



**Action Summary - Final
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)

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

Call to Order

Chair George called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Roll Call

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

***NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, except Chair George and Council Member Ackerson, 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)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Marcus Winkler (D-17), Council Member James Peden (R-23), and Council Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Support Staff

Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-0121](#)

Energy Project Assessment District (“EPAD”) Third-Party Administration - Natalie Vezina, Office of Advanced Planning and Sustainability; Chris Jones, Energize Kentucky; and Allison Smith, Develop Louisville.

Attachments: [Metro Council EPAD Presentation-FINAL \(2-2-21\).pdf](#)

Natalie Vezina gave a presentation.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair George
- Natalie Vezina
- Chris Jones, Energize Kentucky
- Committee Member Hollander
- Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

The following was discussed:

- The property owner is allowed to choose who they want as a financial lender
- If someone defaults on the loan it would go to the mortgage holder
- It is state law for EPAD that all mortgage holders have a recorded mortgage on the property per a title search
- EPAD takes a first lien position of the mortgage
- The amount in the rear on the mortgage is what will be due
- Energize Kentucky is very connected with the lending community

2. [ID 21-0123](#)

Modernization of Kentucky’s Transportation Funding Mechanisms – Bryanna Carol, Kentucky League of Cities

The following spoke to this item:

- Bryanna Carol, Kentucky League of Cities
- Council Member Winkler
- Committee Member Hollander
- Chair George
- Committee Member Chambers Armstrong

The following was discussed:

- Electric vehicles travel on road but do not use gas, therefore, they do not contribute to the gas tax
- There will be a flat fee for electric vehicles
- The electric vehicle fee will be based on the average mileage
- Question on the need to allocated how the tax money is used and funded for roads
- Louisville has not revised the gas tax since 2015
- There is a loss of toll credits for the state of Kentucky
- Last year's gas tax proposal was to raise the taxes by 20 cents
- Question about having infrastructure to support the growth of Louisville

- The Bill did not get called for a vote last year by the Kentucky General Assembly
- The Kentucky General Assembly would need the Governor to be more supportive of the Bill

Pending Legislation

3. [R-007-21](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$18,000 OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET FOR THE KENWOOD ELEMENTARY SIDEWALK ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS.

Sponsors: Primary Nicole George (D-21)

Attachments: [R-007-21 V.1 012821 Kenwood Elem Sidewalk.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Elizabeth Alexander, Legislative Aide District 13
- Mache Readus-Wright, Public Works
- Chair George

The following was discussed:

- The project is over budget and needs approximately \$18,000 more to get the project out for bid
- Federally funded projects have to be advertise for 3 weeks
- The construction will start in spring for sidewalks on 3rd Street Road between Claiborne Road and Bruce Avenue

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

4. [R-010-21](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$20,000 IN DONATIONS FROM THE BEULAH CHURCH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT THE DAMASCUS COURT ROADWAY ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS.

Sponsors: Primary James Peden (R-23)

Attachments: [R-010-21 V.1 012821 Damascus Court Roadway Enhancements.pdf](#)

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

Council Member Peden stated that the road was a private road and is in horrible condition.

Council Member Peden also stated the road was given to Metro Government and that Beulah Church Condominium Association will donate one-third of the funding, Public Works Department will give one-third of funding, and Metro Council will give one-third of funding.

Committee Member Benson stated that there are private roads around Louisville that are not up to Metro Governments standards he said they are too narrow or they do not have enough right-a-way.

Jeff Brown, Public Works, stated that the Director of Public Works is allowed to deviate with the standards and then coordinates with the Fire Department.

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

5. [R-165-20](#)

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION URGING THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO MODERNIZE KENTUCKY'S TRANSPORTATION FUNDING MECHANISMS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR ALL OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

Sponsors: Primary Markus Winkler (D-17)

Attachments: [R-165-20 PROPOSED CAM 020221 Res RE Transportation Funding Mechanism Modernization.pdf](#)
[R-165-20 V.1 121020 Emerg. Res RE Transportation Funding Mechanism Modernization.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

6. [R-166-20](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A SOUTHEAST RECYCLING DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL GRANT AWARD TOTALING \$350,000 SUPPORTING RECYCLING CART PURCHASES.

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9)

Attachments: [R-166-20 V.1 010421 Southeast Recycling Development.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

7. [R-167-20](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A RECYCLING PARTNERSHIP GRANT AWARD TOTALING \$721,000 SUPPORTING RECYCLING CART PURCHASES AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY-BASED OUTREACH INITIATIVES.

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9)

Attachments: [R-167-20 V.1 010421 Recycling Partnership Grant.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair George adjourned the meeting at 4:57 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 February 11, 2021.