

Results of Public Outreach for the Draft 2045 MTP

A formal 30-day public comment period regarding the Draft 2045 MTP was held from March 14 to April 13, 2019. The MPO issued a media release, legal ad and paid Facebook ads. Two interviews were broadcast on WKYT regarding the plan and public meeting. During the input period, 1,425 new users visited the MPO’s webpage (5 times more than average). There were 6,400 direct views of Facebook posts regarding the plan and paid Facebook ads appeared in the newsfeed of 9,500 users. Just over 100 people viewed and responded to the poll “7 Take-aways of the 2045 MTP.” Thirty members of the public attended the public meeting held on March 26. Twenty-two written comments were received by the MPO during the comment period and are summarized below.

Results from the first round of public input are also found in Appendix C of the MTP. More than 2,000 residents and commuters responded to an initial survey that the MPO conducted in late 2018, which helped inform the plan’s development.

Public Comment	Staff Response
General Comments:	
Seven comments regarding a desire for a regional rail system to encompass Louisville, Lexington, Covington and Eastern Kentucky.	A cost-feasible plan to provide a regional rail service has yet to be realized. The most comprehensive study of the feasibility of passenger rail was commissioned by the KY Transportation Cabinet in 1999.
Seven comments regarding transit including: more bus service/frequency, Park-n-Ride and Regional Transit operations, specifically to Scott and Jessamine County.	Section 4.5.1 “Transit Expansion/Improvements” discusses desired transit improvements and the MTP recommends funding for additional transit resources via the “Mobility & TSMO” funding category, as well as support for planning efforts to improve & expand services.
Five comments voicing support for more bike and walkways, specifically on major arterials for commuting purposes.	The MPO stipulates that all MTP projects will include quality bicycle/pedestrian facilities appropriate for the roadway based on traffic volumes and speeds. The MTP also recommends funding for stand-alone bike/ped projects via the “Mobility & TSMO” funding category in order to implement the MPO’s 2018 Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan.
Two comments voicing non-support for the building of new roads and road widening.	The MTP only prescribes major widening along a select number of roadways as identified through travel demand analysis. A larger number of MTP projects do not prescribe widening, only safety/multimodal improvements and other upgrades to improve traffic flow. The primary purpose of the few new collector street connections identified in the plan is to help alleviate congestion on nearby major roads.

Three comments voicing support for more multi-modalism, complete streets and road diets.	A foundational principle of the MTP is a more sustainable transportation system and complete streets. See 4.1 and 4.2
Eight comments voicing concern with congestion and traffic light timing, specifically on major arterials – New Circle Rd, Nicholasville Rd, Man O War Blvd.	MTP projects are identified for all of these roadways. Signal timing comments were forwarded to the LFUCG Traffic Engineering department.
Two comments concerning road pavements.	Comments were forwarded to the LFUCG Streets and Roads department and District 7.
Two comments concerning safety, specifically reflectors on rural roads.	Comments were forwarded to the LFUCG Streets and Roads department and KYTC District 7.

Specific Road Comment	
Nicholasville Rd multiple comments: better access, desire for regional transit, install bike paths and sidewalks, too much congestion, traffic signalization timing needs improvement and better ADA access at Southland Dr., add round-about at Limestone and Scott St.	MTP project # 9, 26 and 27 in the MTP identify projects along Nicholasville Rd to improve and increase transit service, to provide better access management and multi-modal improvements. The design of the intersection at Limestone will be determined during project #3 Scott Street Connector (Oliver Lewis Way).
New Circle Rd multiple comments: better access at intersections, too much congestion, install sound barriers	Projects are identified in the MTP to widen most of the limited access portion of New Circle Rd (MTP project #'s 13, 14, 15 & 16). The installation of sound walls would be considered during the design process of these projects. Multimodal and operational improvement projects are identified along the signalized portion of New Circle Rd (MTP project #5, 6 & 18).
Tates Creek Rd multiple comments: too much congestion, traffic light signalization needs improvement, bikeways and sidewalks are needed	MTP project # 7 - Bates Creek Rd from Malibu Dr to Armstrong Mill seeks to reduce congestion, especially in the vicinity of New Circle Rd, and includes multimodal improvements.
Man O War multiple comments: better access, too much congestion (specifically, Alumni to Winchester)	MTP project # 4, 8 & 10 are identified to reduce congestion on Man O War Blvd from Alumni Dr to Winchester Rd.
Harrodsburg Rd, 1 comment: widen from Jessamine Co. line to New Circle Rd	The MPO's Travel Demand Model does not indicate that this is a high priority need at this time compared to other MTP projects. The MPO Congestion Management Committee is currently exploring lower cost bottleneck improvement projects along major corridors that do not have a programmed MTP project.
I-75 Connector, 4 comments in favor of the project not being included in the constrained project list – commenters cited high project costs, environmental and scenic impacts	While the MTP does not include funding for this project at this time it does explicitly state that the MPO should continue to work with partners to explore opportunities to meet the current and

	future Jessamine County interstate access and connectivity needs.
UK Neighborhoods, 1 comment: concern about impact to neighborhoods surrounding UK from road closures	The MTP does not identify potential future road closures. The MPO typically has the opportunity to comment on roadway closures that are undertaken at the local level.
East Jessamine Bypass, 1 comment: comment voicing non-support for the constructing the East Jessamine Bypass	This project has been included in former iterations of the MTP for many years. One section is currently under construction. The 2045 MTP continues commitment to this project.
“Y” Intersection at KY 29 and 68, 1 comment: regarding the desire to improve the Y Intersection for safety reasons	The MTP commits funding for this project slated for construction in 2020 per the 2018 Kentucky Highway Plan.
US 25, 1 comment: desire for US 25 (Georgetown Rd) from Spurr Rd to Ironworks Pike to have safety improvements and better traffic flow management	The MTP commits funding for the continued development of this project (design is complete). The MPO and District 7 have identified this as a high priority project for funding consideration in SHIFT and the resulting 2020 Kentucky Highway Plan.
East Brannon Rd, 2 comments: desire for sidewalks from Brannon Crossing to Tates Creek Rd	Right-of-way was secured for sidewalks by KYTC during the former roadway project. Sidewalks could be constructed by private entities if/when future adjacent parcels develop or could be constructed with public funds, but priority should be considered in relation to projects identified in the MPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.
Greendale Rd, 1 comment: upgrade Greendale Rd between Citation and Leestown	MTP project # 55 (new number) includes upgrades to modernize and make multimodal improvements to Greendale Rd.
Parker’s Mill Rd, 1 comment: repair and widen Parker’s Mill from Cardinal Run Park to Man O War; 1 comment to improve Parkers Mill Rd from Lane Allen to Versailles Rd.	MTP project # 51 & 52 include upgrades to modernize and make multimodal improvements to Parkers Mill Rd. Project # 52 (Lane Allen to Versailles Rd) was shifted from 2041-2045 to 2036-2040 in response to this comment.
Old Todd’s Rd, 1 comment: add sidewalks, intersection at Mt. Tabor is congested and needs lighting or signage	The design phase for sidewalk construction on Old Todds is underway. The MTP classifies this as a “committed” project with the intent to allocate construction funds before 2025.
Concerning Bus Rapid Transit and Business Access Transit Lanes on Nicholasville Rd, 1 comment: Improve the means by which buses pull off to bus stops and re-enter lanes without hindering traffic	The MPO will be conducting an in depth study of land use changes and phased transportation improvements, with an emphasis on transit improvements, along the Nicholasville Rd corridor in 2019/2020.