

Captioning Transcript of Public Works Committee Meeting - October 18, 2022

"Chair George"

Good afternoon and welcome.

The Public Works Committee, this meeting is being held pursuant to KRA 61 dot 806 and in accordance with council rule 5A I'm Nicole George Committee Chair and I'm joined today by Vice Chair Stuart Benson.

We have Committee Member Anthony Piagenitni

Council Member Madonna Flood and Council Member Robin Engel and Council Member Rick Blackwell

Madam clerk do we have any 1 else in chambers committee member?

"Cheryl Woods"

Committee Member Hollander is also in chambers.

"Chair George"

And we are joined back Council Member Hollander

Today we have 17 pieces of legislation and 1 new topic to introduce. So I'm looking forward to again, a very focused meeting so that we can, we can achieve a lot.

Um, 15 of those pieces of legislation are complete streets, coalition appointees. So, it's going to be a really exciting portion of the meeting items. Number 1. I will be held until November.

The 1st item number 1 is on the rental registry and.

And November 1st meeting will be solely focused on the rental registries.

So, no other agenda items on the November. 1st meeting, um, item number 2 is being held again at the request of the sponsor.

So, with that we are going to start with item number 3,

our dash 108 dash 22 a resolution authorizing the mayor to accept 125,000 dollars of funding from the Kentucky and regional planning and development agency for the intelligent traffic system planning study to be administered by the Department of public works and assets.

May I have a motion. public works and assets may i have a motion

"Committee Member Piagentini"

motion

"Vice Chair Benson"

The 2nd, Benson

"Chair George"

Motion back Councilman Piagentini 2nd by Councilman Benson, the resolution is before us, I believe we have public works. Dirk Gowin in here to speak to this.

"Dirk Gowin"

I'm the transportation division manager within natural public works.

We are falling behind our sister cities and intelligent traffic systems um, smart city initiatives. Um.

And we really don't have that road map of how we catch up.

So, this request was through Kip to help us fund those efforts and the, the goal really is about improving our communication to our traffic signals,

improving the traffic signals themselves and we needed a plan that's going to lay out how much money we need to really catch up to our sister cities, and plus the staffing we found that, you know, with the we've got, um. Bus preemption and new signal plans and we need more staff to manage this. This new technology that's emerging.

"Chair George"

Excellent. Can you tell us the timeframe?

"Dirk Gowin"

We have to have these dollars expended by June 30th of next year. So, I'm hopeful that we may even have enough information for the budget requests, coming up. In the, um, 24 budget.

"Chair George"

Okay, thank you. Are there any questions. Okay, I don't see 1 in the queue and this resolution allows for a voice vote all those in favor. Please say I. Uh, any opposed. Right this resolution will move to the consent calendar for the October 27th meeting.

Next on the agenda, we have item number 4, our dash 104, 9 dash 22 a resolution authorizing the office of Jefferson county attorney to bring a condemnation action against the owners of certain property parcel number 8 in Jefferson County in connection with the Cooper chapel road extension. Project may I have a motion. i have a motion Motion motion back Council Member Flood and seconded by Council Member Piagentini. I know this resolution comes from district 22, and I see Councilman Engel here. Councilman Engel. Do you want to speak to this? this

"Council Member Engel"

Yes, Madam chair, thank you very much.
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You know, this committee has heard a number of condemnations, um, in the Cooper chapel road area. Those primarily have been residential. Uh, this happens to be a developer. A developer's piece of property, uh. And I'll yield to your speaker, uh, that you have there today. I believe there may be a little bit of a title change. Uh, perhaps that has to be amended in paragraph. 4. If I'm not mistaken, but I'll yield to your speaker and then have answer any questions that you might have. And I'm in support of this, by the way colleagues, thank you.

"Chair George"

Okay, thank you. I see Mike. Connect here with public works. Uh, Mike, do you want to share a little bit about what the project hopes to achieve and what amendments might be needed?

"Mike Penick"

Uh, yes, I will. Mike Penick, right away manager metro public works before I dive into the specific scooper chapel I'd like for Anne Scholtz Assistant County Attorney to speak on the proposed amendment change. That's before you.

"Anne Scholtz"

Good afternoon, I'm assistant county attorney in preparation for this meeting it was discovered that paragraph 4 of the resolution had, um, a type of proofreading error and we have submitted an amendment that explains that the property to be acquired is a permanent easement, a temporary easement and partial portion of fee simple property. The legal description that's an exhibit to the resolution is not changing.
Thank you,

"Chair George"

thank you someone really quickly before we move from the amendment. If someone wants to make a motion.

"Committee Member Flood"

Motion?

"Committee Member Piagentini"

2nd,

"Chair George"

motions by, Councilwoman Flood. 2nd by Councilman Piagentini. All those in favor. Please say hi.
Uh, the amendment is properly before us. Um, okay, Mike please continue.

"Mike Penick"

Okay, uh, this is the proposed new Cooper chap road project to tie in beulah church road, over to bardstown road, approximately 2.8 miles of brand new roadway. That's currently not in existence.
Uh, as a total of 98 properties that we needed to acquire rights away from, and as Council for an angle stated earlier, the majority of our negotiations have been with those property owners that are residential. that are residential
So, there is a developer that we needed to get some property from, in order to build this roadway. Uh, and, uh, fortunately after about a year plus of negotiations, and going back and forth.
Uh, we're just so far apart that we were at a complete impasse and in order for us to proceed within the confines of the uniform act, code of federal ranks.
I have to unfortunately come before you all again to ask for permission to implement eminent domain. So that.
Can stay, uh, moving on this project.

"Chair George"

Okay, excellent. And tell us if you will please or perhaps councilman can, what will this 2.8 miles mean to all community members who are served by the area?

"Mike Penick"

Um, as a resident that lives in that area, I can tell you between 40 PM to 60 PM uh, anywhere near Bardstown road of the Jean Snyder. You just want to scream yell hoop holler, jump out of your car.

So,

this gives us an additional way of moving to Bardstown road or and there's so much development going on out there right now especially off Bardstown road they put in over at South point comments under development. They're, they're right across the street. the street There's both city soap, just open. There's, um, uh, there's Starbucks has all kinds of stuff that's popping about there. So, unfortunately, anytime you'd have development, you're going to need new improvements for roadways.

So, um, I, as a resident that lives in that area. I definitely see a benefit to this road, but I'll let the council and also speak to this.

"Council Member Engel"

Madam chair, thank you. I couldn't have said it any better.

You know, we have emergency vehicles situations. The gene Snyder goes down.

We simply do not have access to to, to 1 side of the community to the other. So, from Council Woman Madonna Floods district.

thru Councilman James Peden's district and to district 22, the Cooper Chapel Road corridor will bring dramatic change to our area.

Commercial residential development it is going to be an outstanding new additional roadway.

Badly needed thanks for your time Madam Chair.

"Chair George"

Excellent. All right well, um.

And by the way we have been joined by Council Member Dorsey so if there's no further questions or comments on this resolution resolution does allow for a voice vote all those in favor. Please say I.

Any opposed great the resolution passes and will go to the consent calendar.

"Mike Penick"

Very much,

"Cheryl Woods"

Madam chair. Um, Chair George, this will have to go to old business.

"Chair George"

Oh, that's right because the amendment Thank you. Excellent distinction.

Um.

Thank you Madam clerk. This will move to old business on the October 27th calendar.

Thank you

Before we call items, uh, 517, we have a new topic, and I believe chief of Brian is here to give an update on the buy part is an infrastructure law known as Bill. We will not have time to take questions today on this topic.

But Chief O'Brien is welcome to come back to the November 15th meeting to answer any questions, or for any follow up.

So, with that, um, Chief O'Brien if you're here, you're welcome to come up and introduce where we are in terms of. are in terms of With bill.

"Jeff O'Brien"

Thank you, Madam chair Jeff O'Brien the chief of Louisville Forward for it and I greatly appreciate Metro Council and Public Works committee giving me some time this afternoon to give you an update on where we are with the implementation of the bipartisan infrastructure law.

That was passed by the federal Congress earlier this year.

So, as many of, you know, that this was a major, um, act that has increased transportation and infrastructure funding across multiple sources, I'm going to focus, primarily today on our transportation infrastructure work, that we've been going to.

So there are a couple of ways that the bipartisan infrastructure law is assisting local governments. The 1st, is through the discretionary grant program. So these are competitive grants that we compete with, um, other cities and.

Counties and states across the nation, and then the other way is through the formula funding or the surface transportation block grant program that has run through the United States Department of transportation.

Yes, thank you. Um.

Playing musical chairs here, so this is just a little bit of a overview of that.

So, just so you all know our federal formula funds flow through the Kentucky and a regional planning and development agency, which is our metropolitan planning organization for Jefferson County in the surrounding area.

We are expecting approximately a 25% increase in the formula funds that are going to come into the area. So, what does that mean in terms of dollars? We routinely receive. routinely receive

The area receives through those formula funds about 20Million dollars from the federal government and again that's based on our population. Um, then what, what the increase that means we will have about 25Million dollars to fund.

So, 1 of the projects that we funded with the with the surface transportation block, grant funds is the Cooper chapel road project, which you just heard about a few moments ago that project was primarily funded through. We used our.

we used our

Our system development, charges of charge, we put on development projects as our local match. So those projects require an 8,020 match with the federal project.

In terms of successes, so we've already seen some successes out of the, uh, bipartisan infrastructure law. 1st, and foremost we receive 2 raise grants earlier this year.

We received 15Million dollars in federal funds for full implementation of the reimagined 9 street project, which will rebuild night street between

i64 and Broadway help support the investments that have been made and to the beach or terrace.

And in the Russell neighborhoods. the Russell neighborhoods

That project has may do in part to the metro council appropriating the match funds in prior years budgets, and this year's budget. And then also the Broadway all the way project is the other raise grant.

That is a 5Million dollar planning grant. So that, that grant will get a shovel ready for Broadway, as you all know, is a major transit corridor that runs between the highlights and the Shawnee neighborhood.

neighborhood

Um, that project is also made impossible through, uh, through the match dollars that have been appropriate by both mobile, Metro and the state that the state highway fund as well.

And then, finally, you also heard about dirt, go and just presented on the implementation plan. This is another process that has kept a has received more funds.

They've allowed more funds out for planning grants, and for planning projects.

So, those, this implementation grant that we just accepted was recommended for acceptance was as a direct result of the bipartisan infrastructure law.

So, I know Metro Council is very interested about how we are going to get the word out to the community and take community feedback. This is a map tool that we are in development with, with 1 of our contractors.

We have a we have a project manager that is helping us build this process.

John Kelly and many of you are probably familiar with John's work on the Dixie hybrid project for Metro, but we are using we're using a map based tool to 1st, disseminate information on.

Projects that we already have in our Metropolitan transportation plan, and then we will be using it to take input down the road on plans and projects that our residents would like residents and businesses would like to see.

Um, 1 thing I will say about our gathering input, we've already started gathering input on some of the upcoming projects. So we talk about some of the need on our interstate system related to freight movement across the across the region.

So, we have been meeting with our, with our airport authority, and several of our large manufacturers, including ups forward and hire to understand their needs and what we can do to more efficiently, move freight through our interstate networks and be competitive.

For are some of the large federal freight focus programs, such as.

We have some upcoming grants that we are looking at here in the very near future. The 1st, that was most recently submitted was the safe streets for all, which is a, which is a federal program that is focused on roadway safety.

So, we will be looking at roadway reconfiguration again, across the county, try to implement some safety aspects for both motors and pedestrians.

Uh, the smart applications are due on November 8th, and this is a program focused on technology and using smart devices and phones and those sorts of things to, um,

to get out a technology infrastructure for a community. This is starting to get us ready for. Um. um

Uh, autonomous vehicles and other items that are coming at us in the future and then protect this is something that is, we will be released later this year.

And this is something that we are looking at, uh, for potential with and looking at resolving some of the flooding vindex issues. So you can see the breadth of the programs surrounding transportation. It's not just your traditional building streets, fixing intersections, fixing roadways. It's also looking at safety and resilience and technology. So these are. Very forward looking programs that we have from the federal government on these.

Again, I mentioned some of the projects that are coming through in the, in the future.

I I mentioned, uh, and then, of course, the, the big ones that we're looking at are, um, charging infrastructure again across the region and the, the county, and, um, the, the National bridge investment program again,

looking at some of the bridges that we have in the county. Making sure that we have our most safe and efficient bridges for all. Um.

For all of our, for all of our community, and it's something that public works is currently, um, looking at, you know, where, where we would have competitive, uh, applications across the region uh, it's hard for us to say exactly what programs we're going to be.

What projects are going to fit each of these programs and wait very diligently for those new folks to come out. And then we address those when the new folks come out and look at the projects across the portfolio that we have.

And then, finally, we, um, I mentioned the formula funds, and this is a program that we will use in addition to the s, the surface transportation block grant. We also have our congestion mitigation and air quality or program, and the new carbon reduction programs.

So, again, these are focused at those 2 programs are focused on air quality and environmental justice. So we'll be those flow through both kept in the state transportation cabinet. And then, of course, we always work with our partners at the state to make sure.

We are getting funding through the state highway plan and making sure we have projects that fit their shift process.

And that is all I have today

"Chair George"

Thank you chief. That was a very focused presentation.

And I think my 2 takeaways are, um, 1, of course the value, and the importance of the match dollars that the council approves. We heard that mentioned several times.

And then also the piece around community feedback and input, and, of course, you know, our complete streets coalition that, that we're getting ready to do appointments for that really dovetails nicely with that work. So, um.

Again, unfortunately, we don't have time today to take up questions, but I would say to my colleagues as you, you know, here are the opportunities and consider what's available.

We were more than able to bring Chief O'Brien back to the November 15th meeting to provide answers. The questions or additional updates and the presentation, Jeff, that will be uploaded into the system. Correct?

"Jeff O'Brien"

That is correct. I've provided with the. the
We'll make sure that we get that to the public.

"Chair George"

Excellent. So we can also do our part to help promote that out into the
community. All right.
Thank you very much.

"Jeff O'Brien"

Thank you for the opportunity this afternoon.

"Chair George"

Excellent. So, uh, now we're to a point of excitement as it relates to
our complete street appointees.
We're going to take these individually, because it is so important that
each appointee have a moment to be presented to describe why complete
streets matters in their community and that we vote on them.
Folks will remember there have been a lot of efforts to ensure that our
complete streets coalition really does reflect all of the needs across
the community.

So, next I'm going to call item number 5, AP10108 AF to
An appointment about the fields to the louisville metro complete streets
policy coalition term expires October 31st of 2024. may I have a motion.

"Committee Member Piagentini"

Motion

"Committee Member Hollander"

2nd.

"Chair George"

Motion by Councilman Piagentini 2nd by Council Member Hollander before we
have Miss Fields, come up. I want to invite public works. Leave.
Nate couch is with us to just share very briefly.
Remind us what complete streets is Nate with the value, or what we hope
to accomplish with the coalition and the process that you went through to
try and identify members.

"Nate Keltch"

Sure. Um, so thanks for having me here today. Uh, you guys have been
aware of this for a while we, um.
As the is mandated, uh.
By ordinance, edits passed in 2022 they went through the Planning
Commission and then the planning committee of Metro Council, and then
finally Metro Council at large.
Our goal is to increase accessibility, coordination, equity and
transparency and our transportation.
And mobility infrastructure, the main function.
That will achieve this by is by reviewing a complete streets checklist,
uh, publicly funded projects that meet a certain criteria on this

checklist there will be, uh, transportation related data, such as average daily traffic, demographic data of the areas surrounding area. And then probably most importantly vision 0 or crash data.

We will also have 500,000 dollars in traffic calming that we will spend on local roads and minor arterials.

Um, we've prepared some of the data in our, um, devising a way in which the, uh.

Please reach coalition will be prioritizing those funds.

Uh, the initial cohort is 15 people, uh, from all over level we had 40+people apply so figuring out who to accept was a large task.

We chose people based on their geographic location.

Based on their professional and personal connections with the communities that we were either lacking in sometimes, um, we wanted to make sure that we, for instance, didn't, um.

We had people from the suburbs and places like that, and not just people. That are in the dance core so we wanted to make sure we had an even spread of people across.

From across global, um, we also aimed to have a diverse group of people, um, that represented local, fully.

So, with that, I think Aletha was on and she will spend 1 minute talking about why she's interested in this issue.

"Chair George"

excellent. And thank you for the update and I know Nate, you've done a tremendous amount of work to try and ensure that there's strong.

Diverse representation I see Councilman Piagentini is in the queue for a question for public works. Uh.

Councilman Piagentini, and is this something specific to Nate?

"Committee Member Piagentini"

Yes, it's a general question before we start diving into the individual candidates.

"Chair George"

Okay, I think this would be an important time then.

"Committee Member Piagentini"

Yes Thank you, Madam Chair I'm sure. So.

1 is a request, um, I'm looking at the comparative analysis that was prepared. Um.

I mean, it looks like again, you generally even attempt to to do something similar to what we're required to do in government accountability related to appointments. So, I think largely are successful. Number 1 the request is, you have.

Um, a breakdown of county Corps, you have definitions downtown, West, core, inner core, outer quarter, outer Jefferson.

Um, I would, um, requesting you to get definitions geographically of what those mean, and what those lines are. And then once you have those, you should be able to estimate what percentage of of just be a census data. What percentage of the population lives in those areas.

"Nate Keltch"

Yeah, sure. Yeah, I could I can get that information to you again right now, but and that's based on the map that I have. So that wouldn't that shouldn't be hard to do.

"Committee Member Piagentini"

That'd be great. Yeah, thank you. Yeah, we don't have to go through it now. We'll take up too much time, but if you can send that after the fact that'd be great.

And then general question, if I look at the council districts.

I like, I'll give an example and and maybe you can help clarify this at a more macro level.

But, you know, again, we're, we're, you're looking for at least the way the ordinance related deployments to committees works. There's usually 4 things we're looking for racial gender, political and geographic diversity. Those are the 4 categories that, that.

Statutorily we're trying to achieve um, I think again a lot of those were achieved with the exception of I'm, I'm going to point out 1 area where I'm a little confused for, as an example. So Council Woman Purvis 2 applicants 2 people were selected.

Councilman President James, 3 applicants 0 selected.

And so, there's a now, there's other instances where you have, for example, Council Woman Armstrong 7 people, she had the most a lot of interest in her district for this, uh, also, Councilman Triplett. And obviously you're not going to be able to point the majority of those. Because you're looking for this diversity, um, but there are instances where some people have multiple where others have none, and particularly President James's district there were 3 and 0 got through.

I'm just curious as to how that decision process was made.

Yeah, well, President James actually recommended someone who was selected, even though he wasn't living in his district. So that was part of the decision making process. Um.

Also, it really just came back to outside of just council member boundaries. Um, you know, actually.

Just physical area, geographic diversity. So, even if we didn't, um.

You know, fully represent, represent or choose the same percentage out of the options that we had it still, um.

We tried to spread it out evenly all our level, right? If you're going to send that county core information later. That'd be terrific. Thank you.

"Nate Keltch"

Absolutely.

"Committee Member Piagentini"

Thank you. Gentlemen.

"Chair George"

Thank you, um, I see, we have this fields here. Um.

Ma'am, thank you for joining us again, thank you for, for being willing to serve and if you will, and under a minute, can you please share with us? Why complete streets is important for your community.

"Aletha Fields"

Afternoon to all of you esteemed counsel persons and those of you who are.

Faithfully carrying out your duties to better. Our community. My name is Aletha fields. I am a veteran teacher.

I teach high school um, I live in Irish hill. I love my community in my neighborhood, but I want to be active in what goes in, in providing services to my community.

I've runs the metro council before actually twice to affect change inside of my community.

I want to make sure that there is accessibility inside of my community, which is aging here and I was Hill, which is at the top of the highlands and also for the.

Activities that are available to people who are in the area for them to have viable transportation options to be able to do the grocery shopping to access the library or the part.

So, what have you, I want to be a part of the voice that says, yes, let's take a closer look at this or let's provide these services for my community. So thank you for your time. I hope that I've answered that sufficiently for you.

"Chair George"

You have those are all excellent responses and Aletha forgive me, for not pronouncing your name correctly.

And by the way, thank you for your work, at your quite high school, I really feel like we're getting bang for our buck here both in the way of the Irish hill neighborhood, but then also, for any insight, you may be able to provide on the Taylor New Cut corridor

So, with that, I don't see any, let me double check and make sure I don't see any questions in the queue. Um, with that this resolution allows for a voice vote all those in favor. Please say I.

Um, any opposed.

All right, this resolution passes and will go to the consent calendar for October the 22nd. Thank you you Ms Fields

Okay next we have item number 6 AP101822BP eight two two

Bp appointment of Benjamin Putnam to the louisville metro complete streets policy. Coalition term expires October 31st, 2025.

May I have a motion 2nd.

Motion by councilman Hollander 2nd Councilman Piagentini See, I see Mr. Putnam here. Mr. Putman. Can you share why, complete streets matters in your community?

"Benjamin Putman"

Absolutely, so I'm a occasional by commuter and my family we love to walk everywhere and in fact Councilman Benson's office has heard me complain about the lack of sidewalks many times in our district and he's listening.

So patiently, uh, to those concerns. Um, but more than that. So, my family, we love to walk them more than that. We, we can choose to walk. There's a lot of people in our neighborhoods who don't really have that choice.

Um, we live in a very car centric community.

And city.

And, uh, I really think that we need to do more to care for people who are left out of the car based system, which are people like the very old and the young people who are, um, limited in their mobility people who. Can't afford to own a car or maintain a car as well as, um, immigrants who aren't able to get a license perhaps that sort of thing. And I really think, um.

So, I personally am a believer in Jesus, and Jesus says to care for the people and love the people who are on the margins. There's a very wide margin of people who don't have access to to cars and we're leaving them out.

"Chair George"

Excellent, well, thank you for your service. And again, it sounds like you're going to bring a lot to the coalition as relates to looking at all all elements of our community. Um, are there any questions for Mr Putman

"Committee Member Dorsey"

No, the council majority is the 1st time, I say, Councilman Benson light up with a big smile. So.

"Chair George"

Excellent. That's a that's an excellent observation. Um.

Okay, that feels good. All right this resolution allows for a voice vote all those in favor. Please say, aye.

Aye, any opposed.

The resolution will move to the consent calendar.

We're going to skip item number 7 for the moment and move to item number 8. AP101822DO appointment of David Orosco to the louisville metro, complete streets policy. Coalition term expires October 31st 2024. may I have a motion.

Motion by Councilman Piagentini with seconded by Council Member Dorsey the resolution is before us and David please say your last name I'm sorry if I, if I'm mispronounced.

"David Orosco"

It's okay. It's a Orosco

"Chair George"

Orosco Okay, thank you.

So please tell us why complete streets is important in your community.

"David Orosco"

Um, I'm I'm fairly new. Did logo I moved here in 2000. uh, uh.

2017, I decided to make it my home and I bought a house in.

Can you hear me now? Sorry? Yes. Um.

I, um, moved here in 2017, made a decision to make global my home. I bought a house in the Portland area.

I feel that there is a lot that could be done to improve the transportation and the abilities for people to be mobile in that area with a bypass. And, um.

And, um, more bus transportation, uh, I'd like to get involved. I'd like to see change that happens in the community that I decided to live in.

And that's, that's why I want to get involved here.

"Chair George"

Excellent. Well, we're so glad you chose Louisville as your home, and that you're choosing to get connected and making a difference in this way related with enhanced mobility in our community.

Uh, are there any questions for Mr. Orosco.

Okay, this resolution allows for a voice vote all those in favor. Please say I.

Uh, any opposed.

All right, the resolution passes and we'll go to the consent calendar.

Thank you very much.

"Chair George"

We are also going to skip item number 9 for the moment item. Number 10 AP 101822E1.

Elijah Lacey. the appointment of Lacey to the louisville metro complete streets policy coalition term expires October 31st 2025 may have a motion.

motion by Councilman Piagentini 2nd by a Council Member Dorsey I believe I see Elijah there hello sir. Thank you for your willingness to.

To to serve and please tell us why complete streets matters in your community.

"Elijah Lacey"

I thank you, everybody, my name's Elijah Lacey, I moved here in 2020 after I graduated from college.

Um, so it was a hard time to move to local, but I think it was a time that showed us how important a well designed streetscape is, as everyone had to move out to outdoor dining and outdoor events. Um.

outdoor events um

And, um, I think it's important to have a well designed accessible streetscape.

Um, to.

Make people feel safer in their communities, and I think it can help with many things, including public health outcomes. Um.

And I'm just grateful for this opportunity to get involved in the community and, um, continue learning more and a.

"Chair George"

Excellent, well, Elijah, what I'm hearing is 1st, of all again really grateful that you chose legal as your home.

And 1 of the things that I'm hearing is that with the pandemic came also the level of awareness of opportunities as well as how important connection mobility is. So, um.

All that to say, are there any questions for.

Okay, uh, all those in favor of Elijah please say I.

I the resolution will go to the consent calendar.

Thank you.

Okay next we have item number 11 AP, 101822 appointment of Estela Valdez. The louisville metro complete streets policy. Coalition term expires October 31st, 2025.

may I have a motion? two thousand and twenty five may i have a motion

Motion by Councilman Piagentini and 2nd by Council Member Dorsey, neighbor there in front of me. I'm so sorry, I can't be with you guys in person Estella please share why this matters in in your neighborhood.

"Estela Valdez"

Actually, it was at your suggestion that I applied to the coalition. Thank you and I'm a frequent pedestrian and a frequent rider of card buses and as such, I have noticed inconsistent manner in which streets are configured and built. Um, I think we can do better. I look forward to brainstorming with the rest of the group and see what we can come up with. Have to make things better.

"Chair George"

Excellent. Well, you definitely bring bring that lens of someone who is familiar with public transit and is. Attention to all things in our community so we're grateful for your service. Does anyone have any questions. All right, this resolution allows for a voice vote, all those in favor please say, aye aye. any opposed the resolution will move forward to the consent calendar.

Item number 12. AP101822JH. appointment at Janet Heston to louisville metro complete streets policy. Coalition term expires October 31st 2024. may I have a motion? two thousand and twenty four may i have a motion Motion by Councilman Piagentini seconded by Council Member Hollander Do we have Janet there? There's Janet. Janet to share with us, why this is so important in in your community.

"Janet Heston"

You so I have been a teacher with Jefferson County, public schools, special education to AP and dual credit. So, the gamut there for 20 years and I am also a part time licensed practicing counselor. I am also the president of Matthews bridge. Um, which is a non profit that I made an honor of my son who died. So, um. This is really important to me, because. I got my attention when my son was killed when he was killed by a driver, I'm crossing the street to go to the park. So that happened November 21st of 2020, it's almost been 2 years. And in that time, I've started the nonprofit, I've done a great deal of advocacy work for our most vulnerable travellers and I've also learned as much as I could learn. And I continue to learn about, um. about um Efficiency with mobility, accessibility, equity. And the safe systems approach to roadways to reduce traffic crashes. And to save lives, and I'm excited and honored and dedicated to be a part of this coalition and work to save lives in our community. Thank you,

"Chair George"

thank you. I just want to say, Janet, that 1st of all you and your work are an inspiration to us. When I look back over the course of service on the Council, I would say 1 of the biggest honors is having been able to work with you and I am forever in the debt of Councilman James Peden who put us in contact and and made some connections with public works and TC, and all the partners that you work with every day as part of matthew's bridge. So we were really fortunate to get to work with you. Um, I don't see any questions in the queue. So, with that, the resolution allows for. Vote all those in favor say, aye. Ah, any opposed. Right. The resolution will go to the consent calendar. Thank you, Janet.

Next we have item number 13, AP101822JB The appointment of Jesse Bray Louisville metro complete streets policy. Coalition term expires October 31st, 2025. may I have a motion? Motion motion by Councilman Piagentini and seconded by Council Member Hollander Jesse, I think I see you there. Uh, thank you for being with us. Please share why complete streets is important to you.

"Jesse Bray"

Thank you for the opportunity. I hold a masters and urban planning and real estate development. I've worked for public and private developers throughout my professional career. And what I'm most excited to participate in unifying the policy. An implementation creating a better place to call home. A complete story to such a way to understand how design in the built environment can affect the behavior.

"Chair George"

Spoken like a true planner. I don't see any questions for Jesse. Um, no doubt you'll bring keen insight to the coalition all those in favor of jesse's appointment. Please say I. Uh, any opposed. Thank you Jessie uh, the resolution we'll go to the consent calendar.

Next we have item number 14 AP101822JS appointment of Joseph Spencer to the louisville metro complete streets policy coalition term expires October 31st 2025. may have a motion. first two thousand and twenty five may have a motion Motion by Councilman Piagentini 2nd, Councilman Hollander. Welcome, Joseph. Please tell us a little bit about why complete streets matters to you.

"Joseph Spencer"

Uh, firstly, I, thank you for the opportunity. Um. I am, uh, I've been employed by the U. S Postal Service for 2006 years 22 of which I've been a city letter carrier. Um, currently, I served the neighborhood of Phoenix hill. Um. Uh, also known as a, and, uh, and also the liberty green, uh, housing project I live in the deer Park neighborhood of the highlands. Um, I'm a, uh, I'm a mixed, uh.

A mixed mode computer sometimes I'll bike. Sometimes I'll talk and sometimes I will drive uh, you can find me anywhere between, uh, Deer park and, uh, our office in, uh. Downtown at a 7th in New York so I bike frequently between the neighborhood through the neighborhoods of, uh, the highlands German town, Shelby park smoke town and, um, old law um, also have ties to the eastern where I grew up. And, um. And am familiar with Shawnee neighborhood where I carried mail also. So I look forward to bringing those experiences to bear on this committee. And I, I personally, um. Uh, believe in that deck, I want to help build, build our great community and community is built on bikes and on foot. Um, it's very hard to build community in cars and that's a, and also, uh. There's a, uh, the principle of equity equitability in, um, in our policies. That we need to develop Thank you.

"Chair George"

Excellent. Thank you. Joseph. No doubt. There are a few people that know our community better than our letter carriers. Um, with that, all those in favor of Joseph, please say I. Uh, any opposed. All right, this will this will move to the consent calendar. Thank you Joseph. Thank you

next we item number 15 AP101822KT, appointment of Kenneth Thompson to Louisville metro complete streets policy. Coalition term expires October 31st, 2025, and they have a motion. Motion by Councilman Piagentini and seconded by Council Member. Hollander. Kenneth. Excellent. Mr. Thompson. Glad to see you. Thanks for being with us. Please share why complete streets matters to you.

"Kenneth Thompson"

Okay, 1st of all. Thank you all for having me. Uh, my name is Kenneth Thompson, as you heard. I'm retired from mobile Metro. I think I did like 30 years been retired team. So, I'm around now and I see a lot is going on with district. I'm also president of a 1 foundation. We have a nonprofit, we'd do a lot of work with, uh, mentoring used and. With some of the city, uh, what's what. We do a lot of work with kids and what it is in my neighborhood. I see a lot of people speeding now more than ever before I see people running red lights. In my neighborhood, actually, I need it. Well, I think we just get it. I mean. With Councilmember Dorsey uh, area, uh, uh, man, speed bumps we need those. And I'm just interested in helping key. It's helping people older people just trying to make neighborhoods safe and. It's trying to do whatever I can to help out. That's basically it, it.

"Chair George"

Well, Kenneth, you bring a wealth of experience both from the metro employee perspective as well as from the youth leadership perspective. So thank you for that. Um.

I don't see any questions all those in favor of Kenneth Thompson's appointment. Please say, aye.

Uh, any opposed all right, the resolution passes and we'll go to consent. Thank you very much. Sir you so much.

Next we have item number 16 AP101822LF appointment of Lucas Frazier to the louisville metro complete streets policy coalition term expires October 31st 2024. may I have a motion motion 2nd motion by Councilman Piagentini seconded by Councilman Hollander?

I believe I see. Mr. Frasier. There welcome, thank you for your service, and for being here today, and please share with us, why complete stress is important to your community. with us why complete stress is important to your community

"Lucas Frazier"

Very much I've lived in local for 34 years and over that, I've seen the growth of our city and the area that I live Eastwood.

25 years ago there were 900 houses. Now we're up over 4,000.

With the plan of another 4,000 over the next 5 to 10 years.

So, for those 8,000 houses, the people living there, the streets designs are critical.

And I love the plan 2040 and how it, how important? The complete Street's coalition.

A complete guidance to the, uh, to the the way that we're doing our city, the plan that we have and so what I'm excited about as an avid biker and runner, I, I value the shared use path and unfortunately, on the road that I live on I can't Ride Ride or bike on.

But I want to be part of a coalition that is thinking forward, not just to.

To vehicular, uh, you know, past these standards, but also to safety standards, but just for, for pedestrians for walkers bikers for anybody that is trying to get to, um.

The lessen the amount of traffic is on the road, uh, lower the number of vehicle, uh, transit, uh, daily usage.

And so anyway, to be part of this coalition is exciting to be part of what people are doing our community.

And try to build a vision for how we move forward as a community to build community. Uh, it's very exciting. So, thank you for letting me be part of this.

"Chair George"

Excellent, well, your enthusiasm certainly comes through.

And your perspectives around growth will no doubt be needed, um, all those in favor of, uh, Lucas Frasier's appointment. I'm sure a woman. Yes

"Committee Member Piagentini"

I just put it into the group. May do modify say something real quick.

Sure, uh, so, Lucas, I just want to say it's great to see you, uh, for those, that that don't know Mr. Frazier, he is.

You know, seize concerns in this community and takes action and I just wanted to 1st of all. Thank you for all the work that you continue to do at represent your community. And I'm glad to have you on this as I was talking about earlier.

Like, we need, you know, this is a huge growth area, as you indicated what the numbers look like. So, glad to have you on this. And, uh, you know, as you go through this, let me know if there's anything to do to help.

Thank you Madam chair women.

"Chair George"

Excellent. That's a that's a good reminder of the value of having a diverse, um, coalition representing all areas of Metro.

All those in favor of Mr Lucas Frasier's appointments please say aye aye. Uh, any opposed right the resolution passes and we'll go to the consent calendar. Thank you Lucas

Next we have item number 17, AP101822 PS appointment of Patrick Smith to the Louisville metro complete streets policy.

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Motion by Councilman Hollander 2nd, by Councilman Piagentini

Pat there there he is yes.

Welcome, sir. Please tell us a little bit about your passion for complete streets.

Thank you,

"Patrick Smith"

thank you for considering me as a potential member of the complete streets coalition, as you're aware in the last couple of decades transportation,

engineers and urban planners are increasingly thinking about complete streets in approaches to the design and function of our urban roadways and citizens.

Are increasingly looking to local government to take action and curving dangerous vehicle speeds while providing facilities for cyclists and pedestrian to get around in their neighborhoods and to have safe connections to all the things our city has to offer. So, in this.

Respect it is truly exciting to possibly be a part of this work. I'm a small part of this work and helping to improve the design of local streets to allow for safe used by people of all ages incomes and abilities as a certified urban planner.

I've been writing about and advocating for the democratization of city streets for almost 20 years, um,

streets and roads are the largest component of public space in our city and they should be where possible they should benefit the entire community and inequitable way to promote access mobility. And active health for all users.

I would very much look forward to working with Metro public works. I'm in the review of public development proposals for complete streets, and in any other capacity for advancing the implementation of complete streets and local neighborhoods and improving street safety and quality of life across metro.

Thank you again for your consideration and appointment to this group.

"Chair George"

Thank you and no doubt your experience both in the way of history and planning will be a tremendous asset to the coalition. I don't see anyone in the queue in terms of questions with that. Uh, all those in favor of Patrick Smith's appointment.

Please say, aye.

Any opposed right? The resolution will get at the consent calendar. Thank you very much. Patrick.

Next week item number 18 AP101822SM appointment at Sandra Mays.

To the Louisville metro, complete streets policy coalition term expires October 31st 2024 may have a motion.

By Council Member Piagentini, seconded by Council Member Hollander Sandra, thank you for being with us today. Please share with us your passion for complete streets.

"Sandra Mayes"

Hi, my name is Sandra Mayes

I have lived in the Shawnee area about 34 years often when I moved out and then move back into the area where my parents got older and. and In my neighborhood, the biggest problem is people will say to us well, I'll tell you what, that wouldn't happen in the Eastern. You wouldn't see that out in the East end, because they feel as if things aren't coming into the shiny area.

Like they are in other areas and so not only want to direct some money. If we possibly could to our area.

But I would also like to be able to go back and tell them yes, there are things coming back or maybe this is why it didn't come to our area because of this or that. So I'm.

That, um.

Excited about being someone that can actually let them know that the government is doing something for us.

"Chair George"

Excellent, well, you certainly will no doubt enhance and embody the need again to have a diverse geographic representation, uh, on the coalition and we're really grateful for your service.

Every neighborhood in every area needs a strong advocate.

I don't see anyone any questions for Sandra in the queue. So, with that, all those in favor of Sandra Mays, please say I.

uh, any opposed great. Uh, Sandra Mayes appointment will proceed to the consent calendar. Thank you.

Item number 19 AP101822SP appointment of Shannon Perez the louisville metro complete streets. Coalition term expires October 31st 2024. may I have a motion?

Motion by Councilman Hollander 2nd, by Councilman Piagentini and with that Shannon we see you there. I know you're under the weather, but we really appreciate you being here with us today. Please share with us by complete streets is important to your community.

"Shannon Perez"

I appreciate the opportunity to to join you. Via technology, and 22 years ago, my husband and I moved to a little apartment on flintlock off of Dixie highway, and we lived there for about a year before we started looking for a house. And because of the traffic, and the lack of sidewalks, we looked elsewhere. Um, so I think it's so important for the growth and development of our city to have areas where people look forward to living and playing together. We have 4 children who love to walk and ride their bikes around. And we're very concerned for their safety continually. I work at the family health center on Taylor Boulevard, and we had a family from Haiti who's just moved here a month ago and they don't have transportation. They walk with their baby in a stroller to come to their doctor's appointments. We attend church down St, andrew's church road and we have young people who walk that road to come to church and there are no sidewalks there. And I know a young man that got hit by a car on that road and so, just lots of personal experiences. That make me want to help to make our city a better place, and a more welcoming place for walkers, bike riders and drivers. Thank you so much.

"Chair George"

Excellent, well, Shannon, I know you will bring a strong perspective both from a healthcare perspective and a parent perspective. Um, we appreciate you sharing. Don't see any questions for Shannon all those in favor of her appointment. Please say I. Aye, any opposed. All right, Shannon Perez, thank you. Very much for being with us today. Your appointment will proceed to the consent calendar. Really quickly I need to go back and double back.

We gonna call item number 7. AP101822BW, appointment of Bill Wright The Louisville metro complete streets policy coalition term expires October 31st 2025 may have a motion motion by Councilman Hollander and 2nd by Councilman Piagentini I've had multiple messages during this meeting that people want to speak on Mr. Wright behalf. So, um, I'm confident. Uh, there's a reason Mr, Wrightt. Can be here with us today and, and someone will want to speak to his appointment.

"Dirk Gowin"

Well, 1st, I am not Bill, right? And I know Bill Hollander knows him quite well. So, Bill, you've made to be able to do a better job.

"Committee Member Hollander"

Oh, I was just going to say, go right. Um, Madam chair bill, right is my constituent. He has served on the target advisory committee for the elderly and handicapped. He is very active with the greater local council for the blind he's active in Clifton neighborhood Council.

He's walked with Dirk and me to point out some of the problems that are blind and low vision neighbors have and he's an advisor to me. I will never forget when I was running for office at a, at a meeting. I asked some of our blind neighbors and low vision neighbors, what we could most do for them. And Bill said in.

Very emphatic.

Uh, terms fix the sidewalks, so we have tried to fix the sidewalks, but there are plenty more sidewalks to fix. Bill would make an excellent member of this, uh, of this coalition. Thank you.

"Dirk Gowin"

I got to say for a public works.

Professional having the opportunity for people like Bill that can go out and show me their experience. Y, you you just don't understand it.

Reading text, but getting out with with Bill, and he'd show me how life is navigating with a cane in our community. Um, it, it truly has made me a better professional and I appreciate all his efforts.

"Chair George"

Well, these are tremendous recommend recommendations and I certainly feel confident moving forward with this appointment. I'm checking. I'm sorry I'm trying to go back and forth and check the queue. I don't see anyone in here all those in favor of Bill rights appointment.

Please say, aye.

Any opposed the resolution, we'll move forward to the consent calendar last, but not least.

Uh, we have item number.

Um, sorry, item number 9 AP101822DJ appointment of Dino Johnson the louisville metro complete streets policy coalition term expires October 31st 2025 may have a motion

Motion by Councilman Piagentini 2nd by Council Member Hollander I'm not familiar with with Mr. Johnson, but I believe Nate from public works wants to speak on his behalf.

"Nate Keltch"

so, I met with, uh, do you know a few times? Um, he's very involved in the.

Westside community, um, I know we volunteers in several different capacities. Um, and he is passionate about making our streets safer. Um, I remember him talking about bank street specifically and because he lives near there and travels on that roadway often. I'm not sure why he wasn't able to make it tonight, but I would encourage the committee to. Um, to, uh, allow, do you know to participate.

"Chair George"

Do we know what district isn't? Um.

"Nate Keltch"

Yeah, I don't I don't have that in front of me.

"Committee Member Piagentini"

Hold on Council Chairwoman, George, it's, it's in here. Um.

He is in district 4

"Chair George"

Okay, I'm looking in the queue, I feel comfortable based on Nate's vetting, because I know he's done such a strong job trying to prep community and and coalition potential coalition members.

Um, I'm checking the key to see if anyone else has any questions or concerns about Mr. Johnson.

Okay, well with that, um, uh.

Does may have a we already have a motion all those in favor of Dino Johnson's appointment. Uh, please. Yeah.

You want to post Mr. Johnson's appointment will proceed the consent calendar guys. We have been tremendous. I feel like it's been a marathon.

I need to mention that Councilman Ackerson has an excused absence. So for the record that needs to be noted.

Please, I'm really grateful for everyone came today. This is such important work and certainly fits well, with all the things that we heard today in relation to the, the bill updates.

And just am really grateful for everyone's having patients. I know these are hard, but certainly will be well worth it.

Um, with that, I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

Yeah.

Thank you guys,