

**Amendment 3 to the Connecting Kentuckiana 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; FY 2023-2026
Transportation Improvement Program
Public Comments**

Project Name: Reimagine 9th Street
KIPDA ID: 2733
Project Sponsor: Louisville Metro

Comments: “This is exactly what this area needs! And for minimal cost, this was a win.”

“I remember when Ninth was just a street. So we promised Old Louisville it would be a truck Route in 2003 and keep semis out of residential neighborhoods. PW lied. Ninth is screwed on both sides of Broadway and no truck resolution. Holistic thinking”

“Amazing project and low cost vs impact. Make sure the I-64 ramp is removed, and there are wide sidewalks and physically separated bike lanes on all 3 roads for the whole length. Dedicated bus lanes will reduce traffic and make it better.”

“Wow! A positive project that costs 5% of the proposed freeway expansion. This is the type of investment we need to help revitalize our city.”

“This has the potential to be a community building project transforming the 9th Street divide into a vibrant welcoming area. Please include removing the atrocious highway ramps at 9th and Main St. These unneeded monstrous highway ramps most (sic) be eliminated

“Many of these kinds of projects never come to fruition, or when they are implemented, they fall short of the original version. I challenge the people who will actually execute this plan to match the version presented.

“10% of the cost of the I65 widening project, but will lead to 100x economic impact. This (sic) is the best investment for the West (sic) Louisville

Project Name: Widening of I-65
KIPDA ID: 2616
Project Sponsor: Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)

Comments: “Unnecessary, limited value, not worth spending \$270 million to add an additional lane. Not enough traffic issues to be included in this plan”

“This is wasteful and unnecessary. We need to start solving our transportation problems, from potholes to pollution, and not waste money on this type of highway project that should be in our rearview mirror.”

“Widening any highway these days is a failure of leadership. Everyone knows that such projects lead to MORE congestion, pollution, noise, and environmental destruction, not less.

“This is a waste of funds. Save this money for future repairs. Don’t force us even farther into debt for an extra lane. 40,000 people are dying on our roads and 5 million are being injured. Don’t add more space for more deaths.”

“No way should we spend this much money to expand a non-urban road that will only encourage sprawl and climate change, and then have to pay to maintain it!

“What an atrocious use of funds. Do NOT widen I-65 here. It is a poor financial decision, as it will commit the community to maintaining this section of roadway in perpetuity. Cancel this widening project now.”

“To continue to widen expressways thinking this somehow addresses whatever you think it’s going to address is straight out of the poor transportation theory of urban renewal days. The Jackson Street divide speaks volumes. Concrete chasms, street Covid.”

“How deplorable to propose widening a highway. First climate change is ravaging our planet and widening highways only worsens our CO2 problem. Second, widening highways is a bad fiscal idea as it is expensive and commits us to more money to maintain it.

“This is a waste of money. A quarter billion for two more car lanes is ludicrous. City planning should be focusing on encouraging non-car options for mobility.”

“Why would the Kentucky be worried about costs affected by the widening of Indiana side of I-65? As long as I’m paying tolls I better not pay one red cent for their side of the highway.”

Project Name: I-64 Added Travel Lanes
KIPDA ID: 2899
Project Sponsor: Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)

Comments: “This project will increase congestion in the long-term, along with the noise, particulate, and air pollution. To widen a highway in any respect is a response to the symptoms of a larger problem and not at all a proper solution to the issue of congestion”

“This would be a huge waste of money. Adding more lanes to solve for traffic congestion is like loosening a belt to cure obesity. Give the 191 Million Dollars to the Transit Authority of River and add more bus routes with faster headways.”

“\$200m for an extra lane is absolutely ridiculous. I think almost any other use of the funds would be better. That’s \$200m that is going to further entrench

climate change. That's 200m to continue forcing people to drive who can't or don't want to."

"Please don't spend all this tax payer money on something with no real benefit while damaging the surrounding area, property values, and our climate"

"Please do not widen this section of I-64!!! What a horrible use of our taxpayer funds. I do not want my government to spend my money this way. Instead, use this money on projects that will reduce automobile miles traveled."

“Again, widening these highways is the antithesis of healing a planet chocking on its own addiction. It’s the Fentanyl of transportation planning. And hopelessly outdated. As my urban prof noted back in 1973...”

“I think its ridiculous that yall can find this \$ for pointless renovation while there have been bridges and over passes closed for YEARS with no real fix in sight. This project is a waste of \$ until our smaller infrastructure issues have been addressed”

