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### **Lane Shift Scheduled on US 68/KY 80 in LBL Wednesday**

**GOLDEN POND, KY** (December 20, 2009) – As part of continuing construction on the new four-lane highway through the Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area, a contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is planning a traffic lane shift along US 68/KY 80 on Wednesday, December 23, 2009.

This traffic shift will move all traffic to the newly constructed eastbound lanes of US 68/KY 80 along most of the route through LBL. It includes all US 68/KY 80 traffic from approximately 1/2 mile west of the Devil's Elbow Public Access Area to the Eggner' Ferry Bridge at Kentucky Lake.

All directional signs and temporary construction signage will be relocated to allow one lane of travel in each direction along the newly constructed lanes on Wednesday. The lane shift will allow ongoing construction of new westbound lanes along the construction corridor.

Engineers expect this traffic shift to occur during the middle of the day to sometime in the late afternoon on Wednesday, depending on the completion of guard rail and temporary traffic control striping on the newly constructed lanes.

Motorists who regularly travel US 68/KY 80 through LBL should be aware of this planned lane shift and be prepared to encounter accompanying changes in traffic flow through the area. Appropriate caution is advised.

US 68/KY 80 will remain two lanes with two-way traffic under the new configuration. There will be no changes in traffic flow on The Trace.

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](http://www.us68lbl.com)  
[www.511.ky.gov](http://www.511.ky.gov)  
[www.lbl.org](http://www.lbl.org)

The U.S. Forest Service and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet are 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.

Rogers Group, Inc., is the prime contractor on the \$50 million design-build project through approximately 8 miles of the Land Between The Lakes between the Eggner's Ferry Bridge on Kentucky Lake at Aurora and the Lawrence Memorial Bridge over Lake Barkley at Canton.

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