



# HORIZONS

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## Newly-adopted plan will help address local transportation needs

KIPDA has adopted a Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, which identifies ways of providing transportation to at-need populations. The plan is in accordance with the Federal Transportation Act (SAFETEA-LU) and is federally-mandated.

The plan addresses the needs for residents in Bullitt, Henry, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble counties. There is already a plan in place to address the urbanized area (Jefferson County) and TARC is the lead agency for that undertaking. The Coordinated Plan addresses the needs of older adults, persons with disabilities, and persons with low incomes. The plan will serve as a tool for accessing funding.

The plan includes a variety of projects and programs that could be implemented to assist in meeting the needs of residents in these counties. Some of them include sidewalk inventory and inspection, which includes inventorying and inspecting all areas in the plan for American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, gaps and disrepair; and reconstruction of non-ADA compliant sidewalks and ramps. Other projects and programs are: continued funding for existing services; development and implementation of internal transit service in Bullitt County; implementation of internal transit circulators in Henry, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble counties; more aggressively promoting the Ticket-to-Ride van pool

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Under the Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, KIPDA's Ticket to Ride program would be more widely promoted in the six-county area.

## ARRA project removed, others moving forward

The list of projects funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has recently changed and some projects took a step closer to completion. In addition, some projects were added to replace one that was removed.

The City of St. Matthews removed their U.S. 60 sidewalk project from the ARRA list. That project will now be funded through local funds.

In order to keep the ARRA money in the area, that funding will be redistributed. TARC will purchase on-board cameras and nine paratransit

vehicles, and additional funding was approved for the Jeffersontown ADA Ramp and Sidewalk Replacements project already on the ARRA list.

In addition, KIPDA's Ticket to Ride program will purchase 11 vans through Kentucky's ARRA funding.

Several southern Indiana projects have taken a step forward and have progressed to begin construction. Those projects are described below:

- Hausfeldt Lane & CSX Railroad Crossing in New Albany: Construct curb

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## Transportation Briefs

### TARC introduces new buses with new design

TARC has 17 new clean-diesel buses on the street and all of them have a metallic silver color with bright red, white and blue decals. The 17 buses represent the biggest influx of new buses at TARC since 2003 and the first time since TARC began in 1974 that its buses have sported a color besides white. The design will be used on every new TARC bus in the future, and a variation of the design will be introduced on nine new hybrids expected in August 2010. The buses will have significantly cleaner emissions and better fuel economy, saving TARC as much as \$4,000 a year per bus in fuel costs.

### Jefferson County student wins Transportation Cabinet contest

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has announced the winners of its 2009 Adopt-a-Highway poster contest and one first place winner is from the Louisville area. The purpose of the contest is to increase environmental awareness among children, educate about the effects of litter, and change attitudes and behaviors regarding littering. Sonia Linan Ortega, of Whitney Young Elementary in Jefferson County, won first prize in the 9-11 age category, and Tahlon Lambdin, a student at Rangeland Elementary in Jefferson County, won second place in the 6-8 age category.

### Louisville Metro Mayor's Community Conversations Schedule for 2010

Community Conversations begin at 6:30 p.m. A KIPDA Transportation Division representative will be available at each Community Conversation in addition to Louisville Metro representatives.

**January 25** - Newburg Middle School

**February 15** - Carter Elementary School

**March 15** - Valley High School

**April 19** - Fairdale High School

**May 17** - Butler High School

**June 21** - Fern Creek High School

**July 19** - Westport Middle School

**August 16** - Central High School

**September 20** - Iroquois High School

**October 18** - Seneca High School

**November 15** - New downtown arena

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service in the six-county area; job feeder services to area counties from the plan's six-county areas; and transit services to Jefferson County, primarily for medical trips.

The plan's draft was developed in partnership with the six counties and other interested parties, and was made available for public review from September 18, 2009 through October 19, 2009. There were open-house style public meetings held in each of the six counties.

Public comments received concerning the Coordinated Plan were

sent to the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) members to review, and a joint working group of the TPC and the RTC met to address comments submitted by the public concerning the Coordinated Plan draft. The plan was approved by the TPC and RTC on November 24 during their meetings.

To view the adopted Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, go to [www.kipda.org/files/PDF/Transportation\\_Division/Information/Six-CountyCoordinatedPlanADOPTED.pdf](http://www.kipda.org/files/PDF/Transportation_Division/Information/Six-CountyCoordinatedPlanADOPTED.pdf).

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and gutter, sidewalks, and extension of railroad crossing for sidewalks.

- Brown Station Way from

Randolph Avenue to Silver Creek in Clarksville: Mill, grind and resurface the roadway.

- State Street Pavement

Restoration in New Albany: Resurface from I-265 to Green Valley Road including striping, approximately 4,200'.

- Paoli Pike Pavement

Rehabilitation in Floyd County: Rehabilitate and resurface Paoli Pike from Binford Road to U.S. 150.

- Warning Signals and Striping in

School Zones in Floyd County: Warning signals and striping for Highland Hills Middle School, Galena Elementary School, and Floyd Central High School.

- Market Street in New Albany: Upgrade three signals on Market Street between State and Vincennes Streets.

- Spring Street in New Albany: Upgrade three signals on Spring Street between State and Vincennes Streets.

- Kopp Lane Pavement Rehabilitation in Clarksville: Make point repairs to sub-base, mill, and overlay and resurface existing roadway from Eastern Boulevard to Hallmark Boulevard.

- Pearl/Elm Signal Upgrade in New Albany: Upgrade the traffic signals at Pearl and Elm Streets.

Additional projects are expected to be let for contract in February and March. To track the status of local ARRA projects, go to [www.kipda.org/Transportation/MPO/Projects/](http://www.kipda.org/Transportation/MPO/Projects/).

## Public Participation Plan is underway

One of the basics of planning is collecting viewpoints and opinions from the public to help inform policy makers, and KIPDA is required to have a process in place to collect this information. Our process is outlined in the Public Participation Plan. The current plan was adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee in April 2007.

KIPDA will be posting a survey at [www.kipda.org](http://www.kipda.org) within the next month. The survey will seek to find out the best

ways to meet the public's needs and allow for feedback on our process.

Further information will be on KIPDA's website, Facebook and Twitter accounts, and the KIPDA blog at <http://kipdatrans.blogspot.com>. If you do not have internet access but would like a copy of the survey, call Josh Suiter at 502-266-6084.

We hope to complete the Public Participation Plan update by September.

# Census begins in March, your input is invaluable

Does your community have a need for increased services? Do you feel like your commute to work is taking longer than it used to? The U.S. Census 2010 is preparing to begin and forms will be delivered to homes in March 2010. The public's input is essential to meeting individual areas needs.

Residents should notice a change in this Census form versus years past. The new form is shorter and should take about 10 minutes to complete. There are about 10 questions on the form.

The Census Bureau doesn't share the information you provide with anyone, including law enforcement and other federal

agencies. All Census employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn to protect the confidentiality of the data.

Census data is used to determine the funding made available to each community and those funds help address the issues each community faces. KIPDA uses the information to help assess where transportation issues such as congestion could occur in the future. It is also used to assist staff in determining the methods in which we convey information to the public and which public events we should attend.

For more information on the Census, go to <http://2010.census.gov/2010census>.

The logo for the United States Census 2010. It features the words "United States" in a smaller, serif font above the word "Census" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, and "2010" in a large, bold, sans-serif font below "Census".

## 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](http://www.kipda.org/Transportation/Public_Outreach.aspx).

- **Develop New Albany Networking Event**  
February 2, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Steinerts Grill & Pub, 401 East Main Street, New Albany
- **One Southern Indiana Network of Champions**  
February 11, 7:30-9:00 a.m.  
Buckhead Mountain Grill, 707 West Riverside Drive, Jeffersonville
- **Grow Jeffersonville**  
February 11, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Sheraton Hotel, 700 West Riverside Drive, Jeffersonville
- **Louisville Metro Mayor's Community Conversation**  
February 16, 6:30 p.m.  
Carter Elementary, 3600 Bohne Avenue, Louisville.
- **One Southern Indiana 5 O'clock Network**  
February 25, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Covered Bridge Golf Club, 12510 Covered Bridge Road, Sellersburg
- **Develop New Albany Networking Event**  
March 2, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
New Albany YMCA, 33 State Street, New Albany

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.

# Distracted driving is leading cause of Kentucky accidents

Distracted driving has become a major cause of accidents. In 2008, there were over 53,000 distracted driving-related crashes and 95 fatalities in Kentucky due to inattentiveness while driving.

Distracted driving can be caused by many things, including reaching for an object, looking at an external object, using music controls, talking or listening to passengers, reading or writing while driving, eating or drinking, grooming, smoking, and use of electronic devices such as cell phones, laptops, digital assistants and on-board navigation systems.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, driver inattention is the leading factor in crashes nationwide and nearly 80 percent of crashes and 65 percent of near crashes are caused by inattentiveness while driving.

In an effort to discourage this behavior, Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear has banned state employees from texting while driving state vehicles. The ban does have limited exceptions for emergency workers and notes that they can text when parked safely. In addition, Kentucky State Senator Denise Harper Angel has also prefiled legislation to ban texting while driving for all drivers.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Drive Smart program has provided these tips to avoid distracted driving:

- When using a cell phone, consider pulling off the roadway, ask a passenger to handle the call or let the call go to voicemail and return the call later.
- If you must use the cell phone while driving, be aware that your full attention will not be where it should be – driving. End the conversation quickly and let the caller know you are driving. Use memory dial and automatic dialing features. Also, do not use texting or web browsing while driving.
- Avoid eating, drinking or grooming while driving. If you must eat while driving, avoid messy foods. If you have to check your hair or makeup, wait until you get to a traffic light.

For more safe driving tips, visit the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Office of Highway Safety website at <http://drivesmart.ky.gov>.

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## KIPDA Transportation Meeting Calendar

### Transportation Technical Coordinating Committee

No meeting in March

**April 14, 2010, 1:00 p.m.**  
KIPDA Burke Room

### Regional Transportation Council

**March 25, 2010, 1:00 p.m.**  
KIPDA Conference 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.org](http://www.ridetarc.org).

### Transportation Policy Committee

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

**April 22, 2010, 1:00 p.m.**  
KIPDA Burke Room

**May 27, 2010, 1:00 p.m.**  
KIPDA Burke Room

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