



# HORIZONS

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## Horizon 2030 Regional Transportation Plan adopted

Adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) in November 2005, Horizon 2030 and the fiscal year 2006 – 2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) contain a wide variety projects designed to meet the diverse needs of the region’s residents and businesses. Increased mobility options and the need for enhanced connectivity require a number of transportation strategies. As resident populations continue to shift and the regional marketplace further evolves, the mobility system set in place by Horizon 2030 and the Transportation Improvement Program introduces measures to mitigate the possible negative impacts associated with a growing and shifting community. The Plan also serves as a platform for launching strategies designed to enhance the existing transportation infrastructure.

Horizon 2030 is a culmination of efforts and decisions made by the TPC, which is made up of elected officials and agencies throughout the five county Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) region, which includes Bullitt, Jefferson and Oldham counties in Kentucky and Clark and Floyd counties in Indiana. The plan is fiscally constrained, which means the MPO cannot commit more funding than it anticipates receiving by the year 2030. “Since the TPC is the decision-making



body, the committee members determine the plan priorities,” said John Reiser, Chairman of TPC and Floyd County Commissioner. “TPC members worked with KIPDA staff and weighed recommendations from the

Transportation Technical Coordinating Committee (TTCC) and public comments prior to making the final decision.”

Input from residents is vital to the process and members of the public were provided with numerous opportunities to review and comment on both documents at key periods during the development process. Throughout the region, 41 meetings were held, and the documents were also placed in public libraries and on

the KIPDA web site for people to read at their convenience.

To review the final documents, visit [www.kipda.org/transport/documents.asp](http://www.kipda.org/transport/documents.asp) or call Nedra Morrell at (502) 266-6084.

### KYTC completes I-71 safety improvements

The \$9.8 million roadway improvements for I-71 from the Blankenbaker Lane bridge in Jefferson County to KY 53 in Oldham County were completed in November 2005 and included asphalt resurfacing and improvements to several bridge decks within the project limits.

“The asphalt rehabilitation and improvements to this key corridor have already made traveling more convenient and safer for motorists,” said Andrea Clifford, public information officer with Highway District 5 of the Kentucky

Transportation Cabinet. The project was a priority with the Cabinet because of the increase in traffic along that portion of I-71.

The resurfacing of the roadway began in June 2005. While working during evenings and weekends, the contractor maintained one lane of traffic in each direction.

For additional information on the project, contact Andrea Clifford at the Highway District Office at (502) 367-6411.

# Transportation Policy Committee Member Profile

**James Garner**

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As Mayor of New Albany since 2004, James Garner has dealt with many challenges and opportunities within the growing city. "Safe and efficient transportation is one of the basic keys to the success of making a city function,"

he said recently. Mayor Garner is considering a conversion of the city's one way street system back to two-way traffic. "The city has been analyzing its traffic patterns for some time, and we believe the change will improve traffic flow," he continued.

In order to improve transportation on a regional level, Mayor Garner is both a member of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) and the KIPDA Board of Directors. "I am a lifelong resident of this area and want to make it the best possible place for both residential and economic development," he said.

As a member of TPC, the Mayor advocates the need for improvements to Mt. Tabor Road from Green Valley Road to Grant Line Road, as well as the full length of Indiana 111 from its start at Grant Line Road. "State Street and Grant Line and Charlestown Roads are the areas experiencing the greatest growth and are in the need of the most roadway improvements," said Mayor Garner. "But having the money to maintain existing streets and roads is also critically important."

The project the Mayor is most excited about is the Scribner Place Development which will include a new YMCA, natatorium, pedestrian access to the Ohio River and the Ohio River Greenway.

A New Albany native, Mayor Garner started on the public service path when he was elected to the City Council in 1999. "Ever since high school, I felt that it would be extremely rewarding to help make the city and region better in whatever way I possibly could," he said. "In spite of the bureaucracy, I can truly say that I look forward to going to work everyday. I miss spending more time with my family, but I love what I'm doing."

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## TARC ridership increases on I-71

TARC currently operates seven buses on I-71 during the peak periods in the morning and evening. "All of these buses originate and end in Oldham County," said Mike Kuzmich, Director of Marketing and Planning for TARC. "We are seeing a range of 220-240 passengers per weekday on the two express routes – the #64 Oldham County Express and the #67 I-71 Oldham County Express."

Kuzmich estimated ridership at 100 passengers per day before the new #67 route began in August 2005.

In addition, two routes that travel on I-71, the #49 Westport Express and the #68 Prospect Express, have increased ridership numbers in recent months with the surge in fuel prices. "The #49 has jumped to nearly 175 passengers each weekday as compared to 100 passengers in November 2004," said Kuzmich.

For more information on TARC and to view bus schedules, visit the web site at [www.ridetarc.org](http://www.ridetarc.org) or call (502) 585-1234.

## Mayor's Community Conversations give citizens a voice

Through the Community Conversations, Louisville Metro Mayor Jerry Abramson, department and agency directors and Metro Council members meet with members of the public to hear questions, concerns and ideas. Community Conversations is an opportunity to have your voice heard.

KIPDA staff is also on hand to share information on long range transportation planning at the Louisville Metro Planning and Design table.

If you can't attend Community Conversations, you can still make your voice heard anytime by calling MetroCall at 311. MetroCall 311 is the non-emergency number to call when

you've got a problem, a question or an idea for Louisville Metro government.

Citizens can also connect with metro government online and on television. The Louisville Metro website at [www.louisvilleky.gov](http://www.louisvilleky.gov) has a wealth of information including available metro services, how to obtain permits and licenses and where to find parks, recreation and the arts. MetroTV, on Insight cable channel 25, makes metro government more accessible to citizens with coverage of Metro council meetings, news conferences and special events and features.

## Mayor's Community Conversations Schedule

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

February 20	Eastern High School Gym, 12400 Old Shelbyville Road
March 20	Jeffersontown High School Gym, 9600 Old Six Mile Lane
April 17	Valley High School Gym, 10200 Dixie Highway
May 15	Westport Middle School Gym, 8100 Westport Road
June 19	Newburg Middle School Gym, 4901 Exeter Avenue
July 17	Carter Elementary School Cafeteria, 3600 Bohne Avenue
August 21	Fairdale High School Gym, 1001 Fairdale Road
September 18	Iroquois High School Gym, 4615 Taylor Boulevard
October 16	Waggener High School Gym, 330 Hubbards Lane
November 20	Portland Community Center Gym, 640 North 27 <sup>th</sup> Street

# February is Drive Smart Child Passenger Safety Month

According to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, motor vehicle crashes are the number one killer of children ages 2-14. Despite the proven effectiveness of child safety seats, many families do not use them, and nearly 90% of those who do use child safety seats have them installed improperly.

Since February is the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's designated Drive Smart Child Passenger Safety Month, KIPDA and District 5 of KYTC are joining forces for a child passenger safety event. Car child safety seat checks will be conducted on Friday, February 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Middletown State Farm Field Office located at 235 Juneau Drive.

Please contact Nedra Morrell at (502) 266-6084 or [nedra.morrell@ky.gov](mailto:nedra.morrell@ky.gov) for more information.



Erin Eggen of Drive Smart conducted a child safety seat check.

## Car Safety Guidelines for Children

- Before installing a child safety seat, always read both the child seat instructions AND the vehicle owners manual.
- A child must be kept in a rear-facing safety seat until one year of age AND at least 20 pounds.
- In rear-facing seats, the harness straps should be at or below the child's shoulders, in one of the lower sets of slots.
- In front-facing seats, the harness straps should be at or above the child's shoulders.
- In convertible seats which can be rear- or forward-facing, use only the top reinforced slots when forward-facing.
- The harness retainer clip must be at armpit level.
- No more than one finger should fit between the child's shoulder and the harness strap.
- The child safety seat should not move more than one inch side to side or back and forth at the base once it is secured in the car.
- Seat belts are designed for people at least 4'5" tall and 80 pounds. Children less than these parameters should be in a child safety seat.
- If your child safety seat has been involved in a crash, it is best to get a new one. Some manufacturers will send one free of charge.
- Airbags can fatally injure children, especially infants in rear-facing seats. The back seat is always a better place for children 12 years of age and younger.

## Ask the Expert!

Have you ever wondered why some intersections have stop lights 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 offices.

Let us help you with that nagging question that you've never quite gotten an answer for. 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:

ASK THE EXPERT  
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In this issue, we asked Dan Curtis, Manager of Traffic Operations at Louisville Metro Public Works, the following question:

*How do you request that certain stop lights be reviewed to determine when they should change based upon waiting traffic?*

*Mr. Curtis' response:*

The most efficient way to make a request is to contact MetroCall at 311 where the operators will forward the information to Traffic Operations at Louisville Metro Public Works. In order to conduct a review, make sure to provide the exact location of the traffic signal in question.

Not all signals operate in the same manner. For example, all the signals in the downtown area are fixed time signals and do not use detection devices. Along major routes, the signals may be semi-actuated, which means that the primary movement is on that street and there may be detectors on the side street. Or the signal can be fully actuated, which means that all of the approaches have a detection device.

Just contact MetroCall at 311 or Dan Curtis at (502) 574-3879 or [dan.curtis@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:dan.curtis@louisvilleky.gov) with a specific location, and they'll get the information back to you as soon as possible.



# KIPDA Transportation Division Meeting Calendar

## Transportation Technical Coordinating Committee

**February 8, 10:00 a.m.**

Location to be announced

**March 8, 10:00 a.m.**

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## Regional Transportation Council

**March 23, 1:00 p.m.**

KIPDA Burke Room

## Transportation Policy Committee

**February 23, 1:00 p.m.**

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A map of KIPDA's location can be found at <http://kipda.org/download/KIPDALocaleMap.pdf>.

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