

Lane Shift Scheduled on US 68/KY 80 in LBL July 21st

Shift to allow demolition of old overpass at The Trace

GOLDEN POND, KY (July 11, 2007) – A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet plans to shift traffic on U.S. 68/KY 80 at the intersection with The Trace as part of continuing construction on the new four-lane highway through the Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area.

US 68/KY 80 traffic has been running on the old roadway at the intersection. Starting at approximately 9:00 a.m., CT, the morning of Monday, July 21, 2008, traffic will be shifted to the new overpass and a section of the new roadway. This traffic shift is to allow demolition work on the old overpass and construction of a new structure for the eastbound lanes of the new highway.

Traffic traveling through the area on US 68/KY 80 will remain two lanes with two-way traffic. There will be no changes in traffic flow on The Trace. Traffic exiting and entering US 68/KY 80 to and from The Trace will continue to use the existing connector loop via Golden Pond Road/Gatehouse Road.

All LBL facilities are open and operating on normal schedules. Construction work is being phased to maintain public access to all LBL attractions.

Visitors to LBL and commuters who travel through LBL on the U.S. 68/KY 80 Corridor should be aware of this coming lane shift. Travelers along U.S. 68/KY 80 through LBL will continue to encounter construction vehicles parked along the highway and traveling along the corridor in the work zone. Appropriate caution is required through this work zone due to construction personnel and equipment being in close proximity to passing traffic.

Motorists should be alert for specific traffic updates as the project moves forward in coming months. Any future changes due to road construction will be posted at the following web sites:

www.us68lbl.com

www.511.ky.gov

www.lbl.org.

The U.S. Forest Service and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will be working closely with contractors and sub-contractors to provide timely updates on highway conditions along the 8-mile route from Canton to Aurora through western Trigg County. The U.S. 68/KY 80 Corridor provides the only east-west crossing of the LBL.

The Rogers Group is the prime contractor on the \$50 million design-build project through approximately 8 miles of the Land Between The Lakes.

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