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Road maintenance on local roads could cause delays in non-peak hours

As summer travel plans begin unfolding, there may be some delays on area roadways that motorists will need to be prepared to battle.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) currently has two resurfacing projects that could affect traffic on Shelbyville Road (US 60) between Hurstbourne Parkway and Floyds Fork Bridge near Valhalla Golf Course, and LaGrange Road (KY 146) from Bellewood Drive to the Jefferson/Oldham County line.

Andrea Clifford, Public Information Officer for KYTC District 5, said the resurfacing of US 60 will require lane closures from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. every day. The project is scheduled to be completed by September 1, 2008.

During lane closure times, one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction. Clifford said with the work being done in the evenings, motorists should only experience minimal delays.

In addition, phase two of Louisville Metro Councilman Hal Heiner's Shelbyville Road Beautification and Safety project will be underway during the resurfacing. The project will raise sidewalks and curbs between Blankenbaker Parkway and an area just east of Evergreen Road. The resurfacing for this portion of the roadway will not

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The resurfacing and beautification project will include the intersection of Blankenbaker Parkway and Shelbyville Road (US 60).

Saving the air and saving gas are this summer's blockbuster hits

By Dee Lynch, Coordinator,
Kentuckiana Air Education (KAIRE)

You don't have to be **Indiana Jones** to unlock the secrets to saving fuel, saving money and keeping the air a little cleaner this summer. Kentuckiana Air Education (KAIRE) would like to offer up some tips on getting the best fuel economy while helping to reduce emissions.

Dr. Bruce Banner, aka **The Incredible Hulk**, might not be able to control his temper over rising gas prices, but we can all "go a little green" by getting the best gas mileage we can. Lighten up your "hulk" by taking excess weight out of the trunk. One hundred

pounds in your trunk (think kitty litter, boxes of magazines, baseball equipment, etc.) can reduce your miles per gallon by one to two percent.

Get Smart and learn about an easy-to-use gadget that keeps your tires at the optimal pressure. All you need is a tire gauge to find out if your tires are at the optimal pressure, which means better mileage and reduced wear on your tires. Tire maintenance, along with scheduled oil changes, keeps your vehicle at its most gas-efficient and most air-friendly.

If you rev your engine and race to the next stoplight, **Speed Racer**, you're

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Transportation Policy Committee Member Profile

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Patricia Fraser, administrative assistant for the Town of Clarksville, currently serves as the chair of KIPDA's Transportation Policy Committee (TPC).

Fraser, who has worked for the Town of Clarksville for 18 years, said being involved with the TPC allows her to keep up with activities in all departments and all areas of the town.

She said that some of the challenges associated with transportation issues in Clarksville include "being able to maintain the infrastructure, accommodate today's needs and plan for needed changes in the future." As the TPC chair Fraser wants to "make informed decisions about transportation in the area that will have beneficial impacts."

Fraser, who serves as administrator for the Clarksville Town Council, represents the council at various activities in southern Indiana including Rotary Club, Leadership Southern Indiana, One Southern Indiana, the Clark-Floyd Counties Convention & Tourism Bureau and the Ohio River Greenway. She also attends community events and is the first contact for individuals who have problems or questions regarding town government.

She came to the Town of Clarksville after having worked for the Tourism Bureau. "The Town Council President, who was on the tourism board, asked me if I was interested in applying. I did, and the rest is history," she said.

Fraser, a native of Michigan, is a graduate of Bellarmine University and has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Louisville. She is married and has six children and five grandchildren.

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Oldham County bicycle and pedestrian projects taking shape

Oldham County is implementing a plan that will provide trails and greenways throughout the county. The Oldham County Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Master Plan includes a five-year capital improvement program.

Emily Liu, Assistant Director of Oldham County Planning and Zoning, said the plan is the county's "comprehensive planning document for trails and greenways. It has been adopted by the Planning Commission and is now an element of the Oldham County Comprehensive Plan. It provides not only recommendations on the location and types of trails and greenways, it also provides action plans

for the implementation of trails and greenways in Oldham County."

Liu said most of the trails and sidewalk projects identified in the master plan are long-term, but there are some anticipated to be completed in the five-year program. Liu said the LaGrange Main Street sidewalk and trails have already been completed as a part of the plan.

Liu said the county would like the cooperation of residents, property owners and other agencies and organizations during this project. For more information on the project, call Oldham County Planning and Zoning at 502-222-1476.

Highlights of the Oldham County Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Master Plan:

- **Commerce Parkway Bike/Pedestrian Trail** - The first phase of this 1.2 mile trail extends from Highway 53 to Allen Lane in LaGrange. Construction is expected this fall.
- **Crestwood Sidewalks** - Specific routes will be identified soon.
- **Safe Routes to Schools Trails and Sidewalks** - Design and construction of trails and sidewalks near the North Oldham School campus will begin as soon as funds are authorized.
- **Sidewalks near Peggy Baker Park** - Design and engineering is underway for the construction of sidewalks near the park that will connect the park with surrounding neighborhoods.
- **Oldham County Wendell More Park Recreational Trails** - This is a new trail system in the park that is organized and funded by the citizen group Oldham County Greenways Inc.

You can view the full Greenway Master Plan at http://kipda.org/Transportation/MPO/Documents_and_Studies.aspx.

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be completed until the beautification work is done.

The beautification project also includes closing, narrowing or shifting some entrances to area businesses and installation of bike lanes on both side of Shelbyville Road, as well as the addition of streetscape and landscape items including benches, trash receptacles, trees and grass.

Clifford also said KY 146 will be resurfaced. Lane closures on KY 146 will

occur from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The project has a November 1, 2008 completion date.

Clifford said during these projects motorists traveling through work zones are asked to stay alert, read all construction signs, be patient and always wear their seatbelts. She also suggests leaving a few minutes early to give them extra time to reach their destination.

Bicycle rodeo provided safety tips to children and parents

The Health and Safety Safari and Safe Kids' bicycle rodeo and safety information event for parents and children was held May 31 at the Louisville Zoo.

Glenn Woods, KIPDA Transportation Safety Coordinator, attended the event. Children had the opportunity to ride bicycles and learn valuable lessons about always wearing a helmet, looking both directions before crossing traffic, and traveling in the same direction as vehicles and not against the flow of traffic.

In addition, the D.A.R.E. vehicle, an EMS unit and the Norton Kosair Children's Hospital ambulance were on display. Woods said it was great "seeing all the kids enjoying themselves."



Children practiced several safety regulations including stopping at a stop sign.

Parents can receive more information on bicycle safety rodeos by calling Kosair's Safe Kids Program at (502) 629-7335. For more information on bicycle safety procedures such as proper wearing of helmets or bicycle inspection, contact Glenn Woods at 502-266-6084 or by email at glenn.woods@ky.gov.

Glenn's Safety Corner

We want to continue driving as long as we can do so safely. However, for many of us the time may come when we must limit or stop driving, either temporarily or permanently. Do any of the following points sound familiar?

- Feeling uncomfortable, nervous or fearful while driving
- Dents and scrapes on the car or on fences, mailboxes, curbs, etc.
- Difficulty staying in the lane of travel
- Getting lost
- Trouble paying attention to signals, road signs and pavement markings
- Slower response to unexpected situations
- Medical conditions or medications that may be affecting the ability to handle the car safely
- Frequent close calls (almost crashing)
- Trouble judging gaps in traffic at intersections and on highway entrance/exit ramps
- Other drivers honking at you
- Friends or relatives not wanting to ride with you
- Difficulty seeing the sides of the road when looking straight ahead
- Easily distracted or having a hard time concentrating while driving
- Difficulty checking over your shoulder while backing up or changing lanes
- Frequent traffic tickets or warnings by law enforcement officers in the last year or two

If you notice one or more of these warning signs, you may want to have your driving assessed by a professional or attend a driver refresher class. You may also want to consult with your doctor if you are having concentration or memory problems or other symptoms that may be affecting your ability to drive. For more information, go to www.helpguide.org/elder/senior_citizen_driving.htm.

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losing the race to save fuel. Accelerate gently to make the most of your gas mileage. Slow down. According to CNN Money, driving 70 miles per hour instead of 60 miles per hour is the equivalent of paying 54 cents extra per gallon.

Don't be a Joker! **The Dark Knight** would fuel up in the evening or early morning when it's cooler to help reduce evaporation and keep fumes out of the air. Scheduling your fill-up at these less busy times can prevent time spent idling (and

burning fuel) while you wait your turn at the pump.

Speaking of pumps, fabulous shoes may impress the fashionable Carrie and the gals of **Sex and the City**, but what everyone wants this year is a beautiful blue "Breathe" t-shirt. This summer KAIRE staffers will be at local events distributing tire gauges and our own version of couture fashion. To find out where we'll be and learn more blockbuster tips, check our website at www.helptheair.org.

Valuable Web Resources

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Public Hearings

www.kytc.state.ky.us/design/publicmeetings/publicmeetings.asp

Learn about upcoming public meetings. Public comments are solicited and encouraged at these meetings.

TRIMARC's Incident and Construction Report

www.trimarc.org/per/IncConsRpt.pl

TRIMARC's site provides updated information on Louisville and southern Indiana traffic, including accidents and construction, helping you avoid delays.

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KIPDA Transportation Meeting Calendar

Transportation Technical Coordinating Committee

August 13, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Location to be announced

September 10, 2008, 10:00 a.m.

Location to be announced

Regional Transportation Council

September 25, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

KIPDA Burke Room

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.com.

Transportation Policy Committee

August 28, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

KIPDA Conference Room

September 25, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

KIPDA Conference Room

October 23, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

KIPDA Conference Room

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