



# HORIZONS

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## Mayor Abramson hosts Pedestrian Summit for a Healthy Hometown

As part of his long-term strategy for creating a Healthy Hometown, Mayor Jerry Abramson will convene a Pedestrian Summit on May 10 designed to address important issues including neighborhood walkability, access to transit, safety and promotion of healthier lifestyles.

"In order to walk the walk, we first have to talk the talk," said Abramson. "Pedestrian issues are everyone's issues because we are all pedestrians at some point."

The Louisville Metro Department of Public Works and the Healthy Hometown Movement's Built Environment Committee will be working with Toole Design Group of Baltimore, MD, one of the nation's top pedestrian consultants. Toole has prepared walkability plans in cities throughout the country and will partner with the Louisville office of Gresham Smith & Partners, an architectural, engineering and design firm, to serve as local coordinator and community liaison.

The two-day Summit itself will be facilitated by Mark Fenton, author and consultant to the National Center for Bicycling and Walking. Services of all the Summit partners are made possible by a \$100,000 grant from the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA).

The Pedestrian Summit and the series of Community Workshops leading up to it are expected to generate a broad range of support and input. The

feedback from the workshops will be reported back during the Pedestrian Summit and used to build a framework for a Community Walkability Plan. The effort will look at pedestrian needs as both a transportation and public health issue.

"Through the Pedestrian Summit, we want to build awareness for the health and wellness benefits of a more pedestrian-friendly city as well as talk about ways to break down barriers to being able to walk safely and productively toward a healthier

## Floyd County plan aims to ease traffic woes, provide sidewalks

There could be some changes coming to Floyd County roads soon. The Floyd County Thoroughfare Plan, which is scheduled to be presented to the Floyd County Planning Commission and Floyd County Commissioners in April or May 2008, contains ideas to ease congestion and help get some communities sidewalks.

"We are currently reviewing and prioritizing projects and identifying those that are our top priorities," said Don Lopp, Floyd County Planner. He said they are also looking at the development impact. The projects could include adding turning lanes, widening lanes and shoulders, and installing sidewalks and bike lanes. The study also looked at

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lifestyle," said Dr. Adewale Troutman, director of the Louisville Metro Public

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Corridors and intersections involved in the plan include:

- U.S. 150 (Interstate 64 to Town of Greenville)
- State Road 64/62 (Interstate 64 to Town of Georgetown and Interstate 64 to State Road 11)
- Paoli Pike (Hilltop Road to U.S. 150)
- Old Vincennes Road (U.S. 150 to Edwardsville-Galena Road)
- Scottsville Road (Paoli Pike to St. Mary's Road)
- Grant Line Road (Chapel Lane to County Line Road)
- Edwardsville-Galena Road (U.S. 150 to Old Vincennes Road)

## Transportation Policy Committee Member Profile

**Mayor Tom Galligan**  
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Tom Galligan returns to the mayor's office hoping to expand upon projects started while he was previously in office. He served two terms as mayor from January 1996 through December 2003.

Galligan, who grew up in Jeffersonville, said he was inspired to run for the office again because "I left office believing we'd left a lot of business unfinished." Galligan said some of the unfinished projects are redeveloping the downtown and creating new downtown housing opportunities. He also stated that there is still a lack of shopping, dining and entertainment opportunities on Jeffersonville's side of Veterans Parkway.

In addition to working on these projects, he's got his eye on an important transportation issue. "Our biggest transportation challenge should come as no surprise, because it is the Ohio River Bridges. Over 40 years ago, people in this region knew we needed more bridges," he said.

In addition to the bridges project, Galligan will continue to work with Clarksville and New Albany to construct the seven-mile Ohio River Greenway and hopes to have Jeffersonville's portion done by the time his term concludes at the end of 2011. He'll also continue to work to facilitate the revitalization of the Big Four Bridge as a pedestrian and bicycle path between Jeffersonville and Louisville. There are also plans to extend Veterans Parkway to Tenth Street, along what is now Holmans Lane, as well as widen Hamburg Pike.

"I'm excited about all of it. Good infrastructure – roads, utilities, drainage – are among the biggest keys to economic development and improving our quality of life. Good infrastructure facilitates industry, shops and restaurants and housing," he said.

Galligan has served on the executive and legislative committees for the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns and as a former chairman of KIPDA's Transportation Policy Committee. He is divorced and has four grown children.

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Health and Wellness Department. "Walking is one of the easiest and cheapest ways to exercise. Making Louisville a more pedestrian-friendly city will affect any number of other

community concerns, from air quality to economic development."

You can weigh in on pedestrian needs by taking a brief survey online at [www.louisvillepedsummit.com](http://www.louisvillepedsummit.com).

### Healthy Hometown Pedestrian Summit Schedule of Events

#### Community Workshops

**Safe Routes to School and Parks** **Wednesday, April 16, 1:00-5:00 p.m.**  
Presbyterian Community Center/Meyzeek Middle School  
731 South Hancock Street, 40203

**Disabilities and Older Adults** **Thursday, April 17, 1:30-3:30 p.m.**  
Crescent Hill Ministries  
150 South State Street, 40206

**Building Walkable Communities** **Thursday, April 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
Fern Creek High School  
9115 Fern Creek Road, 40291

**Recreational Walking and Running** **Saturday, April 19**  
Shively Community Center **Community Walk 8:30 a.m.**  
1901 Park Road, 40216 **Meeting 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

#### Pedestrian Summit

**Kick-Off Reception** **Friday, May 9, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**  
Kentucky International Convention Center  
221 Fourth Street, 40202

**Pedestrian Summit** **Saturday, May 10, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**  
Gheens Academy & Male High School Cafeteria  
4425 Preston Highway, 40213

For more information or to sign up for updates, go to [www.louisvillepedsummit.com](http://www.louisvillepedsummit.com) or call 502-574-0104.

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the transit system in Floyd County. Currently, there are no fixed-route mass transit options for residents living in Georgetown, Greenville and the unincorporated areas of Floyd County. TARC does provide service in New Albany.

Lopp said part of the reason for these changes is the recent growth in some of these areas. For example, Paoli Pike has seen an increase in development and is anticipating a 60,000 square-foot development of retail space and about 400 homes within

close proximity. "It's beginning to have the feel of a small town," Lopp said.

Lopp also stated the county is looking at the funding they have and are working to secure additional funding.

The geographic area of the study is the unincorporated area of Floyd County. This area is approximately 75 percent of the total area of the county, excluding New Albany, Georgetown, and Greenville.

Lopp also said there is no exact timeline yet as to when construction would begin.

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# Law enforcement blitz targets aggressive drivers

If you're following too close to the vehicle in front of you on some local interstates, you could receive a ticket.

The Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement (KVE) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration have started a major enforcement blitz in Jefferson and Bullitt Counties and part of northern Kentucky. The "Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks" campaign will educate motorists on the importance of leaving more space on the roadways.

"The TACT (Ticketing Aggressive Cars and Trucks) program serves to crack down on aggressive drivers and highlight why driving around large trucks warrants extra care," Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator John H. Hill stated. "Trucks need extra time and extra space to change lanes or come to a complete stop. By giving trucks the room they need, we can prevent crashes and save lives. Sharing the road safely is every driver's responsibility."

The TACT program will target Jefferson County's Interstate 65 from the Watterson Expressway (I-264) to mile marker 110 near Lebanon Junction, as well as Interstate 75 from the Ohio River to the I-

71/I-75 interchange in Boone and Kenton counties.

"The real tragedy is that crashes are largely preventable. Law enforcement can't make drivers more attentive to what's going on around them, but they can and will crack down on motorists," said KVE Commissioner Gregory Howard.

Statistics in recent years for Kentucky show approximately 72 percent of all commercial motor vehicle (CMV) involved fatal crashes are caused by a non-CMV driver. Throughout the year, law enforcement officers will be focusing efforts on violations including excessive speeding, improper lane changing, reckless driving and not leaving sufficient space around all vehicles.

Law enforcement agencies are working with judicial, industry and safety representatives to educate drivers on the effects of unsafe driving. This project will focus on violations by all drivers in two of the worst CMV-involved crash corridors in Kentucky. The Department of Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement is also erecting highway signs in the focused enforcement corridors informing motorists, "Don't Get a Ticket, Leave More Space."

# Louisville Metro event gives residents time to speak to the Mayor

The Mayor's Community Conversations are an opportunity to speak one-on-one with Mayor Jerry Abramson and his staff about a variety of issues concerning your thoughts on Louisville Metro.

Held monthly (except December), the Mayor's Community Conversations are from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and come out on the following dates:

- April 21 - Fairdale High School, 1001 Fairdale Road
- May 19 - Jeffersontown High School, 9600 Old Six Mile Lane
- June 16 - Knight Middle School, 9803 Blue Lick Road
- July 21 - Carter Elementary School, 3600 Bohne Avenue
- August 18 - Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 1501 Rangeland Road
- September 15 - Central High School, 1130 West Chestnut Street
- October 20 - Waggener High School, 330 Hubbards Lane

- November 17 - Pleasure Ridge Park High School, 5901 Greenwood Road

For more information, go to [www.louisvilleky.gov](http://www.louisvilleky.gov) or call MetroCall at 311 or 502-574-5000.

# Glenn's Safety Corner

KIPDA's current safety focus is getting the message out to everyone in the area about the safety programs, handouts and materials we have to offer. In most cases these are provided at no cost to you, other than a commitment of your time and/or possible assistance in the programs. The programs range from bicycle and pedestrian safety for our kids to driving programs for any age group.

We offer state-sponsored programs through Kentucky's Drive Smart Program and tip sheets on a variety of transportation subjects, such as Aggressive Driving and School Bus Safety. Cooperative efforts include Safe Kids of Kentucky, and co-sponsored programs with the American Association of Retired Persons and the American Automobile Association, local law enforcement, fire prevention districts, and other safety groups, local and national. We provide Child Passenger Safety Clinics and other safety programs, presentations, and handouts.

We are re-establishing our commitment to county programs and local safety teams. These teams will focus on the transportation safety needs of their communities and not on a "one-size fits all" concept.

Please visit our website at [www.kipda.org/Transportation/Safety.aspx](http://www.kipda.org/Transportation/Safety.aspx) to check out the new safety page and offer suggestions for future articles or changes to the site.

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## Valuable Web Resources

### Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Kentucky Driver History Records Website

<http://dhr.ky.gov/DHRWeb/>

This website allows anyone to request driving history records for Kentucky drivers. Driver status, license expiration, driving restrictions, and traffic violations will be contained on the record. The record is a public record.

### Louisville Regional Airport Authority's Travel Tips

[www.flylouisville.com/info/traveltips.asp](http://www.flylouisville.com/info/traveltips.asp)

The website provides tips for those flying to their destination. Includes information on carry-on bags and items you can and cannot bring with you.

### Indiana Department of Transportation Trivia Questions

[www.in.gov/indot/2768.htm](http://www.in.gov/indot/2768.htm)

Looking for a way to test the knowledge of your friends and family about Indiana transportation or just looking to further your own knowledge about it? This INDOT page is packed full of information.

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# KIPDA Transportation Meeting Calendar

## Transportation Technical Coordinating Committee

**May 14, 2008, 10:00 a.m.**  
Location to be announced

**June 11, 2008, 10:00 a.m.**  
Location to be announced

## Regional Transportation Council

**May 22, 2008, 1:00 p.m.**  
KIPDA Burke Room

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

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

## Transportation Policy Committee

**April 24, 2008, 1:00 p.m.**  
KIPDA Conference Room

**May 22, 2008, 1:00 p.m.**  
KIPDA Conference Room

**June 26, 2008, 1:00 p.m.**  
KIPDA Conference Room

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