

PUBLIC INPUT



Listening to Learn

Our transportation system is one of our largest public resources. This means we need to make sure it is being planned, designed, built, and maintained to meet the vision and needs of the community. How do we do this? We follow federal and state initiatives, but we also engage with you! MPO staff used several different ways to inform and involve the public. This helped us create a long-range plan that speaks to what the public wants.

While the MPO had a foundation of public input gathered from other recent



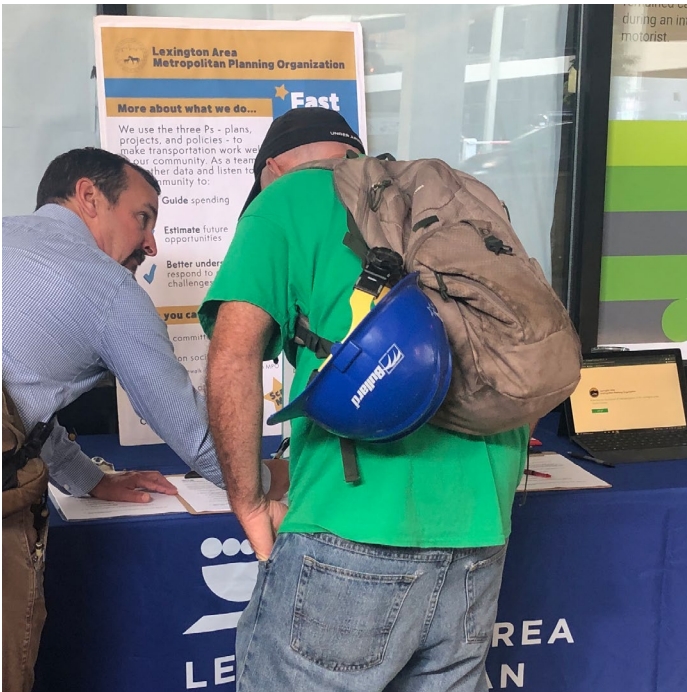
Streetfest | May 2023

planning efforts, we needed to use digital and in-person methods to further reach the community. We conducted a survey both online and in-person that received 1,500 total responses (1,022 completed). MPO staff visited various locations and events during August and September of 2023 to get on-the-ground information from people in our area. We connected with many partners including LFUCG Council Members, Jessamine County Planning and Health Departments, Lextran, KYTC, BGCAP Transit, FTSC, Bluegrass Community Technical College, University

“ More people will walk and bike when they feel safe enough in an environment to do so.

public comment

of Kentucky, and more. These partners helped us spread the word about the plan update and the survey. MPO staff held stakeholder conversations with these partners, as well as regional transportation providers like Bluegrass Airport, RJ Corman Rail, and more. We visited Lextran's Transit center at various times on different days to better make contact with transit users. We tabled at local events like the Woodland Art Fair and Crave Fest. All this outreach helped us gauge our best path forward to update the MTP.



Lextran In-Person Outreach | August 2023



Streetfest Hands On Activity | May 2023

transportation (getting where you need to be) a challenge? If so, NOT enough buses per hour + WEE

do you need/want to go in the community?
work, Store, etc...

are you able to get there?
Yes

are there challenges?
Yes

what's the journey like?
long, hot, cold, a lot of waiting
waste of time

do you have a reliable way of getting around? If so, what is it?
T at the moment

do you get information on transportation options, local events and opportunities?
internet, word of mouth
Signs

LEXINGTON AREA
2050 METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Lexington Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization

¡La Organización de Planificación Metropolitana de Lexington quiere escucharle! Nuestro objetivo es planificar el transporte en nuestro área local.

El transporte se trata de llevar personas y cosas de un punto A a un punto B de manera segura y en un tiempo razonable. El transporte tiene un gran impacto en nuestra comunidad, desde la forma en que las personas llegan al trabajo hasta la salud física y mental de las personas, e incluso la calidad del aire y el medio ambiente. Imagina el sistema de transporte como un conjunto de aceras, calles y carreteras, transporte público y mucho más. ¡Necesitamos tu opinión para ayudar a planificar el futuro del transporte en el área local!

- ¿Es difícil moverte hacia donde necesitas ir? Si es así, ¿por qué?
Si no transporte
- ¿A dónde necesitas o quieres ir en la comunidad? "
mercado medico
 - ¿Puedes llegar allí?
no
 - ¿Existen barreras?
si
 - ¿Cómo es el trayecto?
Largo
- ¿Tienes una forma fiable de moverte? Si es así, ¿cuál es?
Realmente no
- ¿Cómo obtienes la información sobre opciones de transporte, eventos locales y otras oportunidades?

- Is transportation (getting where you need to be) a challenge? If so, why?
HARD TO GET PLACES, TAKES
- Where do you need/want to go in the community?
DOCTOR, GROCERY, FRIENDS
 - Are you able to get there?
NOT ALWAYS
 - Are there challenges?
HEALTH PROBLEMS
 - What's the journey like?
HARD
- Do you have a reliable way of getting around? If so, what is it?
NO / BACK TO
- How do you get information on transportation options and other opportunities?
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Lexington Area MPO wants to hear from you! We're all about planning for transportation in our local area.

Transportation is all about getting people and things from A to B safely and in a reasonable amount of time. Transportation impacts so much in our community - like how we get to work, people's physical and mental health, even air quality and the environment. Think of the transportation system as being made up of sidewalks, streets, roads, public transit, and more. We need your input to help plan for the future of transportation in the local area!

- Is transportation (getting where you need to be) a challenge? If so, why?
Not necessarily
- Where do you need/want to go in the community?
I use public transportation for shopping, entertainment, doctor's appointments,
 - Are you able to get there? yes
 - Are there challenges? sometimes
 - What's the journey like? favorable
- Do you have a reliable way of getting around? If so, what is it?
I have used public transportation for over 40 years
- How do you get information on transportation options, local events and opportunities?

- Where do you need/want to go in the community?
shopping/support groups, educational seminars
- Is it easy or hard to get where you need to go?
depends on fact
- What's your most reliable way of getting around?
my own vehicle
Bus system is good, but due to personal situation
- How do you get information about local transportation and events in your town?
observing, watching, awareness, discerning
Miss Helen Virginia
Zickler, Burger

do you need/want to go in the community?
No, but, know friends by way, Jackson Park, Bowling (IT'S) home

is it easy or hard to get where you need to go?
both, but C major places, more routes on Suds

what's your most reliable way of getting around?
in car or bus

how do you get information about local transportation and events in your town?
Facebook, internet,

Handwritten Surveys From In-Person Outreach | 2023

What Did We Hear?

When asked how well the transportation system is addressing transportation issues today, response distribution was comparable between Fayette, Jessamine, and Other counties. Repaving streets and safety for driving received the most positive responses (68% very well or somewhat well). Providing options for traveling without a car received the least positive responses (81% not that well or not that well at all). Jessamine respondents were more likely to say "Not that well," or "Not that well at all."

Satisfaction by county:

34% Neutral Fayette

39% Neutral Jessamine

44% Unsatisfied Other

Scott, Woodford, Madison,
Clark, Mercer

When asked what policy issues are the most important for transportation, technology ranked far below in priority across all respondents. The top priority across all respondents was corridor studies. The environment, Complete Streets, and connectivity are all closely ranked runner-ups.

We asked participants how they would spend \$10 million dollars on transportation improvements (pick top three). Most respondents chose **“build 35 miles of buffered bike lanes,”** even when filtering for responses from only Jessamine, or Fayette, or other counties. The second choice for spending was **“build 15 miles of sidewalk.”** The third most popular spending choice was **“construct 5 innovative intersection designs,”** with Jessamine County respondents and those from other counties actually more likely to rank intersection redesign as their second choice. More traditional projects like adding road lanes were not identified as important.

When asked what specific solutions are needed to improve transportation, the same solutions emerge in the top 5. Jessamine County responses have a

Top 5 Specific Solutions

Add more sidewalks

Improve safety at crosswalks & intersections

Add multi-use trails

Continue maintenance & repairs

Design, build, maintain Complete Streets

similar distribution to the overall results, but more respondents chose “adding multi-use trails,” over sidewalks. For respondents from other counties, the top priority is different. More of these respondents prioritized “continuing maintenance and repairs,” followed closely by, “designing, building, and maintaining Complete Streets.”



When asked what options they would like to be able to choose from on any given day, “drive” was the top selection but “walk” and “ride a bike” were each selected by nearly the same percentage across all respondents. Of all respondents, 7% selected “Other” and mentioned rail. This response pattern reveals a clear desire for choice and balanced options when it comes to daily travel. From our in-person interactions over the last couple of years,



On the Table 2022

we have heard again and again that people want safe, comfortable ways to get around. Walkability, bikeability, and accessibility was the top topic of discussion during On The Table (OTT) efforts in 2022. Qualitative data from our corridor studies, like Imagine New Circle, let us know that equitable access to good-quality transportation choices is important to

most people. Engagement during recent trail studies, like the Campus to Commons Trail Feasibility Study, is underscoring how much interest there is in building a transportation system that serves all users, however they get around.

From your input, to goals...

MPO staff incorporated all public feedback received - ideas, concerns, hopes - to create a list of goals. These six goals define a future transportation system that meets the vision we heard from you.

In addition to the MTP 2050 goals, MPO staff defined more specific objectives and strategies. The objectives represent goal-oriented milestones, and the strategies describe how we will meet those milestones. For the full list of objectives and strategies, please see the MTP 2050 Full Document.