



LEXINGTON AREA MPO

Draft Participation Plan

A Plan for Providing Meaningful Participation
in the Transportation Planning Process
for Fayette and Jessamine Counties

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INTRODUCTION

The Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s Participation Plan outlines the agency's official policy for providing effective and meaningful public participation in the transportation planning process.

FOUNDATION FOR PARTICIPATION

Good participation means that the people of our community who are directly affected by transportation plans and investment decisions are informed, involved and provided ample opportunity to influence the decisions that are made.

Participation should be proactive and enable the public and stakeholders to impart their ideas, opinions and values into our community's goals and strategies for transportation investment. The process should be clear about how the public's participation influences decisions. When done correctly, participation elicits diverse and new ideas, promotes creative problem solving, and imparts a sense of ownership in the solutions. The foundations of good participation include ensuring the Lexington Area MPO:

Invites diverse communities and stakeholders to participate in the planning process.

Informs individuals and organizations of transportation planning decisions and opportunities for their involvement.

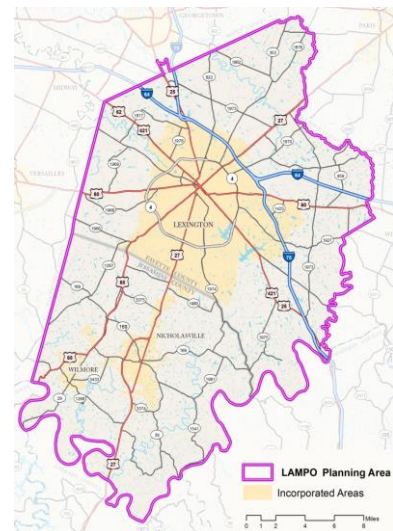
Involves citizens and stakeholders in the process by providing a variety of ways to solicit their input.

Improves upon the process by evaluating what works and what needs improvement.

ROLE OF THE LEXINGTON AREA MPO

Federal law requires all urbanized areas with populations greater than 50,000 people to designate a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to develop transportation plans for the region. Urbanized areas with populations over 200,000 are designated as Transportation Management Areas or TMAs which carry additional planning and funding requirements. The Lexington Area MPO consists of Fayette and Jessamine County and the cities of Lexington, Nicholasville and Wilmore. The 2010 U.S. Census also designated a small portion of Scott County as part of the Urbanized Area and thus part of the MPO planning area.

A core function of the MPO is to ensure that local people and governments are represented in an impartial setting in the



transportation planning process. To that end, each MPO works with federal, state and local governments, transit agencies, stakeholders and the public to ensure transportation policies, plans, projects and programs move the region forward based upon mutually agreed goals.

The MPO functions under a committee structure that includes a decision-making Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), several technical committees, and technical staff. The MPO is responsible for four major transportation planning programs/plans that are “Certified” by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). These plans and programs guide the allocation of federal transportation dollars in our region:

Unified Planning Work Program	Participation Plan	Transportation Improvement Program	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlines the annual work activities of the MPO • Updated annually 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlines strategies for effective public and stakeholder involvement • Updated as needed or at least every 5 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short range implementation plan for projects and programs in the region (4 year horizon) • Updated every 4 years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long range transportation plan for the region (at least 20 years) • Updated every 5 years

Figure 1-1 Lexington Area MPO Major Plans & Programs

MPO's are charged with developing these plans and programs utilizing the 3C's approach below. Public participation addresses the “Cooperative” piece of this mandated approach:

Continuing: Planning must be maintained as an ongoing activity and should address short-term needs and a long-term vision for the region.

Cooperative: The process must involve a wide variety of stakeholders and interested parties through a participation process.

Comprehensive: The process must cover all surface transportation modes and be consistent with regional and local land-use and economic-development.

PURPOSE OF THE PARTICIPATION PLAN

The Participation Plan (PP) provides the framework for the MPO's public engagement process. The PP is the official policy for how the MPO will disseminate information to the public and to stakeholders, to ensure there is adequate time for them to provide input, and to engage them in the process. The PP also outlines the process for adopting and amending the major transportation planning documents produced by the MPO shown in Figure 1-1.

GOALS FOR PARTICIPATION

The goal of the Lexington Area MPO's participation process is to provide an open forum so that all stakeholders of Fayette and Jessamine County can help formulate and develop common transportation goals, alternatives and plans for the region. When stakeholders, the public and community leaders are involved in developing solutions, there is more buy-in to uphold agreed-upon policies and to support transportation investments.

The Lexington Area MPO is committed to:

- Inform and involve the public/stakeholders including citizens, businesses, institutions and non-profits regarding the plans, projects and decisions that impact them.
- Provide frequent, comfortable and meaningful experiences for effective feedback.
- Provide continuing and timely public information and outreach.
- Provide equal access to information that is relevant to a diverse audience and strives to reach under-represented populations.
- Evaluate the participation processes and procedures on a periodic basis to assess and improve effectiveness.

PARTICIPATION APPROACH

The MPO's approach to "participation" is multi-faceted. It includes, at a minimum, compliance with federal law and meeting the intent of federal regulations. However, the Lexington Area MPO strives to go beyond basic requirements, particularly with respect to inclusion, ongoing consultation, and providing a forum for public discussion.

Chapters 2 and 3 outline the participation strategies the MPO will utilize in:

- developing and adopting major planning documents;
- keeping the public and stakeholders informed of transportation issues and opportunities for input;
- providing ways for people to be actively involved in transportation planning efforts;

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The following laws and regulations provide guidance regarding the MPO's participation process.

FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (FAST) ACT

The FAST Act is the federal legislation that outlines requirements for planning and investing in the nation's surface transportation infrastructure. Requirements of the FAST Act are codified in the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR). Specifically, [23 CFR 450.316](#) outlines the participation requirements for states and MPOs.

MPOs must develop a Participation Plan that outlines methods to provide early and continuous public access to information about the transportation decision-making process to the following:

- Citizens
- Affected public agencies
- Public transportation employees
- Public ports
- Freight shippers
- Providers of freight transportation services
- Private providers of transportation
- Users of public transportation
- Users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities
- People with disabilities
- Other interested parties

The Participation Plan must be developed in consultation with interested parties and be formally adopted after ample opportunity for public input. The plan must be in place prior to the MPO adopting the MTP and TIP since it outlines the participation process to be followed for developing and adopting these documents.

The Participation Plan ensures that processes are in place to:

- provide adequate public notice of public participation activities and comment periods at key decision points;
- provide timely notification and reasonable access to transportation information;
- employ visualization techniques;
- make information electronically available;
- hold public meetings at convenient times and accessible locations;
- consider and respond to public input received;
- solicit and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by transportation;
- provide additional public comment opportunities if the final documents differ substantially from public drafts;
- coordinate with statewide public participation activities;
- provide periodic evaluation of public involvement effectiveness.

FEDERAL NONDISCRIMINATION ACTS

[Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) stipulates that no person in the United States, shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. Title [49 CFR Part 21](#) outlines how agencies must ensure nondiscrimination in their programs and in their use of federal funds provided through the Department of Transportation.

Subsequent federal acts that extend nondiscrimination requirements include gender (Federal Aid Highway Act 1973); disability (Rehabilitation Act of 1973 & Americans with Disabilities Act 1990); and age (Age Discrimination Act of 1975).

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

An Executive Order is an order given by the President to federal agencies. As a recipient of federal revenues, the Lexington Area MPO assists federal transportation agencies in complying with these orders.

[Executive Order 12898](#): *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*. This Executive Order mandates that federal agencies or those receiving federal funds include environmental justice as part of their mission. The fundamental principles of environmental justice include:

- Avoiding, minimizing or mitigating disproportionately high and adverse health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations;
- Ensuring full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities in the transportation decision-making process; and
- Preventing the denial, reduction or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority populations and low-income communities.

[Executive Order 13166](#): *Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency*. This Executive Order states that people who speak limited English should have meaningful access to federally conducted and federally funded programs and activities. It requires that all federal agencies identify any need for services to those with limited English proficiency and develop and implement a system to provide access to those services.

[Appendix A](#) of the PP includes an examination of the demographic make-up of the MPO region, including the number and concentrations of minorities, low income individuals, the elderly, people with disabilities and those with limited english proficiency. Strategies to ensure non-discrimination and efforts to be undertaken by the MPO to solicit input from these individuals and groups in the planning process are outlined in [Chapter 3](#).

PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR PLANS & PROGRAMS

The Lexington Area MPO is responsible for outlining a participation process for developing and formally adopting the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the Participation Plan (PP). The following participation guidelines for the MPO's major planning documents are derived from federal regulations and recommendations from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)¹.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION & REVIEW PERIODS FOR MPO DOCUMENTS

See Figure 2-1 below for a summary of the public notification methods and review periods for the major planning documents, related amendments and work products of the MPO.

MPO Documents & Public Review Periods			
Plan	Review Period	Public Meetings	Public Notice*
Participation Plan (PP)	45 days	Optional	Web/SM/PR
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)	30 days	One minimum	Web/SM/PR
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	30 days	Optional	Web/SM/PR
Modal (Transit, Bike/Ped) Plan	15 days	Optional	Web/SM/PR
MTP & TIP Amendment	15 days	Optional	Web/SM/PR
MTP & TIP Modification	NA	NA	Web
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	NA	NA	Web
Annual Performance and Expenditure Report	NA	NA	Web
Annual Listing of Obligated Transportation Projects	NA	NA	Web

*Public Notice Key: (W) Website; (SM) Social Media; (PR) Press Release

Figure 2-1 Lexington Area MPO Documents & Public Review Periods

PARTICIPATION PLAN (PP)

The Participation Plan provides the framework for public and stakeholder involvement during the MPO transportation planning process and for the formal adoption of area transportation plans, including the Participation Plan itself.

The Lexington Area MPO's public notification and input process for the PP shall be as follows:

- a) The plan update will be announced at scheduled MPO subcommittee, technical and policy committee meetings.
- b) The draft participation plan will be shared with the TPC and KYTC for comment.

¹ [KYTC Consolidated Planning Guidance](#), July 20, 2007

- c) After preliminary review, the proposed PP will be made available for public review and comment for 45 days.
- d) The proposed document will be available on the Lexington Area MPO's website www.lexareampo.org and paper copies will be available at the MPO office, the Jessamine County Library and Lexington's Downtown Library.
- e) Outreach to stakeholders will include notification to MPO Committees and the Consultation Contacts listed in [Appendix B](#).
- f) Public outreach to promote the availability of drafts and to encourage public comment will include a press release issued to media contacts in [Appendix C](#) and social media notifications.
- g) All public comments received during the review process will be addressed and incorporated as appropriate.
- h) All comments received will be included in [Appendix D](#) of the PP.

The Lexington Area MPO will continually work to enhance the participation process. The MPO will perform an annual review of the PP, initiating a major update when needed, as determined by the annual review. Minor revisions to the PP including updates to committee membership, consultation contacts and census data analysis will not require public review and notification. At a minimum, a major update to the Participation Plan shall occur every 5 years.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

The MTP is the plan for how the MPO will invest in the regional transportation system over the next 20 or more years. It is a fiscally constrained plan that outlines the short-term and long range programs, projects and strategies to support an integrated and intermodal transportation system. The document is reviewed and updated every five years.

The goal of the MTP public review and participation process is to provide early and adequate opportunities for citizens and stakeholders to be involved in the MTP's development. It is designed to provide a progression of information sharing and plan input regarding goals & objectives, alternatives analysis and final project selections. Each public forum or input technique builds upon prior efforts and concludes with the adoption of the MTP. All public input/comments received are summarized and documented in the MTP.

Federal regulations that outline participation requirements for the MTP include:

[23 CFR 450.324](#) *Development and content of the metropolitan transportation plan*

MTP MAJOR UPDATE

The participation process for a major update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan which occurs on a five year basis shall be as follows:

- a) The Lexington Area MPO will provide opportunity for public involvement in the development and update of the MTP. It will use proactive techniques to solicit feedback which may include public meetings, focus groups, outreach to existing advisory committees and surveys/questionnaires on plan elements such as: a vision for the regional transportation system; data/background information on the metropolitan transportation system; draft alternatives and/or recommended projects, programs and strategies;
- b) A minimum of one public meeting will be held in the metropolitan area. Meeting sites and times will be selected to encourage the greatest participation, will be held at locations that are easily accessible to persons with disabilities and which are located on a local transit route.
- c) Visualization techniques including maps and Power Point presentations will be utilized as much as possible to describe the MTP.
- d) Notification for public meetings and the availability of public drafts will include advertisement on the MPO website; social media notifications; a media press release ([Appendix C](#)) and notification to all MPO mailing lists including MPO Committees, Consultation Contacts ([Appendix B](#)) and Outreach Contacts for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the Transportation Planning Process ([Appendix A](#)). Other public notification efforts may be used.
- e) Printed copies of the draft MTP will be placed at the MPO office, Jessamine County Library and Lexington's Downtown Library.
- f) Notifications for public meetings and requesting public review and comment on the MTP will include where to send written or digital comments. The notices will state that special provisions for persons with disabilities will be accommodated with 48 hours notice (i.e. large print documents, audio material, someone proficient in sign language, a translator, or other provisions as requested). Additionally, the notice will inform the public that copies of the draft MTP are available for review at the locations listed in e) above.
- g) The public comment period will be a minimum of thirty (30) days effective from the date of the notification.
- h) MPO staff will assemble and provide a summary of all public comments to the MPO TPC to be considered and addressed before adopting the final plan.
- i) A summary of public involvement activities and input will be included in the final document.
- j) Additional public meetings and extended public review periods may be added if merited by public comments that warrant significant changes.

MTP AMENDMENT

Amendments are a major revision to the MTP including adding or deleting a significant project or major changes to a project (including design concept and scope). Changes to projects that are included in the MTP only for illustrative purposes do not require an Amendment. Amendments require public review/ comment and demonstration that the project can be completed based on expected funding. The notification process outlined for [TIP Amendments](#) shall apply to MTP Amendments.

MTP ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION

Minor changes and corrections to phasing, costs, funding sources, or initiation dates may be completed as Administrative Modifications and do not require additional public review and comment. Projects of the types listed in [Grouped Projects](#) for TIP Administrative Modifications may also be added to the MTP by an Administrative Modification. The Modifications will be posted to the MPO website and distributed to appropriate MPO committees and stakeholder agencies.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

The MTP is implemented through the TIP. The TIP programs funds for all federally funded projects and regionally significant, non-federally funded projects that will be implemented during the four year period covered by the TIP. Project details are provided in the TIP including scope, phasing, cost and funding year. Projects may include roadway, congestion mitigation, bicycle/pedestrian, operations, maintenance, safety, transit projects, etc. The TIP is realistic in terms of available funding (fiscally constrained) and helps the MPO and the public track local, state and federal transportation funds and projects. The TIP may be Amended or Modified to add new projects, delete projects, move projects among the years of the TIP, make cost and phase of work changes, and to accommodate changes in project scope.

Federal regulations that outline participation requirements for the TIP include:

[23 CFR 450.326](#) *Development and content of the transportation improvement program*

[23 CFR 450.328](#) *TIP revisions and relationship to the STIP*

TIP MAJOR UPDATE

The participation process for a major update to the TIP shall include steps (c) through (j) as listed under MTP Major Update with language added to the public notifications described in (d) to include language regarding compliance with FTA [Program of Projects \(POP\)](#) requirements.

TIP AMENDMENT

Amendments to the TIP¹ are required when there are significant changes that:

- Add/Delete a project or phase(s) that requires a federal action (authorization) and is not eligible for an Administrative Modification.
- Change in design concept and scope of the project.
- Change in cost estimates that affect fiscal constraint.
- Change that affects air quality conformity in non-attainment areas including regional significant projects funded with non-federal funds.
- Change from non-federal to federal funds unless a Grouped Project.

The Lexington Area MPO Participation Process for TIP Amendments shall be as follows:

- a) TIP Amendments shall include a description sufficient to clearly identify the project and include the estimated cost, the location, project sponsor, and sources of funds.
- b) All TIP Amendments must be consistent with long range plans or include corresponding language to amend the MTP.
- c) TIP Amendments shall be posted to the website www.lexareampo.org.
- d) A press release will be issued noting a 15 day public comment period effective from the date of the notice. Notifications shall include where to send written/digital comments and language regarding compliance with FTA Program of Projects (POP) requirements.
- e) The MPO shall notify appropriate MPO committees (TTCC and TPC) and distribute the Amendment to agencies/stakeholders identified on the most current KYTC Routing & Information Sheet. The notification shall describe the action taken and assurance that the Amendment process and appropriate public involvement procedures have been followed.

TIP ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION

The following actions are eligible as Administrative Modifications¹ to the TIP:

- Correcting obvious minor data entry errors.
- Splitting or combining projects without modifying the original project design, concept and scope.
- Changing or clarifying elements of a project description. This change would not alter the original project design, concept, and scope.
- Moving a project from one federal funding category to another. Conversion to/from SLX funding requires an evaluation/demonstration of fiscal balance.
- Moving a project from federal funding to state funding.
- Shifting the schedule of a project or phase within the years covered by the TIP (only first 2 years for nonattainment and maintenance areas).

- Updating project cost estimates (within the original project scope and intent).
- Moving any identified project phase programmed for previous year into a new TIP (rollover provision).
- Addition of a project of a type listed as a Grouped Project.

No additional public involvement is required for Administrative Modifications. However, they are tracked by the MPO, posted on the website www.lexareampo.org, distributed to appropriate MPO committees (TTCC and TPC) and to agencies/stakeholders on the most current [KYTC Routing & Information Sheet](#). The MPO staff is responsible for flagging potentially controversial projects or projects with negative impacts that may need more public discussion.

ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS FOR GROUPED PROJECTS

There are various transportation improvement projects that are considered non-controversial and produce negligible impacts while providing benefits to safety, traffic operations and system preservation. The projects typically address system maintenance needs, correct existing safety problems, or result from successful grant applications by local governments or entities. The projects are sometimes identified by category, rather than by location, in the MTP and TIP. Allowing Grouped Projects to be processed as Administrative Modifications streamlines the transportation planning process and allows authorization without unnecessary delay.

The Grouped Projects that may be added to the MTP and TIP as Administrative Modifications are found in Figure 2-2. These Modifications are posted to the website and the public may offer comments in writing to the MPO at any time and at TPC meetings. Any project listed in the Grouped Project table could be subject to additional public involvement requirements if the MPO or KYTC determines that public review is appropriate due to a potential for controversy, negative impacts, or other public concern.

HSIP - High Cost Safety Improvements	HSIP - Drive Smart Safety Corridors
HSIP - Low Cost Safety Improvements	HSIP - Older Driver
HSIP - Lane Departure Resurfacing Improvements	HSIP - High Risk Rural Roads
HSIP - Lane Departure Roadway Section Imp.	Guardrail/Median Cable Projects
Rail Crossing Separation	Rail Crossing Protection
Intersection Improvements for Safety or Efficiency	Other Highway Safety Improvements
Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Projects	Highway Signing
Traffic Signal System Improvements	Pavement Resurfacing, Restoration, and Rehabilitation
Pavement Markers and Striping	Bridge Rehabilitation
Bridge Replacement	Bridge Inspection
Bridge Painting	Transportation, Community, and System Preservation
Safe Routes to School (SRTS)	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects
Transportation Enhancement (TE) Projects	Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
Commuter Ridesharing Programs	Rehabilitation of Transit Vehicles
Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities	Transit Operating Assistance

Park & Ride Facilities	Transit Operating Equipment
Purchase of New Buses	Transit Passenger Shelters and Information Kiosks
Construction or Renovation of Transit Facilities	Other Transit Improvement Project
Ferry Boat Equipment/Service Upgrades	Transportation Alternatives Projects
Surface Transportation Block Grant Set-Aside (formerly Transportation Alternative Program - TAP)	

Figure 2.2 Grouped Projects

FTA PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP) PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Annually, Lextran is required to prepare a Program of Projects (POP) and solicit public input for all projects receiving federal transit funding from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The projects identified in the POP are added to the TIP through an annual Amendment or Administrative Modification as needed. The Lexington Area MPO, Lextran and KYTC have agreed that the public and agency outreach procedures for the TIP Amendment and Administrative Modification process as outlined in the MPO's Participation Plan are adequate to meet the public input required for the POP and meet the intent of the federal planning regulations. All public notices issued by the MPO for public involvement activities (public meetings, drafts, etc) and time established for public review and comments on the TIP will include an explicit statement that these participation efforts satisfy POP requirements.

ANNUAL LIST OF OBLIGATED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

The MPO publishes an annual listing of projects for which federal highway or transit funds were obligated during the preceding program year as denoted in the adopted TIP. This list shall be made available on the Lexington Area MPO's website www.lexareampo.org.

[23 CFR 450.334](#) *Metropolitan Planning Process: Annual Listing of Obligated Projects.*

UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

The UPWP outlines the planning activities and budget of the MPO. It covers a one year period and identifies specific transportation work tasks that the MPO and its partner agencies will undertake during a single fiscal year.

The UPWP that is in effect for the current fiscal year is posted on the Lexington Area MPO's website. The public may submit comments on the UPWP at any time either in writing to the MPO or at a Transportation Policy Committee meeting.

[23 CFR 450.308](#) *Funding for transportation planning and unified planning work programs*

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The MPO publishes an annual report detailing the work and products completed by the MPO during the prior year as outlined in the adopted UPWP. This document is available on the Lexington Area MPO's website www.lexareampo.org.

[23 CFR 450.308](#) *Program monitoring and reporting requirements*

STRATEGIC / MODAL PLANS

The MPO may develop additional Strategic/Modal Plans to supplement and implement the MTP. The focus areas may include Air Quality, Bike/Pedestrian, Congestion Management, Freight, Transit, etc. These plans may be amended to the MTP or may be adopted as separate documents. Strategies for outreach and stakeholder involvement for these plans may vary from program to program but must simultaneously meet participation requirements listed for Modal Plans shown in Figure 2.1 and MTP Amendments (if amended to the MTP).

STRATEGIES TO INVOLVE AND INFORM

STRATEGIES TO INVOLVE

These participation methods enable the public and stakeholders to be actively involved and to provide direct input into the transportation planning process by providing a forum for the exchange of information and ideas.

INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION

Ongoing coordination and consultation with agencies involved and impacted by the transportation planning process is a key task of the MPO and includes local, regional, state and federal agencies, organizations, businesses and non-profits.

As major stakeholders, specific coordinating roles and responsibilities of the MPO, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) and Lextran are outlined in a [Memorandum of Agreement](#) available on the MPO's website. Additionally, the MPO works to achieve good coordination with many other stakeholders in Fayette and Jessamine County including public works, maintenance, safety, environmental, social agencies and elected officials. How the MPO ensures input from these stakeholders is outlined for Consultation Contacts in [Appendix B](#) and in the MPO's [Prospectus](#) – available on the MPO's website. In addition to these formally defined responsibilities, the MPO coordinates informally through daily interactions and committee meetings – both held by the MPO or in which the MPO is a committee member or participant.

The Lexington Area MPO is housed in the government offices of the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) which enables seamless coordination with the LFUCG Division of Planning and other governmental functions (Engineering, Traffic Engineering, Social Services, Environmental Quality, Historic Preservation, Public Safety, etc). This arrangement is a strength of the MPO, but just one example of the coordination that occurs within the interagency participation process.

The MPO Participation Plan is coordinated with the Kentucky Statewide Participation Plan. The statewide Plan was used to help formulate the Lexington Area MPO Participation Plan and to define the process for coordinating among agencies noted in the Consultation Contact list found in [Appendix B](#), the [MPO Prospectus](#) and [Memorandum of Agreement](#). These are all available at www.lexareampo.org.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETINGS

The TPC is the policy and decision-making body for the Lexington Area MPO. The TPC is comprised of elected and appointed officials from the City of Wilmore, City of Nicholasville, Jessamine County, Lexington-Fayette County, LexTran (Lexington's Transit Agency), Federated Transportation Services of the Bluegrass (Regional Paratransit) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The TPC has advisory (non-voting) members from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The meetings provide opportunity for these major stakeholders to come together to discuss transportation issues and plans.

The TPC holds an average of six meetings during the year. Two meetings are held in Jessamine County to make it easier for the Jessamine County public to attend. All TPC meetings are open to the public and anyone can be placed on the TPC mailing list upon request. The meetings are advertised on the Lexington Area MPO Meeting Calendar at www.lexareampo.org. Special accommodations can be made for citizens with disabilities or without transportation to attend. At the beginning of each meeting, the TPC provides time to hear public comments about any transportation topic.

The TPC acknowledges public comments in two ways. The TPC may incorporate public comment and the MPO's response in an Appendix (if the comments regard a document under review) or the TPC may instruct staff to respond directly by letter or email. This lets the public know that their concern has been heard, understood, considered and addressed appropriately.

Lexington Area MPO Transportation Policy Committee Chairman: David K. West Jessamine County Judge Executive	
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government: Mayor Jim Gray	Vice-Mayor / Councilmember-at-Large: Vice-Mayor Steve Kay
Fayette County, Kentucky: Judge Executive Tom Dupree	Councilmember-at-Large: Councilmember Kevin O. Stinnett
City of Nicholasville, Kentucky: Mayor Pete Sutherland	Councilmember-at-Large: Councilmember Richard Moloney
City of Wilmore, Kentucky: Mayor Harold Rainwater	LexTran Chairman or Representative: Malcolm Ratchford, Chair of Board Carrie Butler, LexTran General Mgr.
LFUCG Council Districts 1, 2, and 6 Representative: Councilmember James Brown	KYTC Sec. of Transportation or Representative: Greg Thomas, Secretary of Transportation Barry House – Secretary's Representative
LFUCG Council Districts 3, 5, and 11 Representative: Councilmember Peggy Henson	Non-Voting Members: FHWA: Thomas L. Nelson, Jr. Div. Administrator FHWA Representative: Bernadette Dupont FTA: Yvette Taylor FTA Representative: Abigail Rivera
LFUCG Council Districts 4, 7, and 8 Representative: Councilmember Fred Brown	
LFUCG Council Districts 9, 10, and 12 Representative: Councilmember Amanda Mays Bledsoe	

Figure 3-1 Lexington Area MPO TPC Membership

MPO TECHNICAL AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

The MPO has a Transportation Technical Coordinating Committee (TTCC) which exists to further enhance consultation among affected stakeholders and to advise the TPC on technical matters. Two subcommittees also provide additional input and focus on specific transportation issues including the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and Congestion Management & Air Quality Advisory Committee (CMC).

All meetings are open to the public and citizens/stakeholders may attend based on their interest areas. The meetings provide opportunity for information exchange and input which is used to inform the TPC in their decision-making. The meetings are advertised on the Lexington Area MPO Meeting Calendar at www.lexareampo.org and via social media.

The MPO also leads an internal Project Coordination Team (PCT) on a bi-monthly basis to enhance coordination and communication between local and state roadway engineers and maintenance personnel. The meetings track the progress of projects listed in the MPO's TIP and coordinate efforts on roadway design, construction and maintenance projects.

PUBLIC MEETINGS/FOCUS GROUPS

The MPO conducts public meetings as needed during major plan updates and specialized studies. Public meetings are generally open and informal and allow the public to ask questions, become informed, provide input on topics or areas of concern, and to suggest or comment on preferred solutions to address the issue at hand. Further, the MPO may attend or host focus groups with other social organizations, civic clubs, neighborhood associations and interest groups to inform and engage an existing targeted audience.

Recognizing that it can be difficult to get large numbers of people to attend public meetings, the MPO also seeks creative ways to improve attendance such as hosting them in unique locations including book stores and breweries. In 2017, the MPO participated in a unique public input forum called On the Table. Coordinated by the Bluegrass Community Foundation, with assistance from the LFUCG Division of Planning, Fayette County Public Schools and Leadership Lexington, this event encouraged individuals to gather in informal groups, typically centered around a meal, to discuss issue of importance to them. Transportation was a topic that each group was encouraged to discuss. Over 10,000 people participated in On the Table resulting in 1,654 comments related directly to transportation.



SURVEYS

The Lexington Area MPO may conduct surveys by mail, phone, web or in person to obtain information and gauge public opinion regarding planning issues, projects and priorities. During the development of the MTP 2040 the MPO conducted a survey that obtained 2,000 responses. Public surveys were also used to develop the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan as well as to seek input on the responsiveness and accessibility of the MPO's transportation planning process during the MPO's 2015 Certification Review.

DIGITAL MAPS

In 2017, the MPO used a digital online map to solicit feedback for the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. This proved to be a new and innovative way to seek public input on needed and proposed transportation networks and projects. Digital maps may be utilized for other outreach efforts, as feasible and where applicable, including in the development of the MTP and TIP.

STRATEGIES TO INFORM

The Lexington Area MPO utilizes many different methods to keep the stakeholders and citizens of Fayette and Jessamine County informed about transportation planning issues, plan updates, ongoing programs, upcoming projects and opportunities for input. Methods include targeted marketing campaigns that include radio and television ads, public service announcements (PSAs) and in-person interviews. The MPO also purchases legal ads for major plan updates as outlined in Chapter 2. A primary focus for disseminating information is the MPO website as well as social media. The MPO also distributes a periodic e-newsletter.

BRANDING

A logo representing the Lexington Area MPO is used to identify products, publications and marketing efforts of the MPO. The logo helps provide a uniform and consistent look which helps the public identify and become familiar with the different activities of the MPO.



MARKETING CAMPAIGNS

Each year the MPO staff works with a professional marketing agency to coordinate a public education marketing campaign to raise the awareness of alternative transportation facilities, projects, resources and the benefits to using alternative modes of transportation. Past campaigns have used radio, print, promotional items and television ads to promote alternative transportation options and services that are available locally to reduce congestion and fuel consumption.

MEDIA OUTREACH

The MPO informs the public through local media outlets via legal ads, paid advertisements and formal press releases. This includes radio, daily and weekly newspapers, monthly magazines and regional television. See [Appendix C](#) for a full list of media contacts including those that may be utilized to reach underserved populations.

WEBSITE

The Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization website can be found at www.lexareampo.org. It is one of the primary means by which the MPO makes information available. Interested parties are directed to the site using traditional media, social media, newsletters, emails and other forms of notification. The site includes all MPO documents, contacts, committee and meeting information. Sub-pages address specific topics of interest such as bicycling and walking, transit, air quality, freight, congestion and projects that are underway.

Data is collected regarding the numbers of visits to the site and other relevant user information. The site is continually updated with pertinent information and improved for more intuitive public

use and visibility on the internet (such as requesting links from other sites and improving visibility on search engines and directories).



Home

City Projects in the Works
Over 80 miles of trails, bike lanes and innovative road improvements keep Lexington moving. Less traffic, cleaner air-- a happier healthier city.
Project Gallery



The Lexington Area Metro Planning Organization (MPO) is responsible for the comprehensive, coordinated, and continuous transportation planning process – a process that is performance-based and facilitates meaningful input from our stakeholders and the public. We examine and learn from our past, understand where we are at present, and determine the best future direction for Lexington's transportation needs. To learn more about the Lexington Area MPO, [Click Here](#).

Announcements



Check out the newly released Lexington Area MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and tell us what you think! Comments are due by January 12, 2018.

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Trails Connecting Town to Country
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Bike paths and walking trails.
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New city projects and improvements.
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SOCIAL MEDIA

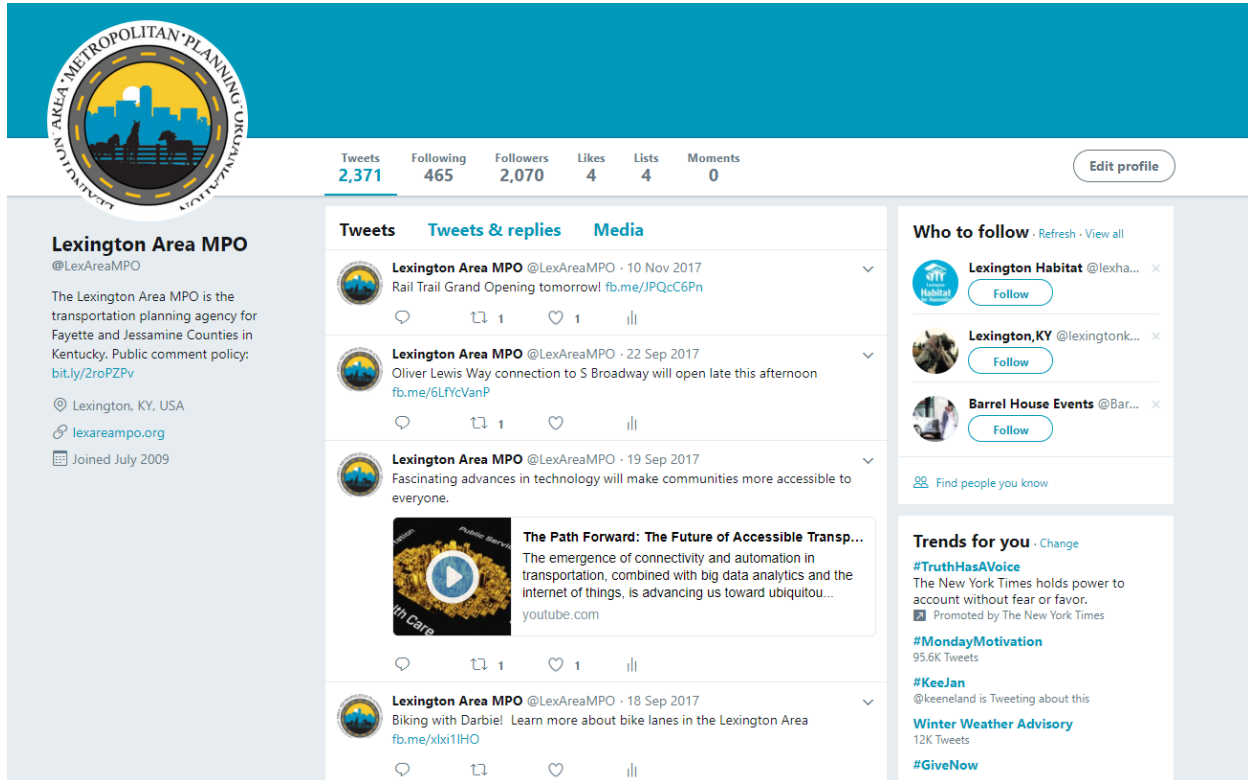
Social media is an interactive, visual and easily accessible forum to reach the community. It is ideal for getting information out quickly. A large segment of the population uses social media as their primary source for communication and gathering information.

The MPO utilizes three forms of social media: Twitter, Facebook and Youtube in accordance with the Social Media Policy of the City of Lexington. Per this policy, comments regarding plans, projects or policies submitted by the public are considered part of the public record.

The public may sign up for the MPO's Twitter or Facebook page by visiting the MPO website or linking directly to www.twitter.com/lexareampo and www.facebook.com/lexareampo.

TWITTER

The Lexington Area MPO uses Twitter to inform the public of public meetings, events, transportation related projects, activities and plans as well as to share articles on transportation trends around the country. Twitter has also been used by the Lexington Area MPO as a tool to receive public comment and to respond to concerns from the public.



The screenshot shows the Twitter profile for Lexington Area MPO (@LexAreaMPO). The profile header includes the MPO logo, a bio stating it is the transportation planning agency for Fayette and Jessamine Counties in Kentucky, and its website (lexareampo.org). The profile statistics are: 2,371 Tweets, 465 Following, 2,070 Followers, 4 Likes, 4 Lists, and 0 Moments. The main content area displays a list of tweets, including announcements about the Rail Trail Grand Opening, the opening of the Oliver Lewis Way connection, and a video titled "The Path Forward: The Future of Accessible Transp...". The right sidebar features a "Who to follow" section with accounts like Lexington Habitat, Lexington, KY, and Barrel House Events, and a "Trends for you" section with hashtags like #TruthHasAVoice, #MondayMotivation, #KeeJan, Winter Weather Advisory, and #GiveNow.

FACEBOOK

Facebook has become an increasingly popular way to inform and interact with the public and to receive and respond to questions or concerns. The MPO has utilized Facebook since 2009. The pages have been used to distribute information similar to that described under the Twitter section. Facebook also provides a mechanism for micro-targeting ads to specific audiences to ensure messages are reaching individuals representing under-represented or traditionally under-served populations as well as to communities, neighborhoods or corridors that will be most impacted by a plan or project.

YOUTUBE

Youtube is an effective tool for posting interviews, footage from events and explaining complex messages about new technology or design techniques. Visual messages can be easier to understand and there are a variety of public service messages, particularly related to safety, that are readily available for the MPO's use. The MPO utilizes the City of Lexington's Youtube channel to post videos as well as sharing through social media. The MPO's Transportation Policy Committee meetings that are held in Fayette County (equivalent to 70% of meetings) are also available on the City of Lexington's Youtube Channel. www.youtube.com/user/LFUCGGTV3.

TRAVELING EXHIBIT/DISPLAYS

Providing informational booths at existing community events helps inform the public about the MPO and transportation planning, to interact with people on a one-on-one basis, and to collect contact information for people that would like to become more actively informed or engaged in MPO activities.

NEWSLETTERS

The MPO periodically distributes an e-newsletter to keep the public informed about transportation planning activities. The MPO utilizes the tool *Constant Contact* to maintain a current database of subscribers and to track the number of people who view the newsletter and follow links to the provided information.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION IN THE PARTICIPATION PROCESS

As outlined in the [Legal Framework](#) in Chapter 1, the policies and programs of the Lexington Area MPO should be non-discriminatory, avoid negative impacts on minority and low-income populations, and should strive to provide equal access to the benefits of employment, education and community via a transportation system that is accessible to all.

In order to ensure equity and inclusion in the MPO planning process there are “traditionally underserved” and under-represented segments of the population that may benefit from additional outreach activities. These individuals may include the elderly and people with disabilities, minority and low-income populations, and those with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). Federal regulations emphasize the necessity of identifying the traditionally underserved and developing techniques and procedures to increase the involvement of these community members in MPO planning activities. [Appendix A](#) outlines how these individuals and populations are identified by the MPO utilizing US Census data. In addition to identifying these geographic outreach focus areas, the Census maps also assists the MPO in reviewing the MTP and TIP for project impacts and for equity in the distribution of funding for Environmental Justice and Title VI populations.

In addition to the outreach techniques and resources previously described, the Lexington Area MPO will utilize the following additional resources in its targeted outreach activities to reach low income and minority populations, and people who are elderly or have disabilities:

- Maintain and periodically update a database of organizations, places of worship and businesses that may be conduits to targeting these individuals. See [Appendix D](#).
- Direct outreach to Council Members, Neighborhood and Community Organizations in priority focus areas. This includes timely notices by electronic or postal mail.
- Direct communication with these individuals and representatives including presentations to community leaders, advocacy groups, organizations and coalitions that serve and/or are associated with target populations.
- Post flyers or other displays as appropriate in high-volume locations including social activity centers such as ethnic grocery stores, churches and community centers;
- Attend festivals or other periodic community events with surveys or displays.
- Engage in public outreach activities conducted by Lextran including public meetings regarding services, routes changes and attending Lextran board meetings where public input is summarized and presented. This enables the MPO to gain a better understanding of transit users needs and concerns, particularly transit-dependent users who are often lower income individuals without access to a vehicle or people with disabilities who cannot drive.
- Provide documents in large text (upon request). Include a function on the MPO website that allows a user to increase the font size of the webpage.
- Provide sign language interpreters at public meetings (with advanced request).

- Provide closed captioning for all TPC meetings held in Lexington (70% of TPC meetings) per a service provided by LFUCG.
- Utilize LFUCG's language translation service as needed and as requested to communicate with individuals with low english proficiency.
- Maintain an record of interactions and participation by these targeted populations [i.e. requestion demographic information in surveys, note the number of targeted persons that attend public meetings (informally), note presentations made to targeted groups, etc].

Additionally, the MPO is currently developing a more robust Title VI Program Plan, including a Limited English Proficiency Plan (LEP Plan) that will be incorporated by reference in the Participation Plan.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT EVALUATION

The Lexington Area must continually assess the effectiveness of its participation techniques to ensure that the funds and time invested are achieving their goals. Each method of outreach to involve and inform lends itself to different measures of effectiveness. The MPO will track these measures on an ongoing basis in order to improve upon the participation process. In addition, the MPO will estimate and/or track the number of individuals reached, in attendance and/or who responded that represent targeted populations for equity, diversity and inclusion.

Outreach Method	Potential Measures of Effectiveness
Interagency Coordination	Stakeholders are well informed and coordinated. Projects and plans are being implemented on a timely and cost-effective basis.
TPC and Committee Meetings	Membership, attendance and the frequency and nature of stakeholder and public comments received at meetings.
Public Meetings/Focus Groups	Number of attendees and comments received.
Surveys	Number of respondents.
Digital Maps	Number of views/comments.
Branding	Individuals are aware of the MPO, it's activities and products.
Marketing (paid)	Frequency and reach of messaging through TV, radio, social media, etc. Number of website hits and points of contact with the MPO as a result.
Media Outreach (legal & press releases)	Number of media outlets that receive and subsequently distribute the information. Number of responses or points of contact with the MPO as a result.
Website	Number of site visitor and page views.
Social media	Number of page followers, views, interactions and impressions.
Traveling Exhibits/Displays	Number of attendees at the event and interactions with the MPO.
Newsletters	Number of newsletters distributed and the email open and click rate (tracked by the emailing tool)

Figure 3-2 Participation Measures of Effectiveness

APPENDIX A – TARGET AREAS FOR EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

The Participation Processes outlined in Chapter 2 & 3 shall strive to ensure that all segments of the community are informed and represented in the transportation planning process. An understanding of community demographics are needed to ensure that participation efforts reach all population segments of the Lexington Area MPO. This Appendix provides a summary of the demographics of the Lexington Area MPO including age, income, race/ethnicity, language and disability; how they are changing over time; and where these targeted populations reside.

DEMOGRAPHICS TODAY

According to the [2016 ACS Data](#), the Lexington Area MPO had a total population of 362,544 with about 86% of the population residing in Fayette County (311,529) and 14% in Jessamine County (51,015). There was a 5.3% increase in population in the region from 2010 to 2016. This is three times as high as Kentucky's increase of 1.7%. Of the two counties, Fayette County had the greater population change at 5.3% compared to 5.0% for Jessamine County.

The following table summarizes data used by the Lexington Area MPO to help identify traditionally underserved and under-represented populations within the MPO Region. Figure A-1 shows the total number and percentage of the population that identifies with a minority race/ethnic group in Fayette County, Jessamine County, the MPO Region and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Figure A-2 displays the total population and other demographical data that may be used to identify traditionally underserved and/or under-represented residents of our region and state.

Counties	Total Population	Black/ African American		Asian American/ Pacific Islander		American Indian/ Alaskan Native		Hispanic		Total Racial/Ethnic Minorities	
		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Kentucky	4,411,989	350,242	7.94%	59,668	1.35%	9,052	0.21%	146,945	3.33%	606,581	13.75%
Fayette	311,529	45,319	14.55%	11,020	3.54%	1022	0.33%	21,322	6.84%	87,220	28.00%
Jessamine	51,015	1,914	3.75%	707	1.39%	168	0.33%	1,534	3.01%	4,791	9.39%
Region	362,544	47,233	13.03%	11,727	3.23%	1,190	0.33%	22,856	6.30%	92,011	25.38%

Figure A-1 2016 ACS Minority Table for Lexington MPO Counties, Region and the Commonwealth of KY

Counties	Total Population	Individuals in Poverty		Elderly		Occupied Units With No Vehicles		Total Disabled		Speak English Less than "Very Well"	
		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Kentucky	4,411,989	804,139	18.23%	653,000	14.80%	133,316	3.02%	745,988	16.91%	88,659	2.01%
Fayette	311,529	56,444	18.12%	36,302	11.65%	10,138	3.25%	34,681	11.13%	16,219	5.21%
Jessamine	51,015	9,139	17.91%	7,400	14.51%	928	1.82%	7,932	15.55%	1,176	2.31%
Region	362,544	65,583	18.09%	43,702	12.05%	11,066	3.05%	42,613	11.75%	17,395	4.80%

Figure A-2 2016 ACS Socioeconomic Table for Lexington MPO Counties, Region and the Commonwealth of KY

MINORITIES

The Lexington Area MPO has a larger percentage of minorities than Kentucky's average (25.4% for the MPO Region compared to 13.8% for Kentucky). The total number of people that identify

with a racial/ethnic minority group within the Lexington Area MPO include 47,233 Black/African American (13%), 22,856 Hispanic (6.3%), 1,190 American Indian/Alaskan Native (0.3%), 11,727 Asian Americans/ Pacific Islander (3.2%), and 9,005 Other Racial Minorities (2.5%).

The MPO's minority populations are concentrated in Fayette County (96% Black/African American, 93.3% Hispanic, 85.9% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 94% Asian American/Pacific Islander, and 94.8% of Other Minority).

In comparison to state averages, the Lexington Area MPO has a larger Hispanic population (6.3% for the MPO Region compared to 3.3% for Kentucky) and Black/African American population (13% for the MPO Region compared to 7.9% for Kentucky).

LANGUAGE

Six languages are spoken in the Lexington Area MPO by more than 500 people: Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, French, German, and Arabic. There are 35,372 people (12.1% of the MPO Region) who speak a language other than English in their home. There are 17,903 people (6.1% of the MPO Region) that primarily speak Spanish in their home. Of these Spanish speaking residents, just under half report speaking Very Little English (8,843). The second largest foreign language group spoken at home is Asian and Pacific Island languages with 7,473 people (2.6% of the MPO Region). The third largest foreign language group spoken at home is other Indo-European languages with 6,428 people (2.2% of the MPO Region). 3,568 people (1.2% of the MPO Region) speak other languages at home.

INCOME

Median Family Income for the Lexington Area MPO is \$64,570. Fayette County has a higher median income at \$68,943 than Jessamine County, which is \$60,197. The total number of individuals living in poverty in the MPO Region is 65,583 (18% of the population) which is just slightly lower than the state average of 18.2% of the population. The poverty rate in Fayette County is higher at 21% than Jessamine County at 17.9%.

TRANSPORTATION

The Occupied Housing Units with Zero Vehicles available for use is 11,066 for the Lexington Area MPO Region. According to the 2012-2016 American Community Survey, there are 156,659 workers in the Lexington Area MPO Region. Of those workers 9.3% carpooled to work, 3.9% walked to work, 1.9% used public transit to reach their workplace, and 4.1% worked from home.

AGE

Just over 12% of the population within the MPO Region is Elderly. The Region saw a 19.3% increase in Elderly residents from 2010 to 2016. This is greater than the 12.9% average increase in Elderly residents for Kentucky.

DISABILITY

According to the 2012-2016 American Community Survey, there are 42,613 (11.8%) residents in the MPO Region that are disabled. The state average is 16.9%.

DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES OVER TIME

Figure A-3 summarizes how the demographic composition of Fayette and Jessamine County, the MPO Region and Kentucky changed over time from 2010 to 2016.

	2010	2016	Change	% Change
Total Population				
Kentucky	4,339,367	4,411,989	72,622	1.7%
Fayette	295,803	311,529	15,726	5.3%
Jessamine	48,586	51,015	2,429	5.0%
MPO Region	344,389	362,544	18,155	5.3%
White				
Kentucky	3,809,537	3,859,516	49,979	1.3%
Fayette	223,999	236,242	12,243	5.5%
Jessamine	45,147	46,814	1,667	3.7%
MPO Region	269,146	283,056	13,910	5.2%
Black				
Kentucky	337,520	350,242	12,722	3.8%
Fayette	42,972	45,319	2,347	5.5%
Jessamine	1,499	1,914	415	27.7%
MPO Region	44,471	47,233	2,762	6.2%
Hispanic				
Kentucky	132,836	146,945	14,109	10.6%
Fayette	20,474	21,322	848	4.1%
Jessamine	1,353	1,534	181	13.4%
MPO Region	21,827	22,856	1,029	4.7%
American Indian/Alaskan Native				
Kentucky	10,120	9,052	-1,068	-10.6%
Fayette	755	1,022	267	35.4%
Jessamine	122	168	46	37.7%
MPO Region	877	1,190	313	35.7%
Asian American/Pacific Islander				
Kentucky	51,431	59,668	8,237	2.6%
Fayette	9,694	11,020	1,326	2.2%
Jessamine	492	707	215	313.2%
MPO Region	10,186	11,727	1,541	0.0%
Other Racial Minorities				
Kentucky	55,551	40,674	-14,877	-26.8%
Fayette	10,949	8,537	-2,412	-22.0%
Jessamine	436	468	32	7.3%
MPO Region	11,385	9,005	-2,380	-20.9%
Total Racial/Ethnic Minorities				
Kentucky	587,458	606,581	19,123	3.3%
Fayette	84,844	87,220	2,376	2.8%
Jessamine	3,902	4,791	889	22.8%
MPO Region	88,746	92,011	3,265	3.7%
Elderly				
Kentucky	578,227	653,000	74,773	12.9%
Fayette	31,138	36,302	5,164	16.6%
Jessamine	5,494	7,400	1,906	34.7%
MPO Region	36,632	43,702	7,070	19.3%

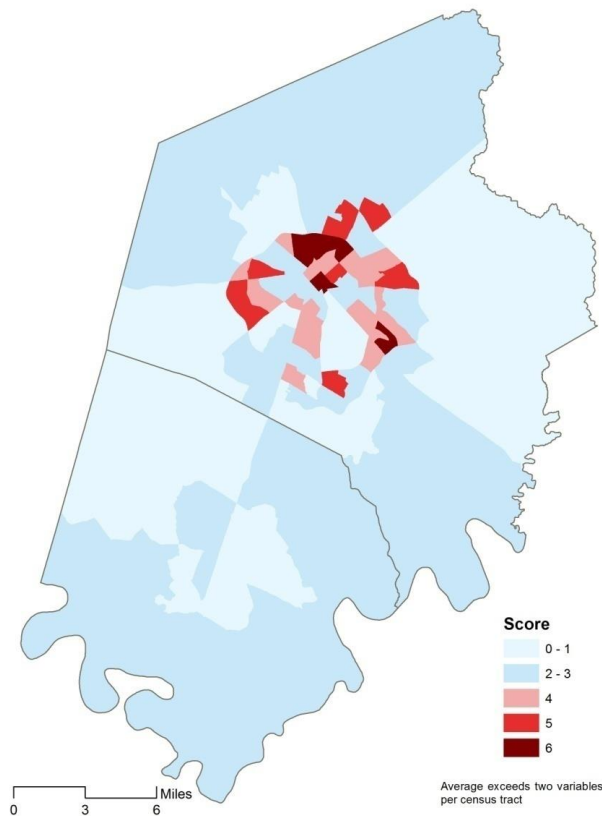
	2010	2016	Change	% Change
Median Family Income				
Kentucky	\$41,576	\$56,522	14,946	35.9%
Fayette	\$66,690	\$68,943	2,253	3.4%
Jessamine	\$47,494	\$60,197	12,703	26.7%
MPO Region	\$57,092	\$64,570	7,478	13.1%
Individuals in Poverty				
Kentucky	768,068	804,139	36,071	4.7%
Fayette	51,470	56,444	4,974	9.7%
Jessamine	7,191	9,139	1,948	27.1%
MPO Region	58,661	65,583	6,922	11.8%
Occupied Housing Units				
Kentucky	1,719,965	1,718,217	-1,748	-0.1%
Fayette	123,043	126,439	3,396	2.8%
Jessamine	17,642	18,401	759	4.3%
MPO Region	140,685	144,840	4,155	3.0%
Occupied Housing Units With Zero Vehicles				
Kentucky	132,279	133,316	1,037	0.8%
Fayette	9,667	10,138	471	4.9%
Jessamine	831	928	97	11.7%
MPO Region	10,498	11,066	568	5.4%
Education Attainment Less Than 9th Grade				
Kentucky	228,069	190,711	-37,358	-16.4%
Fayette	8,544	8,602	58	0.7%
Jessamine	1,485	1,660	175	11.8%
MPO Region	10,029	10,262	233	2.3%
Total Disabled				
Kentucky	709,911	745,988	36,077	5.1%
Fayette	32,630	34,681	2,051	6.3%
Jessamine	6,621	7,932	1,311	19.8%
MPO Region	39,251	42,613	3,362	8.6%
Other than English Spoken at Home				
Kentucky	192,279	213,861	21,582	11.2%
Fayette	30,133	35,372	5,239	17.4%
Jessamine	Not Avail.	2,639	Not Avail.	Not Avail.
MPO Region	Not Avail.	38,011	Not Avail.	Not Avail.
Speak English Less Than "Very Well"				
Kentucky	85,884	88,659	2,775	3.2%
Fayette	14,578	16,219	1,641	11.3%
Jessamine	Not Avail.	1,176	Not Avail.	Not Avail.
MPO Region	Not Avail.	17,395	Not Avail.	Not Avail.
Speak Spanish, Very Little English				
Kentucky	50,772	47,304	-3,468	-6.8%
Fayette	9,194	8,843	-351	-3.8%
Jessamine	Not Avail.	632	Not Avail.	Not Avail.
MPO Region	Not Avail.	9,475	Not Avail.	Not Avail.

Figure A-3 2010 Census to 2016 ACS Comparison for Kentucky and MPO Area

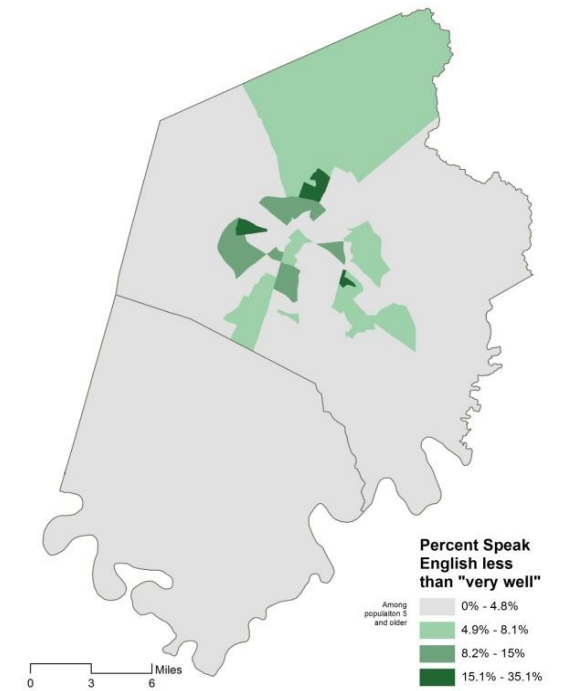
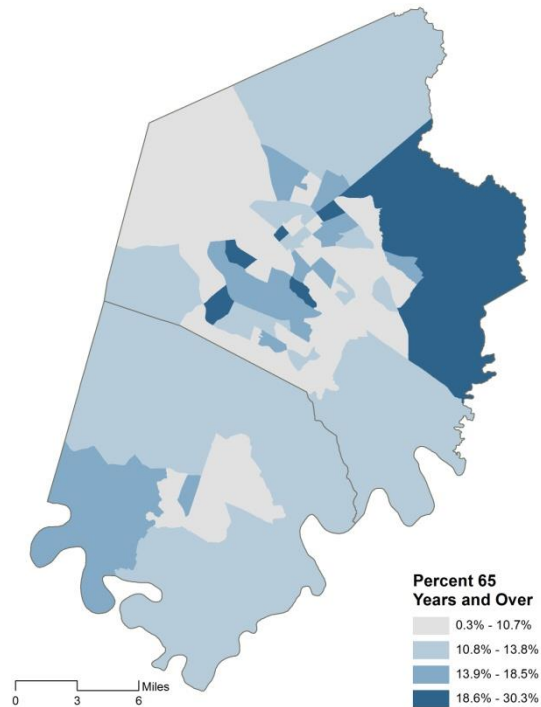
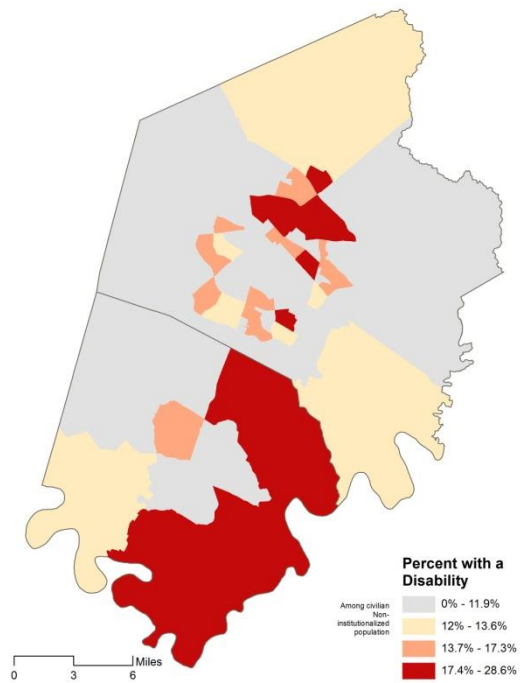
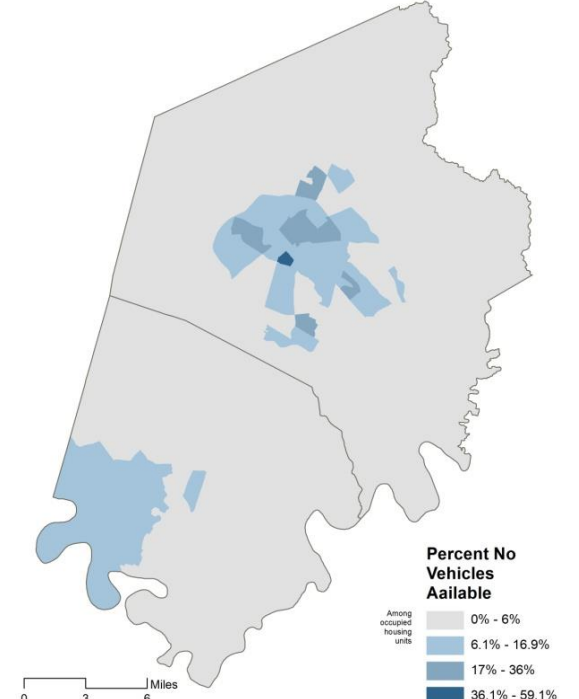
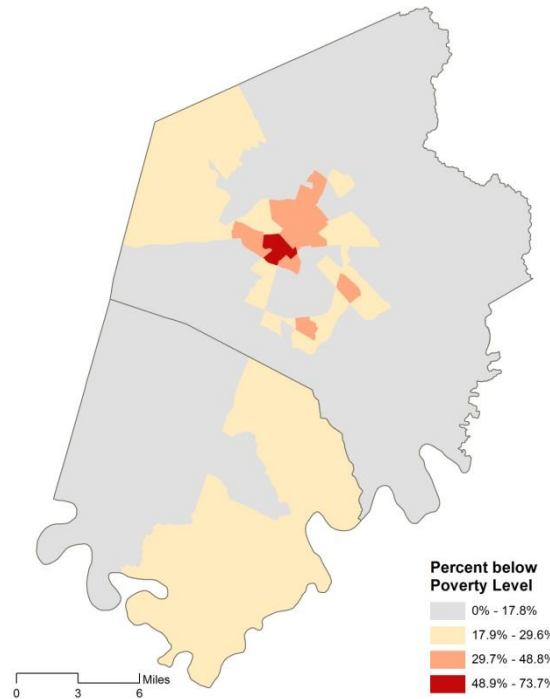
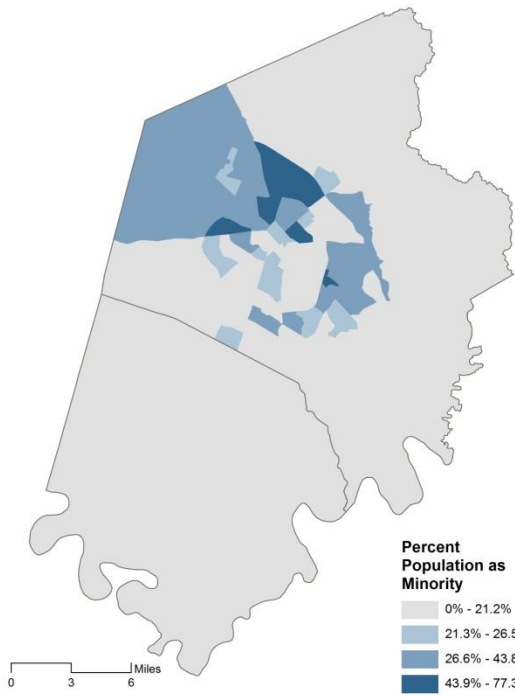
EQUITY TARGET AREAS

The Equity Target Area (ETA) Maps were developed from US Census data to identify communities in the Lexington Area MPO that are protected by national non-discrimination acts outlined in Chapter 1, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Presidential Executive Orders 12898 and 13166 that address environmental justice and individuals with limited English proficiency. Identifying Equity Target Areas helps the MPO ensure that there is an equitable distribution of transportation services, facilities and resources within the community without regard to income, race, age, ability and other socio-economic factors; and to ensure that there are not disproportionate negative impacts or burdens on minority and low-income populations. It also enables the MPO recognize that additional and focused outreach may be necessary in these target areas.

To identify these ETAs, a regional average for certain socio-economic demographics was established utilizing the 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5 year Estimates. A regional "threshold" was identified and census tracts that exceeded that threshold were identified as a targeted equity area. For example, the average percentage of the population in the Lexington Area that is living below the poverty level is 17.8%. Census tracts that meet or exceed this threshold were then mapped.



A compilation of Equity Target Areas was generated to demonstrate the greatest concentrations of EJ-sensitive populations. Darker areas on the map to the left indicates a greater concentration of various EJ populations.



APPENDIX B – CONSULTATION CONTACT LIST

Agency	Type of Consultation	Procedure
LexTran	Local Transit	Member of the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) and Transportation Technical Coordinating Committee (TTCC).
Bluegrass Ultra Transit (BUS)	Local Transit	Member of the TTCC.
Lextran Amalgamated Transit Union Local 639	Local Transit Employees	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway.
American Red Cross Wheels	Local Paratransit	Member of the TTCC.
Federated Transportation Services of the Bluegrass (FTSB)	Regional Transit	Member of the TTCC.
Greyhound	Regional/National Transit	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway.
Trailways	Regional/National Transit	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway.
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)	State Transit and Transportation	Member of the TPC, TTCC, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and Project Coordination Committee (PCT).
KYTC Office of Transportation Delivery	State Transit	Coordinates with MPO on public transit regulations on an as needed basis.
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Region 4	Federal Transit	Non Voting member of the TPC. Provide oversight and guidance to MPO for FTA regulations.
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - KY	Federal Transportation	Non Voting member of the TPC. Provide oversight and guidance on FHWA regulations.
Blue Grass Airport	Airport Operations	Member of the TTCC.
FHWA - KY	Federal Freight	Coordinate as necessary. Attends statewide planning meetings with the MPO to coordinate.

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KYTC	State Freight	Coordinate as necessary. Attends statewide planning meetings with the MPO to coordinate.
MPO Freight Contacts	Regional Freight	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway per MPO Freight contact database.
University of Kentucky	Parking & Transportation	Member of the TTCC.
Fayette County Public Schools	Education and Student Transportation	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway
Jessamine County Public Schools	Education and Student Transportation	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway
Transportation for hire providers	Transportation Service Providers	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway per MPO Service Providers contact database (taxi, uber, lyft).
LFUCG – Div. of Planning (Planning Services and Long Range)	Land Use Management	Member of the TTCC.. MPO staff reviews development plans and zone change applications and reports to the Fayette County Planning Commission.
Jessamine County – City of Wilmore Joint Planning Commission	Land Use Management	Member of the TTCC. MPO staff reviews development plans and zone change applications upon request and reports to the Jessamine County Planning Commission.
Nicholasville Planning Commission (859) 885-9385	Land Use Management	Member of the TTCC.
LFUCG – Purchase of Development Rights (PDR)	Local Planned Growth/Land Use Management	Coordination through LFUCG Division of Planning. Notification by letter when major plan updates underway
Jessamine County Chamber of Commerce	Economic Development	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway
Commerce Lexington	Economic Development	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway
LFUCG - Mayor's Office of Economic Development	Economic Development	Member of the TTCC.
Lexington Downtown Development Authority	Economic Development	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway
LFUCG - Div. of Emergency Management	Safety/Security Operations	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway

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LFUCG - Div. of Police	Safety/Security Operations	Member of the TTCC.
(LFUCG) Division of Environmental Quality	Local Environmental Protection	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway
LFUCG - Div. of Environmental Quality	Natural Resources	Member of Project Coordination Team. Notification by letter when major plan updates underway
Jessamine County Parks and Recreation	Local Conservation and Preservation	Member of BPAC.
LFUCG Division of Parks & Recreations	Local Conservation and Preservation	Member of BPAC.
KY Division for Air Quality (KYDAQ)	State Environmental Protection	Direct consultation when needed. Notification by letter when major plan updates underway
Kentucky Dept. for Environmental Protection	State Environmental	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway
Kentucky Dept. for Natural Resources (KDNR)	State Natural Resources	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Region 4	Regional/Federal Environmental Protection	Works with MPO, KYTC, KYDAQ and FHWA on air quality conformity issues. Direct consultation when needed. Notification by letter when major plan updates underway
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Federal Environmental Protection	EPA plans are considered in the development of the Lexington Area MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
U.S Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Kentucky	Federal Natural Resources	NRCS plans are considered in the development of the Lexington Area MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
U.S. Army Core of Engineers (USACE) – Louisville District	Federal Conservation	USACE plans are considered in the development of the Lexington Area MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
KYTC - District 7	State Enviro. and Historic Preservation	Member of the TPCC, BPAC, CMC and PCT.
LFUCG - Div. of Historic Preservation	Local Historic Preservation	Notification by letter when major plan updates underway
Kentucky Heritage Council	State Historic Preservation	Kentucky Heritage Council plans are considered in the development of the Lexington Area MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

APPENDIX C -- MEDIA CONTACTS

NOTE: this list will be reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis.

*Targeted outreach community news sources

Television

WKYT-TV (27) - Lexington, KY
WLEX-TV (18) - Lexington, KY
WTVQ-TV (36) - Lexington, KY
WKET (46) - Lexington, KY
WDKY (56) - Lexington, KY
GTV3 - Lexington, KY
WAVE - Louisville, KY
WCBQ - Richmond, KY
WHAS - Louisville, KY

Radio

Kentucky News Network (provides news to over 90 stations) - Louisville, KY
Real Radio Lexington (web-based radio station) - Lexington, KY
*Central KY Radio Eye (services to people who are blind) - Lexington, KY
*Lexington Community Radio - Lexington, KY
WEKU - Richmond, KY
WBUL - Lexington, KY
WLXG - Lexington, KY
WKXO - Berea, KY
WGKS - Lexington, KY
Radio Eye - Lexington, KY
WUKY - Lexington, KY
WVLK - Lexington, KY
WLXL - Lexington, KY

Daily Newspapers

Lexington Herald-Leader - Lexington, KY
Associated Press - Lexington, KY
Kentucky Kernel - Lexington, KY
Kentucky Forward - Lexington, KY
Kentucky Today - Louisville, KY
Richmond Register - Richmond, KY
Winchester Sun - Winchester, KY

Daily News Websites

Kentucky.com - Lexington, KY
LFUCG.com - Lexington, KY
KY Forward - Lexington, KY
*Key News Journal - Lexington, KY

Smiley Pete - Lexington, KY
Surfky.com - Western, KY

Monthly Magazines

Lane Report - Lexington, KY
Chevy Chaser Magazine - Lexington, KY
Southsider Magazine - Lexington, KY
*Key News Journal - Lexington, KY
*La Voz de Kentucky - Lexington, KY
Hamburg Journal - Lexington, KY

Weekly Newspapers

Ace Weekly - Lexington, KY
Business Lexington (bi-weekly) - Lexington, KY
Jessamine Journal - Nicholasville, KY

APPENDIX D – TARGETED OUTREACH CONTACTS FOR EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Organizations/Corporations - Minority

African American Forum - Lexington, KY
Ali Baba's Market - Lexington, KY
Antioch Missionary Baptist Church – Lexington, KY
Ballard Place Apartments – Lexington, KY
Black Church Coalition of the Bluegrass – Lexington, KY
Bluegrass Filipino American Association – Lexington, KY
Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct-action (BUILD) - Lexington, KY
Cardinal Valley Baptist Church – Lexington, KY
Cardinal Valley Center - Lexington, KY
Centro De Adoracion “Libertad” – Lexington, KY
Community Action Council Winburn Neighborhood Center – Lexington, KY
Consolidated Baptist Church – Lexington, KY
Diocese of Lexington Hispanic Ministries – Lexington, KY
Employment Solutions – Lexington, KY
Fayette Co. Community Action Council - Lexington, KY
Historic Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church, Lexington, KY
Hope Springs Community Church – Lexington, KY
Imani Baptist Church – Lexington, KY
Islamic Center of Lexington – Lexington, KY
Japan/America Society of Kentucky – Lexington, KY
Jessamine Co. Community Action Council - Nicholasville, KY
Kentucky Association of Chinese American Professionals – Lexington, KY
Kentucky Refugee Ministries – Lexington, KY
KY-Hispanic Chamber of Commerce - Lexington, KY
La Roca United Methodist Church – Lexington, KY
Lexington Chinese Christian Church – Nicholasville, KY
Lexington Chinese School – Lexington, KY
Lexington Korean Presbyterian – Lexington, KY
Lexington Fair Housing Council – Lexington, KY
Lexington Hispanic Association - Lexington, KY
LFUCG Multicultural Affairs – Lexington, KY
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church – Lexington, KY
Nana's African Caribbean Market – Lexington, KY
National Diversity Solutions - Lexington, KY
Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church – Lexington, KY
Selby's International Food Market – Lexington, KY
Shiloh Baptist Church – Lexington, KY
Sugar India Market – Lexington, KY
UK Office of International Affairs – Lexington, KY
Urban League - Lexington, KY
Village Library – Lexington, KY

Organizations/Corporations – Elderly/Disability

Active Day - Lexington, KY
Ballard Place Apartments – Lexington, KY
Bluegrass Association for Retarded Citizens - Lexington, KY
Bluegrass Council of the Blind - Lexington, KY
Bluegrass Technology Center - Lexington, KY
Cardinal Hill Hospital - Lexington, KY
Center for Creative Living - Lexington, KY
Central Kentucky Radio Eye - Lexington, KY
Child Development Centers of the Bluegrass - Lexington, KY
Christ Church Apartments – Lexington, KY
Directions Disability Link - Lexington, KY
Down Syndrome Association of Central Kentucky – Lexington, KY
Eastern State Hospital - Lexington, KY
Employment Solutions – Lexington, KY
Federated Transit Services of the Bluegrass (FTSB) - Lexington, KY
Human Development Institute - Lexington, KY
Independence Place - Lexington, KY
ITN Bluegrass - Lexington, KY
Jessamine Senior Citizens Center - Nicholasville, KY
Kentucky Association of Senior Services (KASS) - Lexington, KY
Kentucky Council on Developmental Disabilities - Frankfort, KY
Kentucky Office for the Blind - Lexington, KY
Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation - Lexington, KY
Kentucky Protection and Advocacy - Frankfort, KY
Kentucky Self Advocates for Freedom - Lexington, KY
Latitude Artist Community - Lexington, KY
Lexington Fair Housing Council – Lexington, KY
Lexington Hearing and Speech Center - Lexington, KY
Paragon Family Practice - Lexington, KY
Parrot's Trophies - Nicholasville, KY
Quest Farm - Georgetown, KY
Senior Citizens Center - Lexington, KY
Shriners Hospital for Children - Lexington, KY
The Arc of Kentucky - Frankfort, KY

APPENDIX E -- PUBLIC COMMENT ON PARTICIPATION PLAN