

**Amendment 9 to the Connecting Kentuckiana 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; FY 2020-2025
Transportation Improvement Program
Public Comments**

Project Name: I-64 Travel Lanes
KIPDA ID: 2988
Project Sponsor: INDOT

Comments: “I strongly, strongly object to adding these interstate lanes. No more interstate expansions! We need to reduce care dependency! We should instead fix the systemic problem of having 2 untolled bridges next to 1 tolled bridge.”

“This is an egregious misappropriation of funds. \$138 million dollars is enough to implement 10 or more miles of a Bus Rapid Transit network, and would serve connectivity goals much better. Expensive highway expansions are counterproductive. Stop them.”

“Louisville Metro government recently released a climate action plan to eliminate emissions by 2040. Key to this is a shift towards more walking, cycling, and transit. This widening project is extremely counterproductive.”

“Do we actually believe that additional lanes will help with safety? 138 million dollars could radically change the infrastructure of Louisville and help give upward mobility to all of our citizens of Louisville, not just car owners. I-64 has enough lanes.”

“Widening I-64 is not a good use of this funding. Many studies have shown that widening projects tend to induce demand and often increase traffic over time. Additionally, since the bridge is not being widened there will continue to be slowdowns there.”

“The \$138 million dollars for this project could be better used for many KIPDA safety projects for all users. I don’t believe this widening is worth it for the taxpayer cost, and there will still be a bottleneck as drivers approach the bridge heading east.”

“Adding travel lanes to any highway in 2023 is indefensible. If carried out, this project will increase traffic, cost hundreds of millions of dollars, worsen air quality and sprawl, and do precisely nothing to decrease congestion long term.”

“How are we srsly (sic) still considering adding interstate lanes in 2023? It has been shown time and time again to achieve nothing except lighting \$ on fire. We can’t maintain what we already have. Spend \$ on getting people out of cars, not increasing dependency.”

Project Name: I-71
KIPDA ID: New
Project Sponsor: KYTC

Comments: "Please invest in inducing biking and walking first before we spend more money on infrastructure that only serves high-speed travel cars."

Project Name: I-65 Bridge at East Kentucky & South Brook Street
KIPDA ID: New
Project Sponsor: KYTC

Comments: "Remove the ramps entirely to/from E St. Catherine as part of this project! It would greatly improve quality of life in the neighborhoods the interstate has severely damaged over its decades of existence."

"As part of the project description 'increase safety for all users.' Please ensure there is complete streets work done to accommodate people walking, biking, and in wheelchairs to get to and from bus stops and other destinations."

Project Name: I-65 Bridge at Hill, CSX RR & Burnett
KIPDA ID: New
Project Sponsor: KYTC

Comments: "What does this project involve? This intersection needs to have surface street connection restored. The walking bridge is not a good urban design solution and should be destroyed and the surface street reunited."

"As part of the project description 'increase safety for all users.' Please ensure there is complete streets work done to accommodate people walking, biking, and in wheelchairs to get to and from bus stops and other destinations."

"The description for the bridge projects listed on this map are quite vague. What precisely are the proposals?"

Project Name: SR 60 & Perry Crossing Road Intersection Improvement
KIPDA ID: New
Project Sponsor: INDOT

Comments: "As part of the safety improvements, please follow the KIPDA, KYTC, and Louisville Metro complete streets guidelines to add the appropriate sidewalks, mixed used paths, crossings, ect.""

Project Name: I-65 & Veterans Parkway
KIPDA ID: New
Project Sponsor: INDOT

Comments:

“Please widen the sidewalk to make it a mixed use path along Veterans Parkway under 65 to encourage and protect people walking, and make use of the proposed push buttons.”

“I would love to see the sidewalk here expanded into a MUP similar to the existing configuration at the Snyder/Shelbyville Rd interchange and for the pedestrian signals to be automatic – we don’t make drivers press a beg button to get a light.”

Project Name:

I-65

KIPDA ID:

2944

Project Sponsor:

KYTC

Comments:

“I wish that this was the removal of I-65 through the core of Louisville.”