

# Environmental Quality & Public Works Committee



## 2025 Annual Status Review of Committee Referrals

### Odor Control Program Update

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| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:   | Last Presentation: |
| <a href="#">0140-24</a> | J. Reynolds      | October 31, 2023 | February 6, 2024   |

This item was placed in committee on October 31, 2023, after numerous constituents raised concerns about the odor in the area near the wastewater treatment plant. Charlie Martin, Director of the Division of Water Quality, spoke about the sources and reasons for the odors in the sewers. An update is scheduled for February 11, 2025.

### Microtransit

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| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:    | Last Presentation: |
| <a href="#">0139-24</a> | C. Ellinger      | November 14, 2023 | February 6, 2024   |

This item was placed in the committee to explore Microtransit, sometimes called on-demand transit. Microtransit bridges the gap between public transportation and ride-sharing, captures trip requests, and groups passengers into shared rides in real-time.

### Coordination of ongoing maintenance for projects

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| File ID: | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:  | Last Presentation: |
|          | J. Reynolds      | August 20, 2024 | N/A                |

This item was placed in the committee to address a lack of planning for maintenance when completing new projects (may include infrastructure, beautification, and planting projects) in Lexington. A presentation is expected in spring 2025.

## Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) Update

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| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:  | Last Presentation: |
| <a href="#">0151-25</a> | L. Sheehan       | August 20, 2024 | N/A                |

The [Neighborhood Traffic Management Program](#) provides a process for residents to partner with Traffic Engineering to assess and address neighborhood traffic concerns related to vehicle speed and volume. An update on this program is scheduled for February 11, 2025.

## Traffic Calming with Public Art and Quick Installations

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| File ID: | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:  | Last Presentation: |
|          | L. Sheehan       | August 20, 2024 | N/A                |

This item was placed in the committee to explore Traffic Calming with Public Art and Quick Installations in Lexington.

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# Annual/Periodic Updates

## Recycling General Practices

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| File ID:                | Former Sponsor: | Referral Date: | Last Presentation: |
| <a href="#">0292-19</a> | P. Worley       | March 9, 2021  | December 3, 2024   |

On March 9, 2021, several committee recycling items were consolidated into *Recycling General Practices*. This includes glass recycling, a review of recycling practices, and recycling updates. The last presentation in December 2023 provided an overview of the [recycling program](#), facility upgrades, and grant information. **If there are no objections, this item can be removed from the committee.**

## Live Green Lexington Update

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| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:   | Last Presentation: |
| <a href="#">0500-21</a> | H. LeGris        | February 2, 2021 | October 22, 2024   |

This item informs what the city is doing to protect and improve the environment and ways to help. Programs under this update include composting, traffic box wraps, litter clean up, etc. The 2024 update focused on community outreach.

## Urban Forestry / Street Trees Update

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| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:     | Last Presentation: |
| <a href="#">0501-21</a> | H. LeGris        | September 17, 2019 | April 30, 2024     |

[Street trees](#) are defined as trees in the right of way or designated tree planting easement, except those that are regulated pursuant to the Code of Ordinances. The benefits of street trees are beautification, traffic calming, and crime reduction. The item also evaluates properties eligible for participation in the Hazard Street Tree (cost-share) Program. Greenspace Trust, Ad Hoc Tree Committee, and changes to Chapters 16 and 17B in the Code of Ordinances are also presentations under this committee item.

## Capacity Assurance Program (CAP) Audit Update

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| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:  | Last Presentation: |
| <a href="#">0964-20</a> | Committee Chair  | August 30, 2018 | April 18, 2023     |

The [Capacity Assurance Program \(CAP\)](#) audit is a requirement under our code of ordinances. Previously, the audit took place every two years; however, in April 2023, this timeline was changed to every 5 years. Our next presentation to discuss the audit results will be scheduled for Spring 2028.

## Energy Initiatives Update

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| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:   | Last Presentation: |
| <a href="#">0572-22</a> | Committee Chair  | January 10, 2017 | March 12, 2024     |

The [Energy Initiatives Section](#) works closely with divisions across government to implement the city's Energy Management Plan. The plan was established in 2004 to reduce consumption of fuel and utilities, promote conservation, and realize cost savings. An update is expected on March 11, 2025.

## Snow & Ice Control Plan

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| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:    | Last Presentation: |
| <a href="#">1034-22</a> | Committee Chair  | February 15, 2014 | October 22, 2024   |

Annual update on the [Snow/Ice Control Plan](#) to review the snow removal schedule, staffing, and costs associated with the program.

## Pavement Management Plan Update

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| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date: | Last Presentation: |
| <a href="#">0440-22</a> | Committee Chair  | May 26, 2020   | April 30, 2024     |

Lexington's [Pavement Management Plan](#) outlines the strategic approach to pavement management. The plan defines the data-driven process for selecting paving projects, categorizes projects for funding, and establishes the proportion of available funding those categories of projects receive from the total paving budget.

## Stormwater Projects Update

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| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:    | Last Presentation: |
| <a href="#">0922-22</a> | Committee Chair  | February 20, 2018 | August 20, 2024    |

Every year, water quality staff presents a Stormwater Drainage and Flooding Update. They review the severity score process and how properties get considered for inclusion on the [stormwater projects list](#).

## Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Update

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| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:    | Last Presentation: |
| <a href="#">1122-22</a> | Committee Chair  | February 20, 2018 | October 22, 2024   |

[The Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System \(MS4\) program](#) is designed to maintain and improve the quality of waterways by reducing the pollutant discharges that flow into them from stormwater runoff.

## Consent Decree Remedial Measures Plan Update

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| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:   | Last Presentation: |
| <a href="#">0222-22</a> | Committee Chair  | January 22, 2019 | December 3, 2024   |

The [Consent Decree](#) is a legal agreement between the city, state, and federal government to fix problems with Lexington's stormwater and sanitary sewer systems by 2030.

## Division & Program Reviews

| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:    | Last Presentation: |
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| <a href="#">0127-22</a> | Committee Chair  | November 30, 2021 | November 1, 2022   |

The Division Reports for the Division of Streets & Roads and the Division of Traffic Engineering were provided in the November 1, 2022 packet as information only. These reports are kept on file with the Council Core Staff. There were no Division / Program reviews in 2023 or 2024. **This item no longer exists in the other committees; if there are no objections, this item may be removed from the committee.**

## Waste Contamination Reduction and ASP Composting Update

| File ID:                | Current Sponsor: | Referral Date:    | Last Presentation: |
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| <a href="#">1200-24</a> | D. Sevigny       | November 14, 2023 | N/A                |

Formerly, *Waste Digester Feasibility Study*, the [Waste Digester Task Force](#) was created on November 14, 2023, to review the consultant's report and understand the financial, operational, and environmental impact of proposed solutions. The Task Force began meeting in early 2024 and presented recommendations to the committee on December 3, 2024. Recommendation #4 was for EQPW staff to update the committee every 6 months. The next update is expected to come before the committee in the summer of 2025.