



# HORIZONS

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## Ohio River Greenway moves forward

Aiming to connect the Indiana riverfronts of Jeffersonville, Clarksville and New Albany along a continuous recreational trail system, the Ohio River Greenway will span nearly seven miles. The many benefits of this trail combine public use for pedestrians, bicycle enthusiasts and outdoor recreation users along the banks of the Ohio River.

"We have made exciting progress since last September, and nearly \$5 million in construction is now underway in New Albany and Jeffersonville," said Valla Ann Bolovschak, Governor Mitch Daniels' appointee to the Ohio River Greenway Commission. "This initiative by Governor Daniels will begin to unite our state's disconnected routes and put every Hoosier within 15 minutes of a trail."

Congressman Baron Hill recently toured the Greenway project with Bolovschak and commission members. "This is such a vitally important project for this region," he said. "I am committed to obtaining the \$2,100,000 in federal funding which was requested by the Greenway Commission earlier this year."

### Jeffersonville

The Greenway's eastern most beginning is in the City of Jeffersonville next to Jeffboat. Although Jeffersonville's riverfront is the most developed of the three communities that make up the Greenway, the addition of improved access will allow pedestrians and bicyclists recreational opportunities that do not exist now.

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Congressman Baron Hill, right, touring the Greenway project with Commissioner Phillip Hendershot.

## "Restore 64" work starts in June

Beginning in June, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will make repairs to I-64 along Louisville's Riverfront. The interstate will close to through traffic for 30 days starting July 5 and ending August 5.

"Working 24 hours a day, seven days a week, construction workers will make much needed repairs," said Andrea Clifford, KYTC Highway District 5 Public Information Officer. "By closing the interstate, repairs can be made in less than half the time of traditional construction, and it will make the process safer for motorists and construction workers."

Throughout the 30 day closure period, westbound traffic from Third Street to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Street interchange will be restricted. However, exits to many downtown streets will be accessible via the Third Street and 22<sup>nd</sup> Street ramps

from I-64. All I-65 access ramps will remain open except for the I-65 northbound to I-64 westbound ramp. In order to provide additional interstate access during Restore 64 construction, access to I-65 from the Second Street on-ramp will be provided.

Prior to the 30 day closure, the first phase of construction will take place

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### IT'S A MATTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY!

Restore 64 will:

- replace 21 lane miles with new surface;
- replace 132 expansion joints;
- repair structural steel components;
- replace overhead signs; and
- replace protective guardrails.

## Transportation Policy Committee Member Profile

**Judge Executive Duane Murner**  
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As the new judge executive for Oldham County, Duane Murner is prepared to serve the community. "I worked as a magistrate for eight years in the Oldham County Fiscal Court, and that experience has been useful in

the new job."

Murner is well aware of the transportation issues facing Oldham County residents, and several projects are on the top of his list to accomplish during his administration. "We face special challenges here because of the extraordinary growth," he said. "Transportation is one of the four major infrastructure issues in the county that we're working to improve, along with schools, sewers, and storm water. All of these are capacity issues affected by our population growth."

Murner intends to take full advantage of the major transportation studies already completed for Oldham County. "The thoroughfare and roundabout studies will create improved and safer travel for Oldham County drivers," he said. "We are ready to move forward with the roundabout on Highway 22 at Clore Lane if the funding is approved and are aware that we'll need to focus on educating the public on how roundabouts work."

Another transportation challenge is the fact that 60% of Oldham County's adult population works in Jefferson County. "I'm hoping to forge a different kind of partnership with TARC in future years to ensure that transit is a viable option for our residents."

Although Murner and his family have lived in New Jersey, Illinois, California, Arizona and Pennsylvania, his favorite location is Oldham County. "Five of our six children live in Kentucky, we're fortunate that our 15 grandchildren are also nearby, and our cemetery plots are only a mile down the road."

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"The Greenway plan features a multiuse path close to the river, and at some points, at the river's edge," Bolovschak said. "This will allow for public access and provide renovated dock space."

The existing Terraced Lawn at the foot of Spring Street will be improved with a pathway and additional lighting. The path will be connected to a landing



at the base of the Big Four Bridge and will provide direct access to Louisville.

### New Albany

The New Albany section of the Greenway Corridor will begin at the City's eastern edge at Silver Creek. The Kentuckiana River Trail – the K and I Bridge and Big Four Bridge loop – ends in New Albany and will allow pedestrians and cyclists access to the Louisville Riverwalk.

"New Albany officials also plan for a significant downtown revitalization," said Bolovschak. "Scribner Place will be developed in phases with a natatorium and a new YMCA."

If you would like more information, please visit [www.ohiorivergreenway.org](http://www.ohiorivergreenway.org) or call 812-288-7155, extension 374.

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from Preston Street westward to the I-64/Shawnee Expressway (I-264) Interchange.

Phase I construction will include three consecutive weekend closures June 8-11, June 15-18, and June 22-25. During the weekend work, the entire length of I-64 from Preston Street west to I-264 will be closed from 8 p.m. Friday until 5 a.m. Monday. No traffic will enter I-64 during this time.

Phase II of the construction will include the 30 day closure of I-64 from Third Street to 22<sup>nd</sup> Street from July 5 through August 5.

During Phase II access will be as follows:

- Second Street on-ramp – Access to I-64 eastbound, I-65 northbound/southbound & I-71
- Third Street off-ramp – Access from I-64 westbound, I-65 southbound & I-71
- Ninth Street interchange – Completely closed to all traffic
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Street off-ramp – Access from I-64 eastbound to community and downtown
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Street on-ramp – Access to I-64 westbound from community and downtown
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Street on-ramp – Closed to I-64 eastbound

To ease traffic congestion, Clifford suggests using TARC or Ticket to Ride

or carpooling with those who live and work near you. "We recommend allowing more time to reach your destination, and have an alternate route in mind in case of excessive delays," she said. "Motorists can access information about transit and vanpooling options by calling TARC at 502-585-1234 or Ticket to Ride at 502-267-5400."

KYTC officials will hold a series of open houses to inform the public of these upcoming events.

For additional project information, maps and other resources, visit the Restore 64 web site at [www.restore64.ky.gov](http://www.restore64.ky.gov).



# Mayor's Hike & Bike on Memorial Day

By Matt Kamer  
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Office of Mayor Jerry Abramson

Mayor Jerry Abramson recently announced that the popular Hike & Bike events will continue in 2007, with the first installment set for Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, starting at 10 a.m. at Waterfront Park.

Four prior Hike & Bike events have drawn thousands of cyclists and walkers who have joined the mayor on scenic routes through downtown, historic neighborhoods and parks. The events are part of the ongoing Mayor's Healthy Hometown Movement, created to encourage Louisville residents to be more active and make healthier lifestyle choices.

Abramson was joined at the March 26 press conference by Jared Fogle, the spokesperson for Subway Restaurants, which has signed on as the presenting sponsor of the 2007 Hike & Bike series.

"We're grateful for Subway Restaurants' partnership to help us continue and grow these events that are helping our citizens get out and continue a fitness regimen or start a new one," Abramson said. "I hope the Hike & Bike is becoming a Memorial Day tradition for many of our residents who enjoy active lifestyles."

The Hike & Bike cycling route will highlight various Louisville amenities, beginning at Waterfront Park and progressing south through Old Louisville, the University of Louisville, tree-lined Southern Parkway, scenic Iroquois Park and back.

The complete bicycle route is approximately 15 miles, with several turnoffs available providing alternate routes as short as two miles. There will also be optional routes on the hills of Iroquois Park for cyclists looking for a challenge. For walkers, a 2.5 mile "Mayor's Mile" loop will be marked in Waterfront Park.

The cycling route will be marked with signage and include several break stations staffed by volunteers to assist with directions and water. In addition, the Louisville Bicycling Club is providing "bike captains" to help cyclists obey the rules of the road, as well as "bike doctors" along the way to assist cyclists who encounter equipment problems. Louisville Metro Police will provide traffic assistance at key intersections and the Louisville Metro EMS bicycle team will patrol the route.

For more information, visit [www.louisvilleky.gov](http://www.louisvilleky.gov).



# Kentucky seat belt usage rises in 2006

Each year the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Drive Smart program conducts seat belt surveys in each county in the state. The Kentucky state seat belt usage rate is 67% for 2006, compared to 66% in 2005.

## Seat Belt Usage Rates by County

	2006	2005	2004
Bullitt	80.6%	75.5%	68.1%
Henry	70.8%	63.0%	50.3%
Jefferson	81.1%	74.5%	74.0%
Oldham	83.0%	77.2%	68.6%
Shelby	80.0%	70.0%	66.2%
Spencer	70.0%	56.0%	60.4%
Trimble	77.1%	69.9%	53.2%



## Obligated Project List available for review

### What is an obligated project?

An obligated project is one in which the federal government has made a commitment to pay the federal share of the project cost. These transportation projects have been approved by a Federal agency, like the Federal Highway Administration or the Federal Transit Administration. The funds have been pledged, but the projects may not yet have been completed.

### What is included in the list?

The project list for fiscal year 2006 for the Louisville (KY-IN) Metropolitan Planning Area includes maintenance projects, roadway improvements, transit improvements, pedestrian walkways, and bicycle facilities for which federal funds have been committed in federal fiscal year 2006.

### Where can I see it?

To review this list, go to [www.kipda.org/Transportation/MPO/Documents\\_and\\_Studies.aspx](http://www.kipda.org/Transportation/MPO/Documents_and_Studies.aspx) and click on **FY 2006 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects**, or contact Mary Lou Hauber at 502-266-6084 to have a copy mailed to you.

## Ask the Expert!

Have you ever wondered why some intersections have traffic signals and others have stop signs? Or how it is decided where to add a crosswalk to a street?

In each issue of *Horizons*, we will take a question and ask the experts – state transportation departments, local planning agencies, TARC and Federal Highway Administration staff.

Let us help you with that nagging question. It's probably one that plenty of our readers have wondered about as well. We'll review the questions and select one for each issue. Send them via e-mail to [kipda.trans@ky.gov](mailto:kipda.trans@ky.gov) with "Ask the Expert" in the subject line, or by mail to:

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In this issue, we ask:

*How is the decision made to add noise barriers to an interstate or expressway?*

Here is the response according to John Callihan, Branch Manager for Pre-construction at Highway District 5 of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet:

*Currently, legislative action by the Kentucky General Assembly or by Congress is the only way to get a feasibility study for a retrofit wall. Of course, whenever the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet adds capacity to a roadway, noise impacts to the area are evaluated and walls are considered.*



# KIPDA Transportation Division Meeting Calendar

## Transportation Technical Coordinating Committee

No Meeting in May

**June 13, 10:00 a.m.**  
Location to be announced

**July 11, 10:00 a.m.**  
Location to be announced

A map of KIPDA's location can be found at [http://kipda.org/About\\_KIPDA.aspx](http://kipda.org/About_KIPDA.aspx).

## Transportation Policy Committee

No Meeting in May

**June 28, 1:00 p.m.**  
Location to be announced

**July 26, 1:00 p.m.**  
Location to be announced.

For TARC routes and schedules, please visit [www.ridetarc.com](http://www.ridetarc.com).

## Regional Transportation Council

**May 24, 1:00 p.m.**  
KIPDA Burke Room

**July 26, 1:00 p.m.**  
KIPDA Burke Room

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