



Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee Annual Status Review of Committee Referrals

Man O' War Small Area Plan Study

- Referred by: CM Stinnett in 2017
- Last Heard: September 19, 2017
- Item Details: The Man O' War study done in 2007 showed Alumni Drive to Interstate-75 and between Bates Creek and Nicholasville Road to have the most congestion on Man O' War. The goals of the study were to reduce congestion, improve safety and mobility for all travel modes, improve route reliability, reduce demand at some intersections and increase supply at other intersections. The recommendation was to have an Interstate-75 Southbound auxiliary lane from US-60 to Man O' War and a third lane for Eastbound US-60. There was one small turn lane project completed by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet but aside from that there haven't been any new developments. Most of the remaining recommendations from that study are large capital projects that will require funding and coordination with KYTC to complete. The MOW Small Area Plan called for a number of projects to help with multimodal traffic. One was recently completed creating dual-lefts from MOW to Pleasant Ridge. Results have helped MOW traffic in both directions. The rest of the projects have been listed and prioritized through the various committees of the Lexington Area MPO.

Curbs

- Referred by: CM Gibbs on July 7, 2015
- Last Heard: October 24, 2017
- Item Details: The discussion centered around ordinance versus policy on curb responsibility. It was stated that curb evaluation can be a part of the pavement condition assessment, which will take place in fiscal year 2019 and cost estimates can be generated from that. Currently, staff is waiting on a rating from the contractor to be received and processed before moving forward.

Kentucky Utilities/LED Collaborative

- Referred by: CM Farmer on May 1, 2016
- Last Heard: October 24, 2017
- Item Details: LFUCG pays Kentucky Utilities (KU) to provide street lighting; KU street light options are under tariff and subject to approval by the Public Service Commission and KU did not offer LED street lights until July 1, 2017. PSC moved the rate case forward, but added a provision asking for the utilities to form a collaborative for stakeholder discussions. At the October meeting, a motion was made to request a presentation from KU on the findings of the LED streetlights collaborative and the company's plans to expand or modify customer options to LED lighting, for either new installation or retrofit applications. LFUCG and KU are still in talks with the PSC about

the new rates they've proposed that include LED rates. The Collaborative was helpful but so far hasn't produced the results we'd hoped for.

Beaumont Traffic Study

- Referred by: CM Bledsoe on May 16, 2017
- Last Heard: November 14, 2017
- Item Details: This item was referred after some concerns were raised about the flow of traffic in and out of Beaumont Center. The study used a comprehensive approach which reviewed the intensity of development in the area; lack of access points; heavy traffic on Harrodsburg Road, and the growing population in Jessamine County. The Beaumont Traffic Study has moved to more of a project selection phase between CM Bledsoe, Engineering and us. Engineering is proceeding with a trail project behind the YMCA while Traffic will be moving the cross-walk on Beaumont Center closer to Harrodsburg Road to improve pedestrian visibility and create more stacking for vehicles approaching Harrodsburg Road. We also have plans to install speed feedback signs on Snaffle, a multiway stop at Beaumont Center Lane @ Beaumont Center Circle, and adding blinker signs on Beaumont Center Lane @ Roswell/Malone.

Glass Recycling

- Referred by: CM Moloney on January 23, 2018.
- Last Heard: April 24, 2018
- Item Details: There were several questions raised about various scenarios that were presented and pros and cons to those. Some of those questions and concerns were: inconvenience to citizens who have to drop it off if trucks won't pick up. How many other communities would send their glass to us and what communities could be involved. CM Moloney would like DWM to propose a plan to purchase equipment that would enable the City to collect and process glass as there is an opportunity for the City to become a regional glass recycling center instead of shipping our glass waste to Atlanta.

Review of current Tax District Change Policy

- Referred by: CM Plomin on March 13, 2018
- Last Heard: July 3, 2018
- Item Details: Review of Current Tax District Change Policy. The presentation in July included a review of the urban tax districts, current policy for tax district changes, and correction of tax district assignment errors. The tax district errors that took place were reviewed along with recommendations to correct the errors. At the 7/3/18 Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee meeting, it was recommended that a subcommittee be formed to address policy points before moving forward.

Consideration of a lower speed-limit on recently swapped roads

- Referred by: CM Gibbs on March 13, 2018
- Last Heard: October 23, 2018
- Item Details: Jeff Neal with Traffic Engineering presented the item and provided a history of recent resolutions relative to speed limits and the road exchange with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. He highlighted the streets they reviewed in this effort

and discussed the recommendations. A motion was made to approve the recommended streets for a lower speed limit and for law department to put this in the form of a resolution. The resolution was brought before the Council and received second reading December 4, 2018 therefore the item could be removed from this committee.

Solid Waste - Trash Compactors

- Referred by: CM Moloney on August 22, 2017
- Last heard: Not yet presented
- Item details: This item was placed in committee after *The Solid Waste 5-Year Plan* presentation when the subject of recycling was discussed. CM Moloney strongly believes that with all the emphasis the City has placed on infill and redevelopment, we need trash compactor service as an option when dumpsters and/or roll carts are not feasible due to space constraints. A request has been made for DWM to present a plan to provide and service trash compactors, especially for high-density residential and commercial infill development projects.

Review of Salt Equipment

- Referred by: CM Moloney on January 30, 2018.
- Last Heard: Not yet presented
- Item Details: CM Moloney wants to know what steps have been taken to repair or adjust the salt application equipment so that it does not discharge excessive amounts of salt while the vehicle is stopped at a traffic light or stop sign.

Explore Lexington's Sustainability options

- Referred by: CM Mossotti on February 20, 2018
- Last Heard: Not yet presented
- Item Details: CM Mossotti is very interested in making Lexington more sustainable and after reading about the steps Louisville is taking toward this goal. There was a public work session in April 2018 on Imagine Lexington which included draft sustainability policies. It has been suggested that the item be addressed by Planning Division or moved to the Planning & Public Safety committee.

Review of Recycling Practices

- Referred by: CM Worley on September 11, 2018
- Last Heard: Not yet presented
- Item Details: Currently, research is being done to determine current recycling practices, improving outreach and communication, and improving our recycling program overall. A presentation is scheduled for March 12, 2019.

Private Waste Collection Enforcement Options

- Referred by: CM Lamb on May 15, 2018
- Last Heard: Not yet presented
- Item Details: CM Lamb expressed concern that some districts have both private waste collection and LFUCG waste collection. The problem is that our ordinances on waste collection as far as when containers are allowed to be on the curb only apply to

LFUCG's containers. Lamb would like to look into expanding our ordinances to include private waste containers also. We have had a prior conversation with Waste Management and realize that enforcement could be the biggest hurdle.

Waste Management Fines

- Referred by: CM Gibbs on April 17, 2018
- Last Heard: Not yet presented
- Item Details: This item has been reviewed with staff to discuss roll-carts being left at the curb for long periods of time and appropriate fines for doing so.

Speed-limit Enforcement County-wide

- Referred by: CM Mossotti on October 23, 2018
- Last Heard: Not yet presented
- Item Details: This item was referred after a lengthy discussion about lowering speed limits on certain city roads in addition to the enforcement of such. There is a similar item in Planning and Public Safety, *Improve the Enforcement of Traffic Laws*, including speeding, red light running, and failure to stop at stop signs and/or crosswalks. We could look at possibly merging the two items rather than having them in separate committees. CM Gibbs and CM Mossotti are fine with merging the items; we need to determine which committee the new (merged) item will be placed.

Annual/Periodic Updates:

CNG Conversion and Use Update

- Referred by: CM Farmer on October 25, 2016
- Last Heard: January 24, 2017
- Item Details: We completed the purchase of the existing station in October 2017. We have been saving approximately \$26,500 per month on fueling costs since purchasing the fueling station in October. This was the ultimate goal – it is now cheaper to fuel the CNG vehicles than using diesel fuel.

Annual Energy Improvement Fund Update

- Referred by: CM Farmer on January 1, 2017
- Last Heard: January 23, 2018
- Item Details: Annual Update on the Energy Improvement Fund is expected February 19.

Annual Keep Lexington Beautiful Report

- Referred by: CM Henson on March 10, 2015
- Last Heard: February 20, 2018
- Item Details: Annual Update on Keep Lexington Beautiful initiatives

MS4 Program Update

- Referred by: CM Farmer on February 20, 2018

- Last Heard: April 24, 2018
- Item Details: Charlie Martin, Director of Water Quality and Jennifer Carey, MS4 Coordinator, presented the item. Martin said the state's proposal is to develop a Standard Operating Procedure to mitigate potential future problems. Carey said this presentation will keep them in compliance and they are recommending a pilot program. A motion was made to approve a pilot program and bring it forward to the full council. The item will remain in committee for periodic updates.

Annual Storm Water Priority List Update

- Referred by: CM Farmer on February 20, 2018
- Last Heard: May 15, 2018
- Item Details: Annual Update on Storm Water Quality Projects in Fayette County

Division of Water Quality Projects

- Referred by: CM Farmer
- Last Heard: May 15, 2018
- Item Details: Periodic update on Division of Water Quality Projects and the consent decree.

Capacity Assurance Program (CAP) Update

- Referred by: CM Farmer on August 30, 2018
- Last Heard: September 18, 2018
- Item Details: Charlie Martin explained the Capacity Assurance Program (CAP), highlighting the consent decree requirement and how we moved forward with the CAP program before the EPA approved it so we could provide clarity to the development community and explain the new rules as far as sewer capacity and future connections. He explained the 19 recommendations brought forward by the CAP taskforce which became the framework of the program moving forward. Included in those was an audit of the CAP program to take place every two years and this became a requirement under our code of ordinances.

Fiber Optic Technology (MetroNet)

- Referred by: CM Farmer on May 6, 2014
- Last Heard: September 18, 2018
- Item Details: Darrick Zucco, General Manager of MetroNet, began the presentation. He said they have completed 13 of the 140 miles of fiber backbone installation and they have presold more than 2,000 customers; and completed installations for over 500 customers as of mid-September. David Fritz, Outside Plant Project Manager for MetroNet described the communication taking place prior to construction and throughout the process and he discussed the procedure in place for addressing concerns about construction. This item will remain in committee for quarterly updates as work continues. The next update has been scheduled for March 12, 2019.

Artwork on Utility Boxes (policy / framework)

- Referred by: CM Bledsoe on January 16, 2018

- Last Heard: February 20, 2018
- Item Details: The process for this was approved by committee and the item will remain in committee for periodic updates as work will continue. The art box program is live (www.LexingtonKY.gov/ArtBox). The cost of the wraps is significantly less than what was originally presented to the committee; a local option was located. We anticipate an update on this item in the next few months.

Additional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

- Referred by: CM Farmer on March 13, 2018
- Last Heard: May 15, 2018
- Item Details: An additional day for household hazardous waste collection was added this year and proved to be successful. The item was left in committee for periodic updates to weigh the cost-benefits of the additional day.

Annual Leaf Collection Plan

- Referred by: CM Farmer
- Last Heard: October 23, 2018
- Item Details: Annual Update on the Leaf Collection Plan is scheduled for September 17, 2019.

Annual Snow & Ice Removal Plan

- Referred by: CM Stinnett and CM F. Brown on February 15, 2014
- Last Heard: September 18, 2018
- Item Details: Annual update on the Snow/Ice removal plan is scheduled for October 22, 2019.