

Summary of Written Public Comments – November 17, 2008 Public Meeting

Respondent No.	1. Did this evening's Public Meeting provide the right kind of information about the Traffic Study? If not, please tell us what should have been addressed.	2. Do you have any further suggestions for potential projects or issues that should be considered in this Study? Any major concerns?	3. Do you have any ideas, suggestions or comments you would like to express to the Project Team?
1	I think it is difficult if not impossible to only look at half of Versailles. That severely restricts a true traffic/mobility study.	Stop the study until all of Versailles and its surrounding Woodford Co. area can be included in (the) mobility study. This is a waste of tax dollars and appears very much to be using (a) limited area to justify another connector road from Falling Springs Blvd. to Frankfort Rd. US 60. Please consider a traffic light at the end of BG Pkwy. to allow a safe way (connecting 4 lane road to 4 lane road) to get from (the) southern part of Woodford County to Frankfort. A "traffic study" will never show a need because it is too dangerous for a majority of the day/people to turn left. Consider placing a light there, publicize it – then review.	
2	How many times do we have to deal with issues that are not so detrimental to our style of living? We do not require additional roads/bypasses.		
3			Yes – find out what the local businesses need to solve the "peak" problems with funded jobs from the city, county, etc. SP (State) funds are short. Explain the costs, like parking, that come with solutions.



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4	This is a good start. I hope you are actually listening and are not set on a certain outcome.	Anything should be done that will encourage people to drive less, including: Don't make commuting long distances to work easier. Encourage people to live close to where they work. Save fuel!	

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Mr. Tom Creasey
Transportation Planning Engineer
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RE: Opposition to consideration of a western by-pass

Dear Mr. Creasey,

As we are owners of property on two corners of Main Street in Versailles (1½ acres of commercial property with a feed mill located on North Main), and a luxury apartment complex in an old historical building on South Main, we are very involved with downtown Versailles. It is also because we are very concerned about Woodford County that we opposed any extension to the KY 33/US Connector or a north/western by-pass, for the following reasons:

1. In 1991 this "proposed connector" (then titled "proposed by-pass") was overwhelmingly rejected by the citizens of Woodford County in a public meeting held by the Transportation Cabinet. The fact was recognized by the Cabinet and the project thereby dropped. Nothing has occurred since then to change this public sentiment.
2. In 1997 this connector was touted to "ease the woes" of traffic thru downtown Versailles and was constructed from Hwy 33 to Tyrone Rd. It did not ease the traffic woes or we would not be again considering another by-pass. All the existing corridor did was to afford more development and thus more traffic.
3. A western by-pass would destroy the horse farming potential of many viable and productive farms in this area - still one of the chief industries of Woodford County.
4. If the purpose of another "by-pass" is to especially alleviate truck traffic in the downtown area of Versailles, then I further object to such an expense to the taxpayers without first having a study to determine the origin and destination of such trucks, with an actual count of how many trucks are involved.

At stake in this issue are three major points. First, it would be in violation of Woodford County's Comprehensive Plan. Secondly, this proposed action is completely unwarranted, and definitely unwanted by the citizens of Woodford County and is factually not substantiated as a need. Thirdly, it would be an overwhelming financial burden to be born by our taxpayers, especially at this critical economic time. It would only enhance the private enterprises of the developers.

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Kentucky Department of Transportation
Frankfort, KY

Re: Northwest Versailles Mobility Study

There are several issues involved with Versailles traffic problems. I believe most of them are solvable without tearing through valuable and beautiful Woodford County farmland, only to end up with more subdivisions that only benefit developers and builders.

I will start at the west end of Versailles coming in from Frankfort on US 60.

1. Caution light at meeting of US 60 with US 60 bypass.
 - Install a three-way traffic light
2. Elm Street, Broadway, Frankfort Street, North Main, and the road running next to Kentucky Lighting.
 - a. No turn on red signs for Elm, Frankfort & North Main
 - b. Left turn lane & arrow signal from N. Main onto Elm St. A driver passing on right to get around left turn vehicles is very dangerous.
3. Main Street at Green Street
 - a. Do not block intersection signs on Main
4. Main Street and Lexington Road.
 - a. Drivers turning left from Main onto Lexington Rd. at this traffic light can block through lane because of parked cars and vice-versa.
 1. Take away two parking spaces on Main St.
 2. Left turn arrow
 - b. Pedestrians trying to use any crosswalk at this intersection take their lives in their

hands. There is a delay allowing pedestrians to walk before the actual light turns green, but this has not solved the problem.

1. No turn on red signs. Drivers in Versailles think that a driver turning right at a red light means "do not make a complete stop – cruise right on through."
 - c. Trucks turning right onto Lexington Road
 1. Take away one parking space on Main and one on Lexington Rd
 - d. Confusion on lanes of traffic coming from Courthouse Rd.
 1. Take away the one parallel parking space used by the Sheriff's Office. This one space blocks vision.
 2. Better enforcement of signs that say left turn lane must yield on green light and law that states "Do Not Block any Intersection".
 4. Main Street and Morgan/Rose Hill
 - a. Left turn arrow signals for Rose Hill and Morgan as both have designated left turn lanes.
 - b. Take away one parking space on west side of South Main so left and straight lane do not block right turn only lane.
 - c. Left turn and straight coming south on Main St does not work well.
 1. Adjust traffic lights so drivers traveling south go at one time, and north-bound drivers go next.
 2. Pedestrian safety requires "No Turn on Red" signs
 5. Main & Montgomery
 - a. Pedestrian Safety – "No Turn on Red" signs
 6. Lexington Road at intersection of US 60 bypass
 - a. Return left turn only lane to left and straight, the way it used to be.
 - b. Yield signs for drivers on Lexington Rd turning right onto US 60 by-pass, so left turners coming from town onto by-pass have a fighting chance to get in the right hand lane in order to turn right on Crossfield Drive
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General observations of things that could be done to improve traffic flow in Versailles:

1. Signs above lanes at all traffic lights to direct traffic instead of relying only on pavement painting.
2. Better signage at Frankfort, Elm, Broadway and N. Main intersection.
3. White paint on pavement after S. Main was resurfaced has not held up. It is faded, and at night, especially when it is raining, it is almost impossible to see striping.
4. More signs directing traffic to public parking lots
5. There is no sign on Midway Road, driving from Versailles, ending 45 mph limit, resuming to 55mph.

In conclusion, taking into consideration the financial situation in Frankfort and country-wide, the money it would take to build this road could be better used to fix existing roads and bridges.