



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative Public Works Committee

Chair Nicole George (D-21)
Vice Chair Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3)
Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9)
Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)
Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)
Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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Call to Order

Chair George called the meeting to order at 4:03 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, Committee Member Hollander, Committee Member Piagentini, and Committee Member Flood, who attended in Chambers.

Present: 5 - Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24), Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Committee Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19), and Chair Nicole George (D-21)

Excused: 2 - Committee Member Brent Ackerson (D-26), and Vice Chair Stuart Benson (R-20)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council President David James (D-6) and Council Member James Peden (R-23)

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 22-0640](#)

Traffic Safety Prioritization Projects - Dirk Gowin, Public Works and Jackie Cobb and Chris Glasser, Streets4People

Attachments: [Slow Streets Presentation.pdf](#)
[220510 Vision Zero \(002\).pdf](#)

Dirk Gowin, Public Works, gave a presentation (see attached).

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair George
- Dirk Gowin
- Committee Member Piagentini
- Committee Member Hollander
- Jeff Brown, Public Works
- Council Member Peden

The following was discussed:

- In Louisville, over half of all pedestrian fatal crashes occurred in low income and minority neighborhoods
- 59 percent of pedestrian fatal and serious injury crashes occurred at intersections
- 59 percent of pedestrian fatal crashes occurred at signalized intersections
- Concern about the 2020 record set for fatalities
- Metro Government is currently trying to improve signals on the Greenbelt Highway
- Question about whether there are options available to assist local roads with meeting minimum requirements that do not receive federal funds
- Question about whether there is a need for speed enforcement cameras in school zones
- Public Works receives local street projects from Metro Council
- More funding is needed in Public Works' Signs and Marking division
- The State of Kentucky receives revenue from traffic fines
- Questions about whether crosswalks are covered by Signs and Marking budget
- Questions and concerns regarding lighting the dark areas
- Question and concerns about the visibility of the lines on the streets
- Public Works Department has not been able to complete the second coat of paint on the road lines
- Neighborhood Development Funds (NDF) are being used by some Metro Council Members to improve the roads in their Districts

Chris Glasser, Streets4People, gave a presentation (see attached).

Council Member Peden asked whether Chris Glasser was familiar with other cities that use traffic diverters.

2. [ID 22-0641](#)**Sidewalk Installation: Estimation, Prioritization, and Partnership - Dirk Gowin, Public Works**

Attachments: [220510 Walk Friendly.pdf](#)

This item was not heard.

Pending Legislation3. [R-068-22](#)**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$50,000 OF FUNDING FROM FRIENDS OF BARDSTOWN ROAD FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CURB EXTENSIONS ALONG BARDSTOWN ROAD TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & ASSETS.**

Sponsors: Primary Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)

Attachments: [R-068-22 V.1 042822 Friends of Bardstown Rd 50k Curb Extensions.pdf](#)

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

Dirk Gowin, Public Works, stated that the study was previously funded by the State and Metro Government, and that Public Works has received an additional \$50,000 from Friends of Bardstown Road to create a curb extension, improve the pedestrian crosswalk throughout the corridor, and make other safety improvements along Bardstown Road.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair George
- Dirk Gowin

The following was discussed:

- Question about whether there is a timeline
- Public Works plans to begin construction on some of the curb extensions this month and finish by July 4th
- Kentucky Transportation Cabinet ("KYTC") will have a bid release this month with work to begin in June
- KYTC will construct the curb extensions with pedestrian crossings
- The lane destination lining portion, which currently provides two lanes in one direction, will be eliminated leaving only one lane

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 5:04 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 19, 2022.