

I am writing this email to encourage funding 2 way street conversions in majority black neighborhoods in the city of Louisville.

I am a smoketown resident, the oldest Black neighborhood in the state of Kentucky and a neighborhood that has the highest amount of one way state highways and city in the entire city.

We have tried to get records from the state transportation cabinet as to why these 6 one ways were put in place in the 1930, but according to them no digital records exist of the reasoning behind it.

However, Metro government documents from 1930s city planners building the suburban neighborhoods of the Highlands, mentioned the words "reducing Negro infiltration" into the suburban areas. This may be a remnant of this redlining today, all to make sure suburban residents move fast through our neighborhood at highway speeds.

Many of these one way streets have contributed to incredibly high monthly car insurance numbers rents numbers for the residents that are forced to park on the street next to all of these speeding cars.

Another phrase that comes to mind for Smoketown/Shelby Park and Phoenix Hill residents is "two way in the white, one way in the Black" where multiple streets become two way immediately after crossing neighborhood boundaries such as Preston Highway, Oak Street, River Road, Shelby Street, Breckinridge St and Kentucky.

Oak street also immediately reverses direction after crossing the 9th street divide, even though Broadway and Oak are the only two roads that cross the entire city in an East- West Direction before becoming two way in the Highlands.

Converting these roads will increase residents safety, reduce the amount of pedestrian collisions where our children play our children play, and encourage new investment from people that do not want to be sideswiped by speeding commuters.

With the amount of tourism coming into our neighborhoods through the bourbon industry, we also encourage funding transit options and neighborhood mobility hubs to reduce the amount of property damage caused by drunk tourists.

Please realize that many of the people on this board do not have any one way streets in the neighborhoods where their children play.

Attached is a map of every cut off road in Smoketown/Shelby Park/Phoenix Hill.



Within the Louisville community, there has been much talk about the long-term viability of circular street-car/trolley lines in both Old Louisville and Downtown.

There also seems to be something enticing about two light rails connecting major hubs for Louisvillians. SDF in the south to Jeffersonville in the north. New Albany in the west to St. Matthew's/Middletown in the east. This seems like it would be in line growing tourism (better access for those flying in between hotspots) and also for residents accessing major hubs for jobs, shopping and nightlife.

Thanks!

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