



denotes money invested



denotes jobs created

\$
12,500

66,525

INVESTMENT & JOBS
79,025

ATTRACTIONS

\$ 91,905,000

547

EXPANSIONS

\$ 521,823,235

973

TOTAL INVESTMENT & JOBS

\$ 613,728,235

1,520

ATTRACTIONS

\$ 13,400,000

36

EXPANSIONS

\$ 290,372,340

960

TOTAL INVESTMENT & JOBS

\$ 303,772,340

996

NS

9,109

\$
,201,975

INVESTMENT & JOBS
,681,084

ATTRACTIONS

\$ 70,530,636

362

EXPANSIONS

\$ 403,409,845

748

TOTAL INVESTMENT & JOBS

\$ 473,940,481

1,110

ATTRACTIONS

\$ 37,311,350

200

EXPANSIONS

\$ 339,375,000

771

TOTAL INVESTMENT & JOBS

\$ 376,686,350

971

FROM 2010 TO 2019

A TOTAL OF **10,972** JOBS WERE CREATED

An aerial photograph of a complex highway interchange with multiple lanes and overpasses. The scene is captured from a high angle, showing the flow of traffic and the surrounding landscape. A large, bold, white text overlay is centered over the image, reading "SIX L" on the top line and "BUILT FOR" on the bottom line. The text is partially obscured by the highway lanes. The background shows a mix of green grass, some trees, and a distant building. The overall tone is professional and emphasizes infrastructure.

SIX L
BUILT FOR

An aerial photograph of a multi-lane highway interchange. A large, circular grassy area is situated in the center of the interchange. Several vehicles, including cars and trucks, are visible on the highway. In the background, there are some buildings and trees. The text "LANES" and "GROWTH" is overlaid in large white letters.

LANES GROWTH

6 L A N E S



Because of the importance of Interstate 65 as a commercial and travel corridor, its widening ranks as one of the most significant investments ever made in the interest of business, efficiency, and highway safety. I-65 is one of the nation's most frequently used freight corridors with a heavy volume of commercial vehicle traffic.

Constructing 91 miles of roadway on a busy thoroughfare such as Interstate 65 set a record for one company executing this many miles of consecutive expansion. James Scott also offered some numbers to put his company's I-65 work in perspective, such as \$701 million – the total bid for the 15 sections of the project. Scott said the next lowest bid was for \$779 million.

Scott began his career in the highway contracting industry as a summer worker with the Kentucky Department of Transportation

(KYDOT) as a member of the survey crew in Russellville, KY.

Later in 1957, he graduated from the University of Engineering Technology course sponsored by the KYDOT at Russellville as an engineer. In 1966 he accepted a job with a paving contractor, R.E. Gaddie, Inc.. In 1972 Scotty purchased the paving busi-

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ness from Mr. Gaddie and started what is now known as Scotty's Contracting & Stone, LLC.

Scott has served in numerous leadership positions in industry associations and community organizations. Most recently he was recognized by his peers with a Life Member award

from the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors.

"We saved the state \$78 million," he said, adding that the Scotty's bid was even lower than the state had estimated the cost would be. "We think (the state) got their money's worth."

Other figures shared by Scott included 6.7 million tons of asphalt needed for the project, and 3.7 million cubic yards of material was excavated during the widening. Despite the massive scale of the project, Scott said he was most proud that his company didn't suffer a single fatality, despite the dangers of working on an active highway.

"We had a lot of flagmen who had to jump on a wall," to avoid being hit, Scott said.

As for other challenges, "the toughest job was controlling traffic 24

hours a day," Scott said. "It took a lot of training. The safety efforts were crucial, because someone's life was at stake."

As a result, "it's going to feed in even faster" to I-65 in Tennessee, where the road is only four lanes for long stretches.

Exit 30 in Warren County is a landmark achievement.

This \$66.8 million project provides direct access to I-65 for companies in northern Warren County, including those in the Kentucky Transpark and Scotty's Industrial Park. Previously, all industrial traffic accessed both parks via Exit 28, near the General Motors' Bowling Green Assembly Plant and the National Corvette Museum, approximately four miles away.

The new connector road is four lanes, with the ability to be expanded to six lanes in the future. The Kentucky Transpark is an economic driver for South Central Kentucky, with the addition of Exit 30 the region continues to prosper. State and community leaders came together to bring this much needed interchange to fruition. It will help support jobs, investment and economic development throughout the entire state.

"The Connector Road Project epitomizes the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's mission statement: to deliver a safe, efficient, environmentally sound, and fiscally responsible transportation system for Kentuckians," said Joe Plunk, Chief District Engineer for the District 3 office. "The new roadway and interchange provides even greater accessibility for freight movement from one of South Central Kentucky's economic centers - The Kentucky Transpark -

14**Targeted Businesses****Total Employment****2812****2489****Full Time Workers****Part Time Workers****21****302****Temporary Workers****Total Payroll****\$143k
+****3****Edu. Institutions**



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and enhance mobility for motorists in the region," said Plunk.

Since 1988, daily traffic along I-65 at the new interchange location has more than doubled, growing from 25,000 to over 52,000 vehicles per day, according to latest KYTC traffic counts. Just south of Exit 28, daily traffic increases to over 61,000 vehicles.

In addition to direct interstate access, the Kentucky Transpark offers tenants access to rail service and major highways. The Transpark is within close proximity to the Owensboro Riverport and several International Airports - including two global air cargo hubs.

"The interchange at the Kentucky Transpark has been a dream a long time in the making," said ITA Chairman, Gary Dillard. "Since Bowling Green Metalforming broke ground thirteen years ago, the economic development partnerships within the Warren County community continues to grow right along with the park. We are fortunate to have such a valuable tool in the community, and now it is visible to millions of people traveling along I-65 every year."

Since 2011, 300 acres and 1.1 million square feet of industrial space have been developed within the Kentucky Transpark. It is home to two state-of-the-art vocational-based education facilities and eight of the region's targeted industries, including Bowling Green Metalforming, which employs over 1,200 full time workers. As of April, the Transpark supports over 2,600 jobs, which will have a \$5.9 billion economic impact on South Central Kentucky over the next 10 years.

Direct interstate access to the industrial parks in northern Warren County will allow shorter commute times to destinations within the parks; truck and vehicle traffic will be able to reach their destinations within five minutes. Exit 30 will also alleviate congestion along US-31W and Exit 28.

"Congratulations are in order for the hundreds of people involved in making this project a success," said Warren County Judge-Executive Mike Buchanon. "I'd also like to thank Sen. McConnell for his vision and support in earmarking the federal funding to support this project."

"The Kentucky Transpark is not only a driving force for development and growth in Warren County, but for Kentucky. The impact the new interchange will have on the community is infinite, and we look forward to Warren County's undeniably bright future."

"Bowling Green has been very, very good to me," he said in response. "I believe in giving back." Scotty's Contracting and Stone gives generously to the needs of this community, and has done so for decades.

Scotty's Contracting & Stone is very fortunate to be located in a region in Kentucky that is vibrant and growing. The growth of the company has attributed to increased hiring of employees year after year. Additionally, they partner with Western Kentucky University and South Central Kentucky Community & Technical College for employee training and placement.

Dan Gallagher of Gallagher Asphalt Corp., and 2017 NAPA Chairman, said of the project, "The I-65 project is a great example of the quality work that Scotty's Contracting and the rest of the asphalt industry is doing. This project was independently rated by NCAT using qualitative standards and earned a 2017 Quality in Construction Award because Scotty's exceeded these rigorous standards."

Over the course of 40 years in business, Scotty's is no stranger to NAPA recognition: The company earned a 2015 QIC distinction for a portion of the I-65 expansion work that took place in Barren and Hart counties, as well as a 2013 award for



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the Exit 20 interchange off I-65 in Bowling Green and countless others for other, unrelated projects.

"Scotty's has been the prime contractor for the entire I-65 widening, since the 1990s," KTC District Engineer Joseph Plunk told Roads & Bridges. "They have a long history of I-65 work, and they understand the traffic patterns and volumes as well as, the demands and expectations from our freight partners, such as GM. There's a lot of mutual understanding there. The quality of their work speaks for itself."

I-65 is the highest trafficked north to south trucking transportation route



in all of Kentucky. On average there are more than 60,000 vehicles per day, of which approximately 23% is semi-truck traffic.

“The South Central Kentucky region continues to experience extraordinary success through economic development, and the completion of the I-65 widening and implementing multiple interchanges, without a doubt, positively impacts our growth moving forward,” said Bowling Green Area Chamber President and CEO Ron Bunch. “Strong partnership among the EDA, ITA, Chamber of Commerce, City of Bowling Green and Warren County government played a significant role in the almost two decade-long project.”

DID YOU KNOW ?

Annual wages are 27% higher than they were 10 years ago.



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PROJECTS WE’VE COMPLETED OVER THE LAST
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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES
FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS ON THIS
ACCOMPLISHMENT

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