



HORIZONS

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New TARC express service connects New Albany and downtown Louisville

Southern Indiana commuters have a new way to get to downtown Louisville. Beginning June 1, TARC introduced a new express service to downtown Louisville from southern Indiana.

The new #65X - Southern Indiana Express route runs weekday mornings and afternoons. Six morning routes depart between 6:12 and 8:17 a.m. from the Meijer parking lot on Charlestown Road and travel non-stop to downtown Louisville on Interstate 265 to Interstate 65. Stops are scheduled in both the Central Business District and Louisville Medical Center. The six afternoon trips leave downtown between 3:37 and 6:02 p.m. The cash fare is \$1.50.

Tickets and passes can be purchased on-line at www.ridetarc.org, at Fifth Third Bank locations and at several library branches. In addition, tickets and passes are available at Union Station, 1000 West Broadway, and the NIA Center at 29th and Broadway, or by mail to the cashier, TARC, 1000 West Broadway, Louisville, KY 40203.

For more information on this or any route, call TARC at 502-585-1234 or go to www.ridetarc.org.



A TARC passenger boarded the #65X - Southern Indiana Express route from the Meijer parking lot.

Southwest Jefferson study provides improvement ideas

A study of the Third Street Road/St. Andrews Church Road area has identified some improvement needs with regard to roadways, sidewalks, installation of signage and more. The study began by examining about 15 intersections in the area.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 5 office, KIPDA, Louisville Metro and consulting firm QK4 served on the project team. The team developed these goals: improve the safety for vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic; improve bicycle and pedestrian network and TARC access

points; improve drainage; reduce congestion; improve signage; and focus on low cost solutions.

Some of the major issues in the area included deep drainage ditches, substandard sidewalks, limited sidewalks and a lack of adequate lane capacity. The main corridors that bound the area are Saint Andrews Church Road/KY 1931; Palatka Road/KY 1142; New Cut Road/KY 1865; and Third Street Road/KY 907.

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We want your input!

We're making some changes to the *Horizons* newsletter and would like to get your input. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey below.

You can either send your responses via email to josh.suiter@ky.gov or mail this portion of the newsletter to Josh Suiter, KIPDA, 11520 Commonwealth Drive, Louisville, KY 40299.

- (1) Which of the following features do you enjoy the most in the newsletter?
 - a. Transportation Policy Committee Profile
 - b. Valuable Web Resources
 - c. Safety Tips
 - d. Meeting Calendar

- (2) What types of stories interest you most? What would you like to see more of in the newsletter (such as upcoming projects, transportation studies, air quality, transit, etc.)?

- (3) What other things would you like to see in the newsletter? Is there an idea for regular features that you have?

- (4) Do you have any other comments?

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Information for the study was gathered through crash data, public input and field reviews. A public meeting was held on May 8 at Saint Nicholas Academy on New Cut Road.

The study examined 15 intersections and major corridors within the study area and improvement sections were divided into three subsections: roadway and intersection recommendations, sidewalk project recommendations and KIPDA's Horizon 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Project Re-evaluations.

The study made a variety of recommendations which included adding a bus-only entrance and making improvements to the existing entrance to Johnson's Day Care on Third Street Road; restoring and/or improving drainage, installing signage and raising pavement markings on Third Street Road at James Hill Road; widening Saint Andrews Church Road to three lanes and adding signals and turn lanes onto Saint Anthony Church Road and Arnoldtown Road; and revising the school zone signage on New Cut Road for Saint Nicholas Academy, On Fire Christian Academy and Auburndale Elementary School.

In addition, there are sidewalks suggested for parts of Third Street, Saint

Andrews Church Road and Palatka Road.

Several projects recommended by the study have been previously identified in other plans, including KIPDA's Horizon 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan. The study reviewed and revised these projects.

"We kept prioritizing needs for the county and the district and we had no good data for that part of the county. I and others felt that we were being subjective in evaluation of needs. The purpose of the study was to help us define what are the critical transportation needs in that area of the county," said John Callihan, who was part of the planning team when he worked for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's District 5 office.

"I believe the study did a real good job of identifying the needs of the area, both short term and long term," said Brian Meade, Project Manager for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's District 5 office.

The complete study is available for viewing online on KIPDA's website at www.kipda.org/Transportation/MPO/Documents_and_Studies.aspx.



One of the proposed improvements would widen Saint Andrews Church Road from two lanes to four lanes from US 31W to Palatka Road.

KIPDA staff member honored by YPAL

Josh Suiter, KIPDA Community Outreach Specialist and the editor of KIPDA's *Horizons* newsletter, was recently honored by the Young Professionals Association of Louisville (YPAL). Suiter was named Outstanding Young Professional on

the YPAL Public Issues Committee. The committee focuses on providing YPAL members with opportunities to learn about, participate in, and advocate various issues which affect Louisville and its young professionals.

KIPDA's new ways to keep you informed

The KIPDA Transportation Division has developed more ways to keep you informed and provide you with opportunities to get involved.

Residents can now read a blog updated regularly by KIPDA staff by going to <http://kipdatrans.blogspot.com/>. The blog will feature public involvement opportunities, information on studies and projects and general information that might be of interest to the community.

KIPDA also has developed a fan page on Facebook. You can find them on

Facebook by searching for "Kentuckiana Regional Planning."

In addition, the KIPDA website has a new feature that enables readers to view in a variety of languages. Google Translate has been placed on the site, allowing readers to select a language and text on the site is translated.

"We're trying to make sure that residents in the region know what we are doing and how they can get involved in the transportation planning process," said Josh Suiter, Community Outreach Specialist.

Come meet KIPDA staff and share your ideas and concerns

KIPDA is always looking for opportunities to meet and interact with residents. Over the next few months there will be a variety of opportunities to speak with a KIPDA representative about transportation projects, issues and ideas. Below is a list of events we will be attending:

Louisville Metro Mayor's Community Conversation – July 20, 6:30 p.m. at Carter Elementary School, 3600 Bohne Avenue, Louisville

One Southern Indiana 5 O'Clock Network – July 30, 5-7 p.m. at L&D Mailmasters, 110 Security Parkway, New Albany

Develop New Albany Networking Event – August 4, 5-7 p.m. at Toast on Market, New Albany

Louisville Metro Mayor's Community Conversation – August 17, 6:30 p.m. at Fairdale High School, 1001 Fairdale Road, Louisville

Sellersburg Celebrates – August 27, 5-10 p.m.; August 28, 5-11 p.m.; and August 29, noon-11 p.m. at Silver Creek Township Park, Sellersburg

Develop New Albany Networking Event – September 1, 5-7 p.m. at Dzine Communications, 319 Pearl Street, New Albany

WorldFest – September 4 and 5 at the Belvedere, Louisville

Louisville Metro Mayor's Community Conversation – September 21, 6:30 p.m. at Atherton High School, 3000 Dundee Road, Louisville

Develop New Albany Networking Event – October 6, 5-7 p.m. at YMCA of Floyd County, 33 State Street, New Albany

Southwest Festival – October 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Sun Valley Park, 6616 Ashby Lane, Louisville

Louisville Metro Mayor's Community Conversation – October 19, 6:30 p.m. at Southern High School, 8620 Preston Highway, Louisville

In addition, if your organization needs a speaker for an upcoming meeting, call Josh Suiter, Community Outreach Specialist, at 502-266-6084 to arrange for him to come out and discuss the KIPDA Transportation Division and how your group can get involved in transportation planning.

Back to school safety tips

Schools will be in back in session soon. This means more busses on the roads, more kids walking or riding bikes to school and the need to be aware of more traffic on the roads.

In an effort to get children to school safely, here are some safety tips from the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration:

Riding the School Bus

- Arrive at least 5 minutes before the bus arrives
- Stay out of the street or roadway and avoid horseplay
- Always wait for the driver's signal before crossing the street to the bus and look both ways to make sure no vehicles are trying to pass the bus
- Cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus so the driver can see you
- Remain seated at all times and keep the aisles clear
- Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before leaving your seat or exiting the bus

Riding a Bicycle to School

- Wear helmets at all times when cycling
- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against traffic
- Use appropriate hand signals
- Stop at all intersections, marked or unmarked
- Look both ways before entering or crossing a street

Walking to School

- Children under 10 shouldn't cross the street alone
- Obey all traffic signs and markings
- Look both directions before crossing the street
- Don't enter the street between parked cars or from behind bushes and shrubs
- Cross the street at the corner or crosswalk

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KIPDA Transportation Meeting Calendar

Transportation Technical Coordinating Committee

August 12, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
KIPDA Burke Room

September 9, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
KIPDA Burke Room

Regional Transportation Council

September 24, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
KIPDA Conference 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.org.

Transportation Policy Committee

August 27, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
KIPDA Burke Room

September 24, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
KIPDA Burke Room

October 22, 2009, 1:00 p.m.
KIPDA Burke Room

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**Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change.
Please call KIPDA at 502-266-6084 to confirm, or visit the calendar on our website at <http://kipda.org/news.aspx>.**

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