With approximately 30 million cubic yards of earth

to move, the Magoffin-Floyd segment is one of the largest excavation projects in the commonwealth’s history, and its scale means construction will continue for several more years before the Mountain Parkway Expansion is fully complete.

“The Mountain Parkway Expansion is not only a 45-mile project through Magoffin, Floyd, Morgan and Wolfe counties; it is a grand opening to Kentucky’s Appalachian region, interlocking a 400-mile corridor across the commonwealth that will spur economic development and industrial opportunities for generations to come,” said U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers. “The expansion on Restaurant Row in Salyersville is also a reflection of the resilience of our region, proving once again, that we will continue to thrive through every storm and rebuild stronger than ever before. I was proud to work with our state and local leaders to secure federal funding for this project over the last decade to ensure construction moved forward through every segment. I celebrate with the people of Eastern Kentucky and applaud every construction worker, project manager and engineer who got the job done.”

“This is a transformational transportation corridor for Eastern Kentucky,” said Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Rebecca Goodman. “We are honored to be providing Kentuckians with the modern corridor they deserve while making it easier and safer for people from the commonwealth and beyond to benefit from all that Eastern Kentucky has to offer.”

Background

The Mountain Parkway Expansion is a 45-mile trans-



portation improvement project that will create a wider, safer connection between Eastern Kentucky and the rest of the commonwealth. It is a key transportation project designed to close the only gap in a 400-mile, four-lane, high-speed corridor for commerce and mobility across Kentucky from Pikeville to Paducah.

The project widened 32 miles of existing parkway to four lanes and will extend the parkway by 13 miles, from Salyersville to Prestonsburg.

A summary and construction timeline of all project segments includes:

- Wolfe County — 11 miles | August 2022 – 2026
- Morgan County — 8.2 miles | 2017-2021
- Magoffin County West — 4.6 miles | 2019 – 2025
- Magoffin County Central — 5.7 miles | 2015-2018
- Salyersville Restaurant Row — 2.4 miles | 2016-2019
- Magoffin-Floyd — 13 miles | 2025-2032

LIHEAP summer cooling signups set Aug. 3-Sept. 11

Kentucky households can apply for LIHEAP Summer Subsidy from August 3 through September 11 to help offset cooling costs with a one-time electric benefit. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, or until funds are depleted.

Interested households in Wolfe County should contact the Wolfe County Community Action Office at 606-668-3549 or 606-668-6458.

Households must meet eligibility requirements, including household income of up to and including 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines to qualify for assistance. Benefits are paid directly to the household’s electric vendor.

No disconnect notice, past-due bill, or eviction notice is required to apply. Assistance received during previous LIHEAP components does not affect eligibility.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Attachment 2-14

COMBINED NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

*Date: September 4, 2026

City of Campton
(Name of Applicant)

698 Main St., Campton, KY 41301 (606)-668-3574
(Street, City, Zip Code) (Telephone #)

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for the activities to be undertaken by the *City of Campton*.

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

Request for Release of Funds

On or about September 22, 2026, the *City of Campton* will submit a request to the Department for Local Government for the release of Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:

KY 715 Water Line Replacement Project Phase 1
(Project Title or Name)

Remove an aging and degraded water main that spans along KY HWY715 from the new Pine Ridge Tank to Big Andy Ridge Rd.
(Purpose or Nature of the Project)

KY HWY 715, Campton, Wolfe County, Kentucky
(Location – City, County, State – of Project)

9302
(Census Tract(s))

Finding of No Significant Impact

The *City of Campton* has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (PL-91190) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the within project has been made by the City of Campton which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is available upon request, at the City of Campton, 698 Main St / P.O. Box 35, Campton KY, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted.

Public Comments

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with the ERR decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the *City of Campton*. Such written comments should be received at 698 Main St / P.O. Box 35, Campton, KY 41301 or nathan.mcintosh@kradd.org on or before Sept. 21, 2026. All such comments so received will be considered prior to authorizing submission of a request for a release of funds or taking any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified on the proceeding sentence. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

Environmental Certification

The *City of Campton* will undertake the project described above with Appalachian Regional Commission funds from the Department for Local Government under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. *The City of Campton* is certifying to the state that the City of Campton and Kathi May, in her official capacity as Mayor consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval *the City of Campton* may use the Appalachian Regional Commission Grant funds and the state and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

Objection to Release of Funds

The state will accept objections to its release of funds and the *City of Campton* certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission dates or it’s actual receipt for the request (whichever is the later) only if they are on one of the following bases:

- (a) The certification was not in fact executed by the *City of Campton* Certifying Officer.
- (b) The *City of Campton* has failed to make one of the two findings pursuant to S58.41 or to make the written determination decision required by SS578.57, 58.53 or 58.64 for the project, as applicable.
- (c) The *City of Campton* has omitted one or more of the steps set forth at Subparts F and G for the preparation and completion of an EA.
- (d) No opportunity was given to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation or its Executive Director to review the effect of the project on a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or found to be eligible for such listing by the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.
- (e) The recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of the release of funds and approval of the Environmental Certification by HUD or the State.
- (f) Another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Department for Local Government, Office of Federal Grants, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Ste. 340 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the state. No objection received after October 7, 2026, will be considered by the state. Potential objectors should contact the Department for Local Government to verify the actual last day of the state Comment period.

Kathi May, Mayor
(Name of Certifying Officer of Applicant/Title)

698 Main St / P.O. Box 35, Campton, KY 41301
(Address)