

**PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2018**

CASE NUMBERS 18NEIGHPLAN1000 and 18NEIGHPLAN1001

Request: South Dixie Highway Master Plan (Lower Hunters Trace PDD)
Case Manager: Michael King, Urban Planner

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Urban Planner Mike King provided background of the development of the South Dixie Highway Master Plan. Louisville Metro adopted the Dixie Highway Corridor Master Plan in 2013, which studied land use and mobility options from I-265 to Broadway, but did not include the current study area we are looking at. The South Dixie Highway Master Plan is basically a continuation of that effort. Councilwoman Fowler is pushing for this plan to provide unity for the entire corridor. Urban 1 was selected as the lead consultant team for this project.

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Charles Cash of Urban 1 gave an overview of the South Dixie Highway Master Plan. Public engagement was an important part of the study, and a great deal of citizen input was received. The study area boundary is approximately 12 sq. miles, and Single-Family and Industry are the two largest uses in the area. Urban design guidelines that were established in the original Dixie Highway study will be extended to this study area. Goals have been translated into three recommendations: capitalize on natural assets, enhance the workplace uses, and create a village focal point. Mr. Cash introduced Mohammad Nouri of Concepts 21 to speak about mobility.

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Mr. Nouri discussed the four focal points of mobility, which are to increase village center connectivity, create sidewalks on Dixie Highway, provide pedestrian and bicycling options, and improve traffic safety. Improving connectivity will increase the vitality of the town center and introduce more opportunities for new development. Sidewalks are planned for both sides of Dixie Highway. The plan would extend bicycling and pedestrian facilities along the route recommended by the Louisville Loop Master Plan and explore the feasibility of extensions south to West Point. The plan recommends a safety and improvement study for the intersection of Dixie Highway and KY 44.

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In response to the Committee Members, Mr. Cash stated that the majority of the land highlighted in the plan is currently commercial property. Creating a network of better-connected roadways will calm traffic, which will provide a safer area for pedestrians and more opportunities for different uses. The right-of-way won't necessarily increase—the area will have to be examined parcel by parcel. The recommendation at this time is to establish a form district.

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Committee Member Brown inquired about the intersection of Dixie Highway and KY 44, noting that it appears to have a lower crash rate. Mr. Nouri said it has a lower crash rate than other intersections north of the study area, but this it is very difficult to maneuver in this intersection. Poor site distance and a lack of proper street lighting are also a problem at this intersection per citizen input.

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Councilwoman Cindi Fowler stated that plan will address public safety, which is one of her main concerns, and the plan will also improve the economic development and character of the highway.

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On a motion by Committee Member Brown, seconded by Committee Member Pat Durham, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, the Louisville Metro Planning Committee does hereby **RECOMMEND** case numbers 18NEIGHPLAN1000 and 18NEIGHPLAN1001 be heard by the Planning Commission on a date to be determined.

The vote was as follows:

YES: Brown, Kelly, Durham, and Jarboe

NOT PRESENT: Lindsey, Smith, Howard, and Tomes