



# 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.

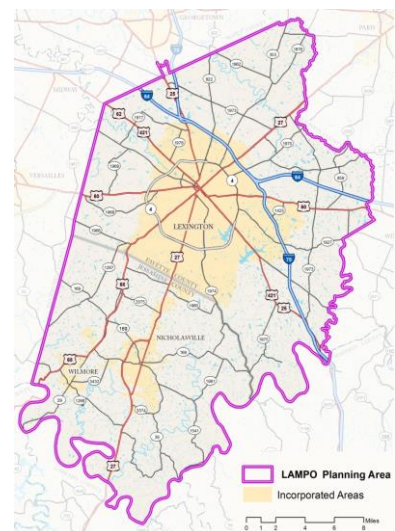
**Involves** citizens and stakeholders in the process by providing a variety of ways to solicit their input.

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

*Figure 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.

## 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:

- Provide continuing and timely public information and outreach.
- 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 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.

The Participation Plan outline the 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:

- The public
- Affected public agencies
- Public transportation employees
- Public ports
- Airport operators
- Providers of freight transportation services
- Private providers of transportation
- Users of public transportation
- Users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities
- People with disabilities
- Tourism officials
- Natural disaster and emergency preparedness/response officials
- Economic development officials
- Environmental protection agencies
- 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;
- consult with officials responsible for tourism and officials responsible for risk reduction.



## 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 CRF 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 "[Equity, Diversity & Inclusion in the Participation Process](#)." The MPO's annual Title VI Program Plan further outlines efforts by the MPO to ensure non-discrimination in the transportation planning process (see [www.lexareampo.org](http://www.lexareampo.org)).

## 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)<sup>1</sup>.

### PUBLIC NOTIFICATION & REVIEW PERIODS FOR MPO DOCUMENTS

See Figure 2 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 - 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 draft PP will be made available for public review and comment for 45 days. The proposed document will be available on the Lexington Area MPO's website [www.lexareampo.org](http://www.lexareampo.org) and paper copies will be available at the MPO office, the Jessamine County Library and Lexington's Downtown Library.

<sup>1</sup> [KYTC Consolidated Planning Guidance](#), July 20, 2007

- b) Outreach to stakeholders will include notification to MPO Committees and the Consultation Contacts listed in [Appendix B](#).
- c) 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.
- d) All public comments received during the review process will be addressed and incorporated as appropriate.

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

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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 draft alternatives and/or recommended projects, policies, 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 are located on a transit route.
- c) Visualization techniques including maps and 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 D](#)). 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) The MPO website notifications will include where to send written or digital comments. The notices will state that special provisions for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency will be accommodated with 48 hour 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

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Amendments are a major revision to the MTP including adding or deleting a significant project or major changes to a project. 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 type of project changes that will require TIP Amendments shall apply to MTP amendments. The notification process outlined for [TIP Amendments](#) shall also apply to MTP Amendments.

## MTP ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION

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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, construction/reconstruction, 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

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The participation process for a major update to the TIP shall include steps (d) 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

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Amendments to the TIP are required when there are significant changes including:

- 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.

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, location, estimated cost, phase years, 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.lexareampoint.org](http://www.lexareampoint.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

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The following actions are eligible as Administrative Modifications 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 such that the change does 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 regionally significant state-funded project already identified in the TIP to a federal funding source.
- 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.lexareampmo.org](http://www.lexareampmo.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**

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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 3. By listing these Grouped Project types in the Participation Plan, planning process stakeholders and the general public are informed of the types of potential projects that may be added to the MTP/TIP in the future via streamlined procedures. MTP/TIP actions for these projects will not require additional public review, demonstration of fiscal constraint, or a conformity determination (if applicable). 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.

## TYPES OF GROUPED PROJECTS

Bicycle/pedestrian facilities, including pedestrian facility improvements identified in local public agencies' Transition Plans to meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act
Bridge Inspection
Bridge Painting
Bridge replacement/rehabilitation/preventative maintenance projects with no additional travel lanes
Highway signage
Highway Safety Improvement Program projects
Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Projects
Intersection channelization projects
Intersection Improvements for Safety or Efficiency
Guardrail/median barriers/crash cushions
Median installation
Curve realignment projects
Shoulder improvements
Sight distance improvements
Skid treatments
Slope stabilization/landslide repairs
Drainage improvements
Fencing
Lighting improvements
Pavement markers and markings
Pavement Resurfacing, Restoration, and Rehabilitation, including minor widening with no additional traffic lanes
Railroad/highway crossing safety improvements and warning devices
Transportation enhancement activities including streetscaping, landscaping, plantings, and informational signs
Traffic signal installations at individual intersections
Traffic signal maintenance and operations
Minor Expansion or Renovation of Transit Support Facilities
Ferry Boat Capital and Operating Assistance
Purchase of new buses to replace existing vehicles or for minor expansion
Rehabilitation of transit vehicles
Operating assistance to transit agencies
Construction of transit passenger shelters and information kiosks
Planning and Technical Studies

**Figure 3 - Grouped Projects**



## FTA PROGRAM OF PROJECTS (POP) PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

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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

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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](http://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

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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](http://www.lexareampo.org).

[23 CFR 420.117](#) *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 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

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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](#). 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 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](#) and [Memorandum of Agreement](#).

#### TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE (TPC) MEETINGS

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The TPC is the policy and decision-making body for the Lexington Area MPO. The TPC is comprised of elected and appointed officials from Lexington-Fayette County, Jessamine County, City of Nicholasville, City of Wilmore, LexTran (Lexington's Transit Agency), Federated Transportation Services of the Bluegrass (Regional Paratransit) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The TPC also 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. TPC meetings are typically

held in person, but may be held virtually if circumstances warrant. TPC meetings, whether in person or virtual, 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](http://www.lexareampo.org). At the beginning of each meeting, the TPC provides time to hear public comments about any transportation topic.

<b>Lexington Area MPO Transportation Policy Committee Chairman: David K. West Jessamine County Judge Executive</b>	
<b>Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government:</b>	<b>Vice-Mayor / Councilmember-at-Large:</b>
Mayor Linda Gorton	Vice-Mayor Steve Kay
<b>Fayette County, Kentucky:</b>	<b>Councilmember-at-Large:</b>
Judge Executive Don Blevins Sr.	Councilmember Chuck Ellinger
<b>City of Nicholasville, Kentucky:</b>	<b>Councilmember-at-Large:</b>
Mayor Pete Sutherland	Councilmember Richard Moloney
<b>City of Wilmore, Kentucky:</b>	<b>LexTran Chairman:</b>
Mayor Harold Rainwater	Christian Motley, Chair of Board
<b>LFUCG Council Districts 1, 2, and 6 Representative:</b>	<b>Lextran Representative:</b> LexTran General Mgr.
Councilmember James Brown	<b>KYTC Sec. of Transportation:</b>
<b>LFUCG Council Districts 3, 5, and 11 Representative:</b>	Jim Gray, Secretary of Transportation
Councilmember Jennifer Reynolds	<b>KYTC Representative:</b> Kelly Baker
<b>LFUCG Council Districts 4, 7, and 8 Representative:</b>	<b>Non-Voting Members:</b>
Councilmember Fred Brown	<b>FHWA:</b> Todd Jeter, Division Administrator
<b>LFUCG Council Districts 9, 10, and 12 Representative:</b>	<b>FHWA Representative:</b> Bernadette Dupont
Councilmember Amanda Mays Bledsoe	<b>FTA:</b> Yvette Taylor, Regional Administrator
	<b>FTA Representative:</b> Aviance Webb

**Figure 4 - Lexington Area MPO TPC Membership**

## **MPO TECHNICAL AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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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, whether in person or virtual, 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.lexareampmo.org](http://www.lexareampmo.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 NOTICE AND COMMENT PROCEDURES FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

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MPO committee meetings are typically held in person, but may be held virtually if circumstances warrant, including during a declared State of Emergency; under the threat of, or confirmed natural or public health disaster; or in response to guidance issued by emergency response, public health or government officials. Virtual meetings allow the MPO to provide a continuity of service under such circumstances. Virtual meetings also allow for feedback from individuals who would not typically have the time or transportation to attend a regular public meeting which provides an opportunity for more people to participate in the MPO planning process.

All MPO committee meetings, whether in person or virtual, are open to the public. Meeting notices are posted on the Lexington Area MPO calendar at [www.lexareampmo.org](http://www.lexareampmo.org). Notices will clearly indicate whether meetings will be held in person or virtually and include the time and physical meeting location and/or virtual meeting web links and associated call-in numbers. All platforms utilized by the MPO for virtual meetings shall allow the public to use an audio-only call-in number to listen to public meetings (video conferencing not required).

Voting members of MPO committees must be visible and audible during virtual meetings in order to participate in any formal committee action. Members of the public must only be audible during virtual meetings (video conferencing not required) in order to provide public comment to the committee. The procedure for public comment during MPO virtual committee meetings shall be clearly stated at the beginning of the meeting and/or at the start of the official public comment agenda item. Members of the public may also elect to submit their comments in writing either by email or mail in advance of the meeting in order to be read into the public record (attendance not required). Comments must be received by the MPO at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Any interruption of the video/audio broadcast of a virtual meeting shall result in the suspension of the virtual meeting until video/audio is restored.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETINGS/FOCUS GROUPS**

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The MPO conducts public outreach 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 issues 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**

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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. Public surveys have been used by the MPO during the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan, Certification Reviews and corridor plans/studies.

## **DIGITAL MAPS**

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In recent years, the MPO has used digital online maps to solicit feedback on several plans and projects including Imagine Nicholasville Road and the Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. This proved to be a popular way to seek public input on needed and proposed transportation networks and projects. The MPO also provides a digital map of the projects included in the TIP and Kentucky State Highway Plan on the MPO website.

## 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 issues press releases for major plan updates, studies and projects. A primary method 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 coordinates a public education 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 formal press releases and may also purchase legal ads and paid advertisements. 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.lexareampmo.org](http://www.lexareampmo.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, 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.

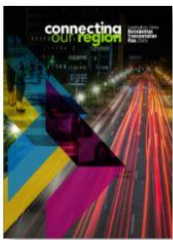


## Planning a Sustainable Future.

The Lexington Area MPO coordinates the allocation of federal transportation funds for our area, including investments in roads, public transit, bikeways and walkways.

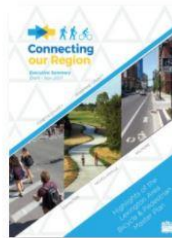
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2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan



### A Network of Walkways & Bikeways

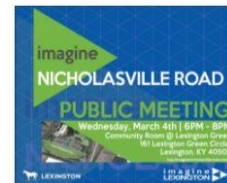
Bike & Pedestrian Plan



SEE ALL PLANS & STUDIES

### Improving Lexington's Major Corridors

Imagine Nicholasville Road



NEW  
INTERACTIVE  
MAP!

## 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 currently has a Twitter and Facebook page. 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](https://www.twitter.com/lexareampo) and [www.facebook.com/lexareampo](https://www.facebook.com/lexareampo). The MPO also manages Lex Bike Walk [www.facebook.com/LexBikeWalk](https://www.facebook.com/LexBikeWalk) a Facebook page targeting people interested in bicycling and walking program and projects.

The Lexington Area MPO uses social media 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. It is also a tool to receive public comment and to respond to concerns from the public. Facebook in particular 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](http://www.youtube.com/user/LFUCGGTV3).

## EXHIBITS/DISPLAYS/SIGNAGE

Providing informational booths at community events helps inform the public about the MPO and allows interaction with people on a one-on-one basis. The MPO can also collect contact information from people that would like to become more actively informed or engaged in MPO activities. Passive displays (such as signage, posters and variable message signs) placed in high traffic/public areas may also be useful to catch the public's attention and drive traffic to the MPO's website where community surveys or other important information is made available.

## NEWSLETTERS

The MPO periodically distributes an e-newsletter to keep the public informed about transportation planning activities. The MPO utilizes a database of subscribers and tracks 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](#), 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.

The MPO's Title VI Program Plan describes the MPO's policies and strategies to ensure equity and inclusion in the MPO planning process. The Title VI Plan and the MPO's non-discrimination efforts are re-evaluated annually and are considered an extension of our Participation Plan. These plans recognize that there are "traditionally underserved" and under-represented segments of the population that may benefit from additional and targeted outreach activities to fully engage in the planning process. 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 assist 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 that may be conduits to targeting these individuals. See [Appendix D](#).
- Direct outreach to Council Members, Neighborhood and Community Organizations in priority focus areas.
- 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.
- Attend 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 the MPO's Limited English Proficiency Plan (found in the Title VI Program Plan) to ensure that people who have limited English have equal access to information. This includes language translation service as requested.
- Maintain a record of interactions and participation by these targeted populations to the greatest extent possible [i.e. request demographic information in surveys, note the number of targeted persons that attend public meetings (informally), note presentations made to targeted groups, etc].

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

**Figure 5 - Participation Measures of Effectiveness**

## APPENDIX A – IDENTIFYING TITLE VI, EJ AND LEP COMMUNITIES

An understanding of community demographics is needed to ensure the MPO's planning and participation efforts reach all segments of the population. A demographic summary of the Lexington Area MPO follows including age, income, race/ethnicity, language and disability. 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	
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**

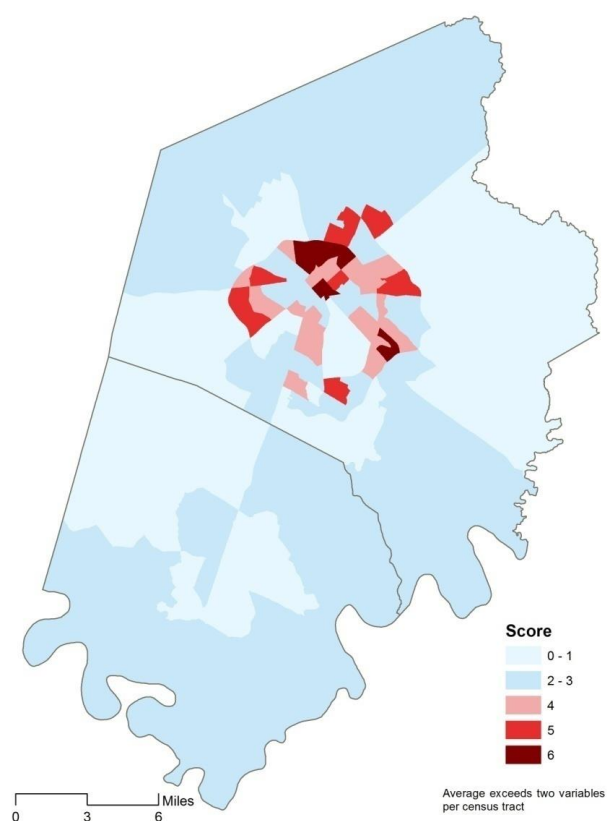
Counties	Total Population	Individuals in Poverty		Elderly		Occupied Units With No Vehicles		Total Disabled		Speak English Less than "Very Well"	
Kentucky	4,411,989	804,139	18.23%	653,000	14.80%	133,316	3.02%	745,988	16.91%	88,659	2.01%
Fayette	311,529	56,444	18.12%	36,302	11.65%	10,138	3.25%	34,681	11.13%	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**

## EQUITY TARGET AREAS

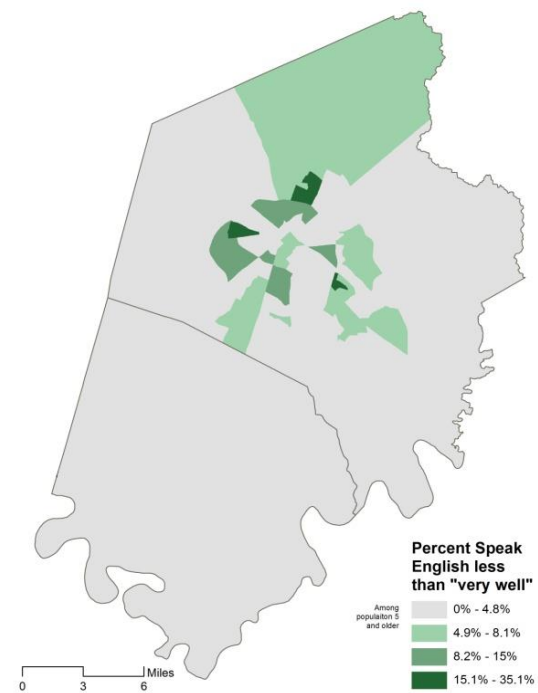
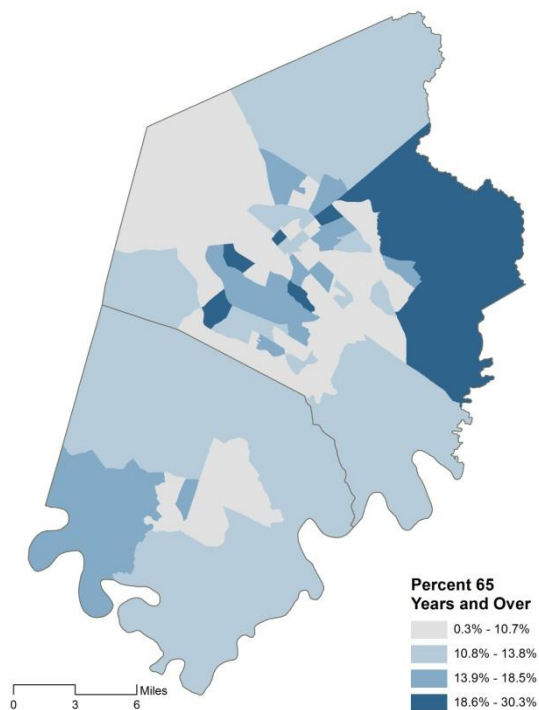
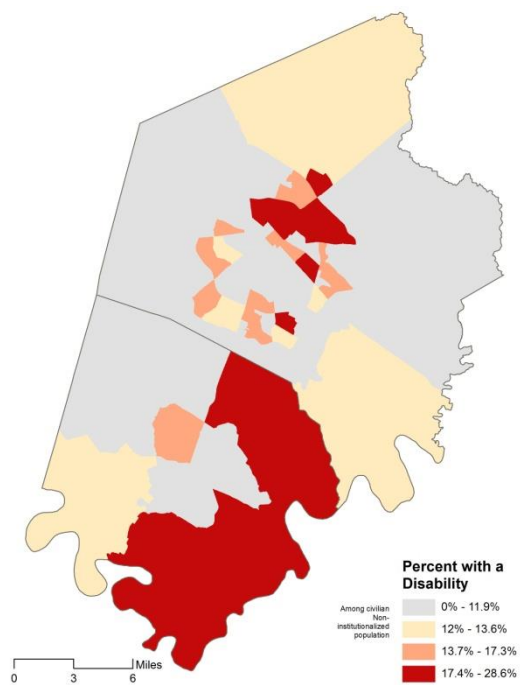
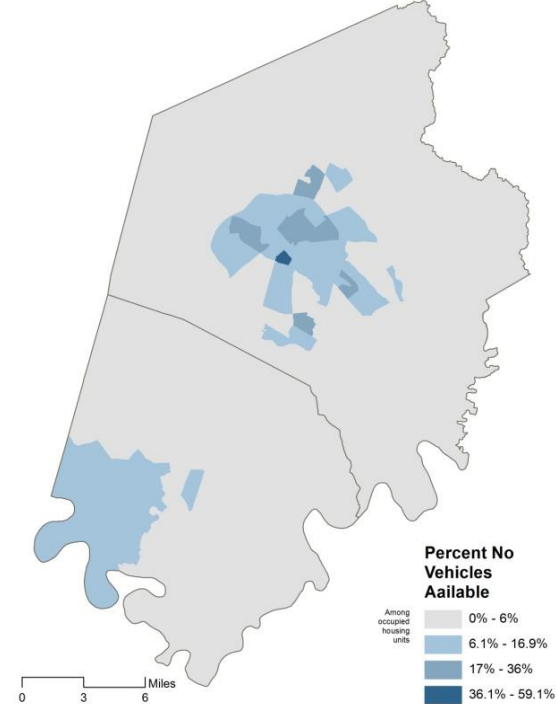
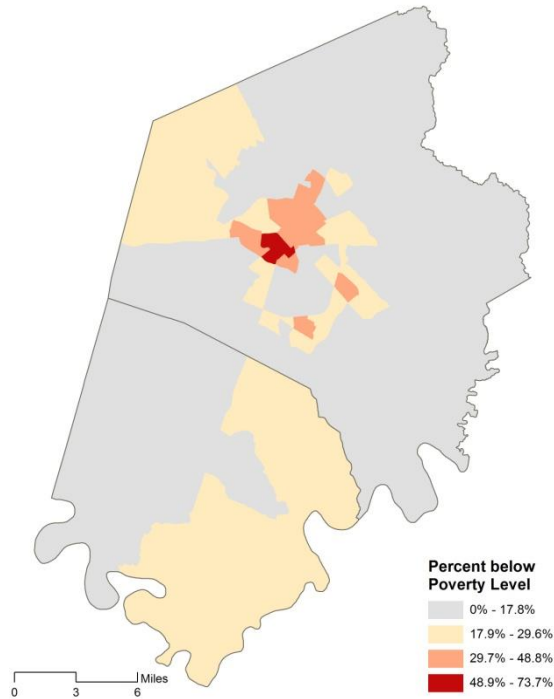
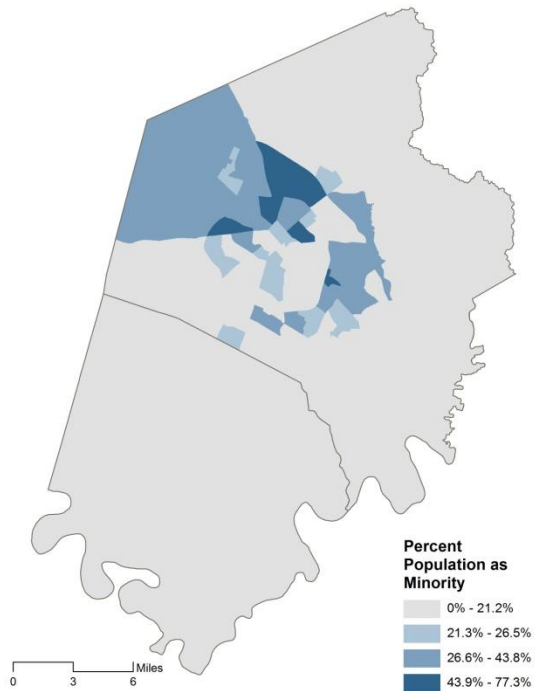
The Equity Target Area (ETA) Maps were developed from US Census data to identify communities in the Lexington Area MPO that are protected by national non-discrimination acts. Identifying Equity Target Areas helps the MPO ensure that there is an equitable distribution of transportation services, facilities 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 to focus public outreach efforts 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.

All updates to the MPO's long range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and short range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will include a map of proposed projects overlaying these Equity Target Areas in order to assess any benefits and burdens on EJ populations. The presence of EJ populations in the vicinity of proposed projects will also be weighted in the project scoring/selection process. A synopsis of this analysis will be included in the adopted TIP and/or MTP.





## 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. Notification by email when major plan updates underway.
Lextran Amalgamated Transit Union Local 639	Local Transit Employees	Notification by email when major plan updates underway.
American Red Cross Wheels	Local Paratransit	Notification by email when major plan updates underway.
Federated Transportation Services of the Bluegrass (FTSB)	Regional Transit	Member of the TTCC. Notification by email when major plan updates underway.
Greyhound	Regional/National Transit	Notification by email when major plan updates underway.
Trailways	Regional/National Transit	Notification by email 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 as needed basis. Notification by email when major plan updates underway.
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - Region 4	Federal Transit	Non Voting member of the TPC. Notification by email when major plan updates underway.
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) - KY	Federal Transportation	Non Voting member of the TPC. Notification by email when major plan updates underway.
Blue Grass Airport	Airport Operations	Member of the TTCC. Notification by email when major plan updates underway.
FHWA - KY	Federal Freight	Coordinate as necessary. Attends statewide planning meetings with the MPO to coordinate.



Agency	Type of Consultation	Procedure
KYTC	State Freight	Coordinate as necessary. Attends statewide planning meetings with the MPO to coordinate.
MPO Freight Contacts	Regional Freight	Notification by email when freight plan updates are underway.
University of Kentucky	Parking & Transportation	Member of BPAC. Notification by email when major plan updates underway.
Fayette County Public Schools	Education and Student Transportation	Notification by email when major plan updates underway
Jessamine County Public Schools	Education and Student Transportation	Notification by email when major plan updates underway
Transportation for hire providers	Transportation Service Providers	General public notificaiton.
LFUCG – Div. of Planning (Planning Services and Long Range)	Land Use Management	Member of the TTCC. Notification by email when major plan updates underway
Jessamine County – City of Wilmore Joint Planning Commission	Land Use Management	Member of the TTCC. Notification by email when major plan updates underway
Nicholasville Planning Commission (859) 885-9385	Land Use Management	Member of the TTCC. Notification by email when major plan updates underway
LFUCG – Purchase of Development Rights (PDR)	Local Planned Growth/Land Use Management	Notification by email when major plan updates underway
Jessamine County Chamber of Commerce	Economic Development	Notification by email when major plan updates underway
Commerce Lexington	Economic Development	Notification by email when major plan updates underway
LFUCG - Mayor's Office of Economic Development	Economic Development	Member of the TTCC. Notification by email when major plan updates underway
Lexington Downtown Development Authority	Economic Development	Notification by email when major plan updates underway
LFUCG - Div. of Emergency Management	Safety/Security Operations	Notification by email when major plan updates underway

Agency	Type of Consultation	Procedure
LFUCG - Div. of Police	Safety/Security Operations	Member of the TTCC. Notification by email when major plan updates underway
LFUCG - Div. of Environmental Quality	Natural Resources	Member of Project Coordination Team. Notification by email when major plan updates underway
Jessamine County Parks and Recreation	Local Conservation and Preservation	Member of BPAC. Notification by email when major plan updates underway
LFUCG Division of Parks & Recreation	Local Conservation and Preservation	Member of BPAC. Notification by email when major plan updates underway
KY Division for Air Quality (KYDAQ)	State Environmental Protection	Direct consultation when needed. Notification by email when major plan updates underway
Kentucky Dept. for Environmental Protection	State Environmental	Notification by email when major plan updates underway
Kentucky Dept. for Natural Resources (KDNR)	State Natural Resources	Notification by email when major plan updates underway
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Region 4	Regional/Federal Environmental Protection	Direct consultation when needed. Notification by email 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. Notification by email when major plan updates underway
LFUCG - Div. of Historic Preservation	Local Historic Preservation	Notification by email 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

\*Targeted outreach community news sources

### Television

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

### Radio

\*Central KY Radio Eye (services to people who are blind) - Lexington, KY  
\*La Explosiva (WLRT)  
\*Lexington Community Radio (WLXL) - Lexington, KY  
KISS FM  
\*Radio Vida – Lexington, KY  
WEKU - Richmond, KY  
WUKY - Lexington, KY  
WVLK - Lexington, KY

### Newspapers/News Websites

Ace Weekly – Lexington, KY  
Associated Press - Lexington, KY  
Business Lexington – Lexington, KY  
Chevy Chaser – Lexington, KY  
Courier Journal, Louisville, KY  
Hamburg Journal – Lexington, KY  
Jessamine Journal – Jessamine Co/Nicholasville/Wilmore, KY  
Kentucky Kernel - Lexington, KY  
Kentucky Today - Louisville, KY  
Kentucky.com - Lexington, KY  
\*Key News Journal - Lexington, KY  
KY Forward - Lexington, KY  
La Presna Newspaer – Lexington, KY  
\*La Voz de Kentucky - Lexington, KY  
Lane Report – Lexington, KY  
LexFunforKids – Lexington, KY  
Lexington Herald-Leader - Lexington, KY  
LexingtonKY.gov - Lexington, KY  
Richmond Register - Richmond, KY  
Smiley Pete - Lexington, KY  
Southsider – Lexington, KY  
Winchester Sun - Winchester, KY

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

Active Day - Lexington, KY  
ARC of Kentucky – Lexington, KY  
Bluegrass Council of the Blind - Lexington, KY  
Cardinal Hill Hospital - Lexington, KY  
Center for Creative Living - Lexington, KY  
Child Development Centers of the Bluegrass - Lexington, KY  
Down Syndrome Association of Central Kentucky – Lexington, KY  
Employment Solutions – Lexington, KY  
Human Development Institute - Lexington, KY  
Independence Place - Lexington, KY  
ITN Bluegrass - Lexington, KY  
Jessamine Senior Citizens Center - Nicholasville, KY  
Fayette Co. Community Action Council - Lexington, KY  
Fayette County Neighborhood Council – Lexington, KY  
Global Lex – Lexington, KY  
Jessamine Co. Community Action Council - Nicholasville, KY  
Kentucky Council on Developmental Disabilities - Frankfort, KY  
Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation - Lexington, KY  
Kentucky Protection and Advocacy - Frankfort, KY  
Kentucky Refugee Ministries – Lexington, KY  
Lexington Commission for People with Disabilities – Lexington, KY  
Lexington Fair Housing Council – Lexington, KY  
Lexington Senior Service Commission – Lexington, KY  
Urban League - Lexington, KY