



# Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street  
Louisville, KY 40202

## Action Summary - Tentative Public Works Committee

*Chair Nicole George (D-21)*  
*Vice Chair Robin Engel (R-22)*  
*Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3)*  
*Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)*  
*Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9)*  
*Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)*  
*Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)*

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Tuesday, April 27, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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### Call to Order

Chair George called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

Chair George introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

**\*NOTE: All committee members present attended virtually, except Chair George, who attended in Chambers.**

**Present:** 7 - Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Chair Nicole George (D-21), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), Vice Chair Robin Engel (R-22), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

### Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office  
Ann Scholtz, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

### Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk  
Sonya Harward, Clerk

## Pending Legislation

### 1. [R-029-21](#)

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PETITION FOR WIDENING RIVER ROAD FROM ZORN AVENUE TO EDITH AVENUE BROUGHT PURSUANT TO K.R.S CHAPTER 178.080 AND APPROVING THE DEDICATION OF ONE PARCEL OF REALTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF RIVER ROAD FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED WIDENING OF RIVER ROAD BY LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (“METRO GOVERNMENT”) SUCCESSOR TO THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Bill Hollander (D-9)

**Attachments:** [R-029-21 V.1 042221 Widening River Rd to Zorn Ave to Edith Ave.pdf](#)  
[R-029-21 ATTACH Exhibit B.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Hollander, seconded by Committee Member Dorsey, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Mike Penick, Metro Public Works, stated that this is the last piece of property that Metro needs to finalize the acquisitions process for River Road. He also stated that originally Metro Government were unaware that they needed to dedicate property that Metro Government already owned, but was informed by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet that it needed to be made official.

Council Member Hollander stated that the project is designed to ease rush hour congestion. Council Member Hollander also stated that the local match portion from the State is no longer available, therefore so he will be coming back to the Metro Council to get the local match of \$2.25 million.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

### 2. [R-032-21](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$355,418 OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET FOR BRENTLINGER LANE, SCOTTS GAP ROAD AND LOWER HUNTERS TRACE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Nicole George (D-21) and Additional Robin Engel (R-22)

**Attachments:** [R-032-21 V.1 042221 Brentlinger Ln Scotts Gap Rd Lower Hunters Tr Road Improvements.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Engel, seconded by Committee Member Flood, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Jeff Brown, Metro Public Works, stated that this is the annual allotment from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in the amount of \$430,000, that Metro Public Works uses for roadway resurfacing. He stated that the repaving would be for

Brentlinger Lane, paving approximately 1.87 miles.

Council Member Engel requested to be added as a sponsor.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

3. [O-175-21](#)

**AN ORDINANCE AWARDING A COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FRANCHISE TO OPENFIBER KENTUCKY COMPANY, LLC PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN CHAPTER 116 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Nicole George (D-21)

**Attachments:** [O-175-21 V.1 042221 Communications Srv to Openfiber Ky Co..pdf](#)  
[OpenFiber Kentucky Franchise Agreement Exhibit A.pdf](#)  
[OpenFiber Kentucky Ordinance - Franchise Agreement \(March 2021\) \(002\).docx](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Dorsey, seconded by Committee Member Hollander, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

John Binkley, OpenFiber Kentucky, stated that OpenFiber Kentucky has been selected as the exclusive wholesale provider. He also stated that the proposal is to bring service into the Eastpointe, business complex area off Old Henry Road.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair George
- Committee Member Hollander
- John Binkley
- Al Andrews, Metro Public Works

The following was discussed:

- Half of the proposed route will be overhead and half will be underground
- There was a question about how OpenFiber Kentucky identifies their customers
- There was a question and concerns about disturbing roadways, and sidewalks, and potholes

The motion carried by the following vote and the Ordinance was sent to the Consent Calendar:

Yes: 7 - Dorsey, Chambers Armstrong, Hollander, George, Benson, Engel, and Flood

4. [R-033-21](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$100,000 OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET FOR LOGAN STREET AND SHELBY STREET SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

**Attachments:** [R-033-21 V.1 042221 Logan St and Shelby St Safety Improvements.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Dorsey, seconded by Committee Member Benson, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Dirk Gowin, Metro Public Works, stated that this is a State road and will need approval.

Chair George asked how the funding was able to be secured by Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC).

Dirk Gowin stated the funding came through the businesses on Logan Street and their State Representative, and that it appeared in the State highway plan. He also received a call from KYTC offering Metro Public Works the funding.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

## Adjournment

Without objection, Chair George adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

**Note: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council meeting on May 6, 2021.**