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ARRA projects moving forward

The progress on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects varies from breaking ground, to funds being obligated, to others moving towards their letting date, and even one being swapped for another.

The Transit Authority of River City (TARC) has obligated funds for all of their projects, and broke ground on their Maintenance Annex Building on August 25. The groundbreaking included remarks by Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson, Congressman John Yarmuth and a representative from the Federal Transit Administration. Also, the City of Middletown is moving closer to having funds obligated for the Main Street Development project. All projects are anticipated to have received their funding obligation by March 2010.

Several changes have been made to the project list since the last story ran in the *Horizons* newsletter. Some projects moved out of ARRA funding and into alternative funding sources to provide more time to complete the projects. In addition, several projects were added. Some of the new projects include the extension of KY 913 (Blankenbaker Parkway) as a five-lane road from Blankenbaker Access Road to KY 155 (Taylorsville Road) as well as additional sidewalks for Louisville Metro. In Clarksville, Indiana, a rehabilitation of Brown Station Way was added to the list and will include milling, grinding and resurfacing the roadway. It replaced the 10th Street project in Jeffersonville.

Updated project information is available at <http://www.kipda.org/Transportation/MPO/Projects/>



TARC broke ground on its Maintenance Annex Building on August 25. The project is expected to create 80 jobs.

Pending lapse could hamper local projects

A deadline is quickly approaching which could affect projects in KIPDA's Horizon 2030 long range transportation plan and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the short-range plan. The current Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) documents will go into a lapse on December 8, 2009.

The possible lapse of the MTP is related to the Ohio River Bridges Project. The Federal Highway Administration has informed KIPDA that unless the project can have complete details on how it will be funded this will

cause the region's long range plan and TIP to go into a lapse.

The lapse would essentially freeze both the MTP and the TIP so that no new projects could be added and no existing projects could be deleted or changed. There will be a 12-month grace period that will allow funds to be obligated to projects already appearing in the 2007-2011 TIP.

KIPDA has already begun working to move some projects forward to the lapse. Amendments to the TIP and the long range plan have been proposed in September and October.

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Website alerts residents of road work

A new website has been created by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to keep Louisville motorists updated on road work in the Louisville area. Residents can go to <http://louisvilleworkzones.ky.gov> to find out about construction, widening projects, concrete repairs, realignment of ramps, lane closures and detour routes along Louisville highways and interstates.

Busy intersection gets safety upgrades

A partnership between the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Louisville Metro Public Works and the Kentucky Office for the Blind has made crossing the busy intersection of Shelbyville Road and Evergreen Road in Middletown easier for pedestrians. The intersection has been resurfaced and striped with a single, diagonal crosswalk across Shelbyville Road, which reduces the crossing distance. The new crosswalk is equipped with audible pedestrian indicators, buttons with locator tones and crosswalks with horizontal bars to aid the visually impaired. Other improvements include sidewalk ramps, median cuts and modified button locations for wheelchair accessibility. In addition, right turns from Shelbyville Road onto Evergreen Road are now prohibited while pedestrians have the right of way. There are also "No Turn on Red" signs installed adjacent to the traffic signal heads over the roadway. The signs are lighted when motorists on Shelbyville Road have a red light and the pedestrian crossing is activated.

New Park & TARC offered in Jeffersonville

TARC is now providing an express service between downtown Louisville and a new Park & TARC lot in Jeffersonville, Indiana. The new route #74 will travel from the parking lot across the Second Street Bridge to Louisville and serve stops throughout downtown and the Medical Center. There will be three morning and three afternoon trips every weekday, departing Jeffersonville at 6:42, 7:20 and 8:00 a.m. and leaving downtown Louisville in the afternoon at 4:02, 4:47 and 5:34 p.m. For more information call 502-585-1234, TTY 502-213-3240 or plan your trip online at www.ridetarc.org.

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Area projects awarded funding

Several projects in the KIPDA Metropolitan Planning Organization Area have been awarded Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), Safe Routes to Schools and Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding. The projects chosen for funding and the funding amount received are listed below by project sponsor.

Fiscal Year 2010 CMAQ Projects:

Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District - Kentuckiana Air Education (\$515,000)

Louisville Metro Parks - Northeast Louisville Loop Multi-use Path (\$750,000)

Louisville Metro Public Works and Assets - Metro-wide Traffic Signal Synchronization - Phase 1 (\$800,000), Bicycle and Pedestrian Education, Encouragement, Enforcement and Evaluation 2010 (\$110,000), Bicycle Parking and Intermodal Transit Facility (\$1,353,920), Bicycle Facility Improvements – Striping, Signage and Signalization 2010 (\$150,000), Bicycle Sharing System (\$180,000), Hybrid Fleet Vehicles 2010 (\$163,689)

Oldham County Planning and Development Services - Park and Ride at Apple Patch (\$993,551)

Transit Authority of River City (TARC) - High Capacity Corridors (\$1,019,200)

University of Louisville - Campus Bikeway and Safety Improvement (\$1,688,400)

Fiscal Year 2009 Safe Routes to Schools Projects:

Jefferson County Public Schools - Rangeland Elementary School (\$31,578), Portland Elementary School (\$45,465)

Fiscal Year 2009 Transportation Enhancement Projects:

City of Middletown - Streetscape Project Phase IV (\$210,300)

Louisville Metro Government - Bicycle Pedestrian Striping, Signage and Signalization (\$134,000), I-264 Fairgrounds and Airport Exits Landscaping Project (\$696,634), Second Street Streetscape Project (\$2,400,000)

Louisville Metro Public Works and Assets - LaGrange Road and New LaGrange Road Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility Improvements (\$1,356,400)

University of Louisville - Third Street and Eastern Parkway Bikeway and Safety Improvement Project (\$2,000,000)

Kentucky Regional Freight Conference wins award

The Kentucky Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), KIPDA and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet were recognized for their collaborative effort in putting together the Kentucky Regional Freight Conference on May 5th and 6th.

The Federal Highway Administration chose the conference to receive its Transportation Planning Collaboration Award, which recognizes

agency involvement in collaborative efforts to promote and advance the transportation planning process. The conference included many speakers, a tour of the McAlpine Locks and Dam and the Norfolk Southern Intermodal Yard and attracted about 100 attendees from industry, state and local governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and Area Development Districts.

Ticket to Ride now offers BikePool program

Ticket to Ride, KIPDA's rideshare program, is now offering a new way for riders to travel to work. The BikePool program provides a way for participants to save money, stay healthy and improve the environment.

Registration for the program is free. The program enables participants interested in finding others to ride bicycles with to become matched based on who lives close by and is traveling in the same direction. An email is generated to the individual and it's up to the individual to contact the other party to arrange the ride.

To register for the program, go to <http://www.tickettoride.org/bikepool.html>.

In addition to the BikePool, KIPDA also offers a Vanpool Partnership that they share with the Transit Authority of River City (TARC). KIPDA and TARC have worked closely together promoting alternative transportation services in the Louisville metropolitan area. The program was

formed in August 2001. Ticket to Ride manages the administrative functions of the vanpool program and TARC handles fleet management, including maintenance and insurance.

In the first year of operation, four vans were ordered as a conservative but hopeful attempt to begin a vanpool program for commuters who were traveling to and from Louisville and whose trips were at least 15 miles one way. As of August 1, 2009, eight years into the partnership, the fleet consists of 56 vehicles; 48 vanpools are fully operating.

In addition, there are Carpool and SchoolPool programs available. Interested parties can create car pools through the website or connect with parents of children who attend the same school.

If you are interested in joining any of Ticket to Ride's programs or learning more about them, call 502-267-5400 or toll-free 1-866-822-7665. Additional information can be obtained on their website www.tickettoride.org

Tips for keeping teen drivers safe on the road

One of the leading causes of teen deaths is automobile accidents. In fact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 35% of teens deaths are due to vehicular accidents.

There are many factors that lead to these deaths, including driver-error, speeding, distractions by passengers, alcohol, night driving and not using a seat belt. In an effort to prevent these instances, October 18-24 is National Teen Drive Safety Week.

In Indiana, during the first 90 days that they hold a driver license, drivers ages 18 and under may not carry passengers unless a licensed driver 21 years of age or older is seated in the front passenger seat next to the driver. All passengers must also wear a seat belt. For license holders under 18, there is no driving after 1:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and no driving after 11:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. A few exceptions to this rule include going to or from school, religious activities or civil rights activities sponsored by a government or non-profit agency, as long as the teen driver is accompanied by parent, guardian or appointed responsible adult.

Indiana also passed a law recently that prohibits teen drivers from using a cell phone while driving. The fines for breaking this law can be up to \$500.

In Kentucky, teen drivers must follow the Graduated Driver License Law. The law creates an intermediate period of six months between the learner's permit and a full, unrestricted license. During the intermediary phase, teenagers will have a full license with two restrictions on their driving privileges. One of the restrictions also stipulates no driving from midnight to 6:00 a.m., except in cases of emergency. Also, the teen driver will be allowed no more than one unrelated passenger under the age of twenty.

To keep your teen driver safe, choose vehicles based on safety and not looks. Don't rely solely on driver's education; parents have a great influence on their teen's attitude and decision-making process. Be a role model and practice safe driving when your teen is riding with you.

Make sure your teen driver knows the law. A list of state laws can be found at <http://www.iihs.org/laws/default.aspx>.

Public Involvement Calendar

Below is a list of events that KIPDA staff will be attending in the next few months. For an up-to-date calendar, go to http://www.kipda.org/Transportation/Public_Outreach.aspx. KIPDA Community Outreach Specialist Josh Suiter is also available to speak to area organizations and neighborhood associations. For more information, call him at 502-266-6084.

- **Louisville Metro Mayor's Community Conversation** - October 19, 6:30 p.m. at Southern High School, 8620 Preston Highway
- **One Southern Indiana 5 O'Clock Network** - October 22, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at One Vision Federal Credit Union, 206 West Lewis and Clark Parkway in Clarksville
- **Develop New Albany Networking Event** - November 3, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Main Source Bank, 100 East Spring Street in New Albany
- **One Southern Indiana Network of Champions** - November 12, 7:30-9:00 a.m. at Kye's, 500 Missouri Avenue in Jeffersonville
- **Grow Jeffersonville** - November 12, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, 700 West Riverside Drive in Jeffersonville
- **Louisville Metro Mayor's Community Conversation** - November 16, 6:30 p.m. at Central High School, 1130 Chestnut Street
- **One Southern Indiana 5 O'Clock Network** - November 19, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Generations Funeral Home, 3309 Ballard Lane in New Albany
- **Develop New Albany Networking Event** - December 1, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Schad and Palmer, 223 East Spring Street in New Albany

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KIPDA Transportation Meeting Calendar

Transportation Technical Coordinating Committee

November 11, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
KIPDA Burke Room

January 13, 2010, 1:00 p.m.
KIPDA Burke Room

Regional Transportation Council

November 24, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
Louisville Marriott East
1903 Embassy Square Boulevard

A map of KIPDA's location can be found at http://kipda.org/About_KIPDA.aspx.

For TARC routes and schedules, please visit www.ridetarc.org.

Transportation Policy Committee

November 24, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
Louisville Marriott East
1903 Embassy Square Boulevard

January 28, 2010, 1:00 p.m.
KIPDA Burke Room

February 25, 2010, 1:00 p.m.
KIPDA Burke Room

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