PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

As part of the 30-day public participation process, the Draft FY 2021-2024 STIP was available for public review via the KYTC web site. Letters were mailed to Kentucky's County Judge/Executives, Mayors of Kentucky's cities (with population over 5,000), Transit Providers, and persons on our STIP distribution list that stated that the Draft STIP was available for public review.

The KYTC web site had email capabilities for sending review comments and questions concerning the Draft FY 2021-2024 STIP. KYTC received four emails with comments regarding the Draft STIP.

The Public Notice was published on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter outlining the 30-day public availability period for public review and comments on the Draft FY 2021-2024 STIP. The Public Notice was also published in the following newspapers.

Lexington-Herald Leader Louisville Courier-Journal Covington Kentucky Enquirer Paducah Sun

Minority Newspapers
Northern Kentucky Herald
Louisville Defender

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PERIOD FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE DRAFT 2021-2024 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) FOR KENTUCKY

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), in accordance with its established "Statewide Transportation Planning Interested Parties, Public Involvement, and Consultation Process," hereby provides notice of the availability of the Draft FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for public inspection, review, and comment for a 30-day period beginning May 10, 2021, and ending June 8, 2021.

The Draft FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program will be displayed at: http://bit.ly/ KYTCSTIP

Any individual, agency, or organization may provide written comments to:

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Public review and comment period May 10 through June 8

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's DRAFT FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is a "big picture" look at multi-modal statewide transportation planning over four years. It contains all the federally-funded scheduled projects in the 2020 Enacted Highway Plan approved by the 2020 Kentucky General Assembly and signed by the Governor. It includes a reference to projects from Kentucky's nine Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). MPOs represent the following urbanized areas: Bowling Green, Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky, Clarksville-Oak Grove, Evansville-Henderson, Huntington-Ashland-Ironton, Lexington, Louisville, Ovensboro, and Raddiff-Elizabethtown. A project located within these metropolitan planning areas must be included in the appropriate MPO's TIP before it can be included in the STIP and before funding can be authorized. You can visit the MPO's website here to see their current TIP.

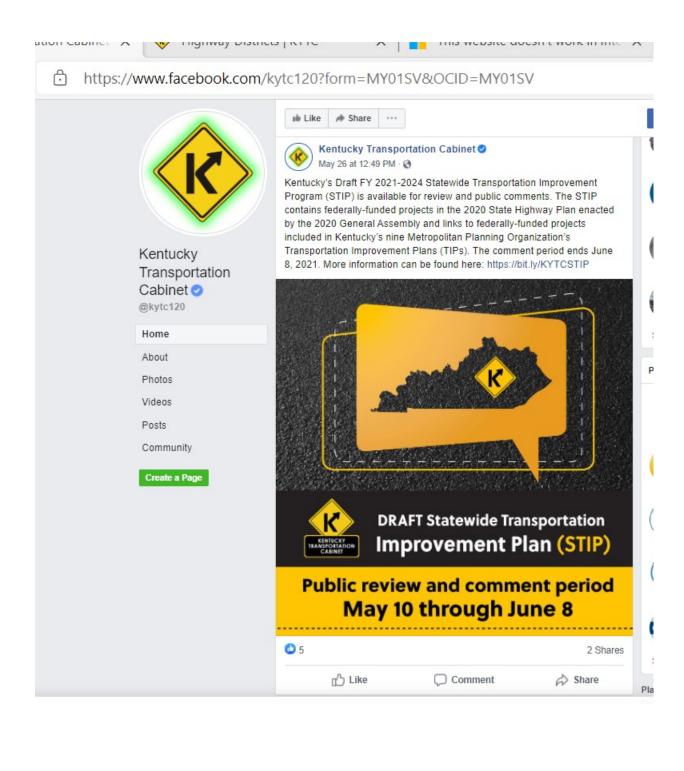
A 30-day public comment period will run from Monday, May 10 to Thursday, June 8. Comments can be sent to Selena.Curry@KY.GOV or mailed. Mail can be addressed to James Ballinger, Department of Highways, 200 Mero Street, 6th floor, Frankfort, KY 40622. The same contact information can be used to request a hard copy of the draft STIP by mail as district offices are currently closed to the public due to COVID-19.

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Comments

To submit comments regarding the FY 2021-2024 Draft STIP, click here.















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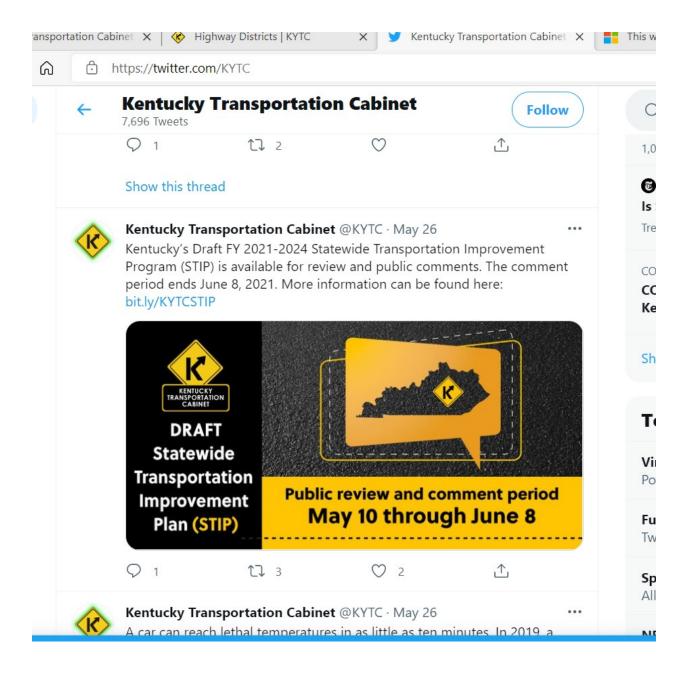
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Planning Organization's Transportation Improvement
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 From:
 Curry, Selena A (KYTC)

 To:
 XXXXXXXXXX

 Cc:
 Rigney, Ron B (KYTC)

Subject: RE: Public comment for draft STIP

Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 12:12:00 PM

Mr. XXXXXXX,

Please see the following comment from Ron Rigney. Thank you.

Mr. XXXXXXX,

Thank you for taking the time to review the KYTC "Draft" STIP, and for pointing out your concerns with the section of KY 44 in Bullitt County near the 10 mile marker at Pitts Point Road intersection.

This section of KY 44 is currently included within the following list of Bullitt County projects identified by Local Officials as prioritized projects that need to be considered for inclusion within the 2022 Recommended Highway Plan to be submitted by the Governor to the Kentucky General Assembly in January 2022.

As you can see from the list of Bullitt County projects, 7 of the 10 projects identified by Local Officials are located along various sections of KY 44, and the KY 44 section near Pitts Point Road is ranked number 5 on their list of priority projects.

The local priorities in the County for consideration by the KIPDA TTCC and TPC for KIPDA Sponsorship are attached and as follows:

- 1) KY 44 widening from US 31E to Spencer County (KIPDA ID 2916)
- 2) KY 44 improvements from KY 61 to I-65 (KIPDA ID 497)
- 3) KY 44 reconstruction/widening from Bogard Lane to Armstrong Lane (KIPDA ID 2918)
- 4) I-65 Pavement Replacement and widening from Exit 116/KY 480 to Exit 117/KY 44 (a portion of KIPDA ID 491)
- 5) KY 44 Bridge and safety improvements near Old Pitts Point Rd. (KIPDA ID 2115)
- 6) I-65/KY 1526 Interchange improvements (KIPDA ID 2785)
- 7) I-65 Southbound slip ramp to Conestoga Pkwy. (a portion of KIPDA ID 491)
- 8) KY 44 widening from Chimney Rock Dr. to CE Smith Rd. (Inactive KIPDA Project)
- 9) KY 44 widening from CE Smith Rd. to Armstrong Lane (Inactive KIPDA Project)
- 10) KY 44 improvements from US 31W to KY 61 (KIPDA ID 494)

Again, we thank you for your review and comments for the KYTC "Draft" STIP, and if you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Thanks,

Ron

Ronald B. Rigney, PE & PLS
Transportation Engineering Director
KYTC Division of Program Management

Selena Curry

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From: XXXXXXX

Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 5:06 PM

To: Curry, Selena A (KYTC) <Selena.Curry@ky.gov>

Subject: Public comment for draft STIP

Hello,

I am writing to provide public comment on the draft STIP.

KY 44 at / near the 10 mile marker (Pitts Point Rd. intersection) is in very bad shape. There are three areas of continuing subsidence in this area that seem to need annual pavings to level them out. Guide railings east of the bridge in this area are significantly below their design height. I haven't looked it up, but this bridge and two more of nearly identical design to the west, are very likely functionally obsolete. The roadway in this area is also significantly lower than it should be and is prone to flooding.

District 5 has done an exceptional job improving highway 44 West in Bullitt County over the years. The most recent refurbishment of the east and west side hills has made this road much more pleasant to drive and has significantly improved safety. The friction coating seems to be doing an excellent job of keeping cars out of the ditches.

Searching the 2021 draft STIP, I am unable to find any project to address this section of KY 44. I understand that properly repairing this section would involve bridge replacement and elevation of the roadway...not an insignificant project.

Please consider adding improvements to this section of KY 44 in the STIP.

Thank you,

XXXXXXX

From: <u>Curry, Selena A (KYTC)</u>

To: XXXXXXX

Cc:Rigney, Ron B (KYTC)Subject:RE: Bridge repair

Date: Friday, May 14, 2021 10:21:00 AM

Mr. XXXXXX,

Please see response from Ron Rigney. Thank you.

Mr. XXXXXXX,

Thank for your time in reviewing the Draft 2021 STIP and for your comments concerning the needed bridge deck repairs for the KY 135 bridge in Livingston County located just north of mile marker 12.

I reviewed the current bridge data information for the KY 135 bridge over Buck Creek just east of the community of Carrsville, Kentucky near mile marker 12.

Our KYTC Bridge Maintenance staff is currently working on construction plans to conduct a bridge deck overlay project for the KY 135 bridge.

The construction project for the KY 135 bridge deck repairs is scheduled to begin late summer/early fall of this year.

Again, thank you for your review and comments for the Draft 2021 STIP, and if you need any additional information, just let us know.

Thanks, Ron

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----Original Message-----From: XXXXXXX

Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2021 8:07 AM

To: Curry, Selena A (KYTC) < Selena. Curry@ky.gov>

Subject: Bridge repair

On Ky.135 in Livingston County just, north of MM12, there is a bridge that is very bad condition. It has several large pot holes and you can see the metal. It will not be very long and the holes will be large enough to the water below. Could you please have someone to look at this. PLEASE.

From: <u>Curry, Selena A (KYTC)</u>

To: XXXXXXXXX

Cc: Rigney, Ron B (KYTC)

Subject: RE: Stip 2022 concerned taxpayer

Date: Friday, May 21, 2021 3:13:00 PM

Ms. XXXXX,

Please see response from Ron Rigney regarding your comments. Thank you.

Ms. XXXXX,

Thank you for taking the time to review our KYTC Draft 2021 STIP and sending us your comments and concerns with transportation needs along I-65 in Bullitt and Jefferson counties, and along US 62 west of E-Town in Hardin County.

KYTC has awarded a project to repair and grind the concrete pavement from just south of Joe Prather PKWY (MP 102.1) extending north to the Hardin/Bullitt county line (MP 103.308), and from the Hardin/Bullitt county line extending north to the south side of Lebanon Junction I-65 Exit overpass (MP 104.7). The Contractor began work on this \$19 million project in early March of this year, and construction work should be completed by the end of this calendar year.

In review of KYTC projects for US 62 between E-Town and the Hardin/Grayson county line we are in the preliminary engineering phase of a "Highway Safety Improvement Program" (HSIP) project along US 62 for the possibility of adding turn lanes at intersection of US 62 and English Oak Drive and the intersection of US 62 and KY 222.

Again, thank you for your comments and for your time in the review of the KYTC Draft 2021 STIP.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please let us know.

Thanks, Ron

Ronald B. Rigney, PE & PLS Transportation Engineering Director KYTC Division of Program Management

----Original Message-----From: XXXXXXXX

Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2021 9:24 PM To: Lamb, Jill (KYTC) < Jill.Lamb@ky.gov> Subject: Stip 2022 concerned taxpayer

Please please drive from Jefferson through Bullit County on I65 to experience the terrible dangerous road first hand. This should be a priority of the transportation department.

Second consider widening US HWY 62 in western Hardin County. At least give it a bigger shoulder. The number of houses have increased in Stephensburg. I know of one person that lost their life due to driver distraction and no where to go on that narrow hwy. Another factor for considering widening or adding a shoulder is that many farmers that use US 62 to travel from one farm to another (or tractor repair on 62) and the extra large farm equipment that goes up and down that road creates hazardous driving conditions from hwy 222 until you get to Grayson County on US 62.

Thank you for considering these items

XXXXXX

Sent from my iPhone

From: XXXXXXX

To: Rigney, Ron B (KYTC)

Cc: XXXXXXXX

Re: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Draft FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

(STIP) available for public review

Subject: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 1:53:27 PM

Date:

Thank you for the clarification.

XXXXXXX

On Wed, May 12, 2021 at 12:28 PM Rigney, Ron B (KYTC) < Ron.Rigney@ky.gov> wrote:

XXXXXXX,

The construction phase for the Kenton County 6-450 KY-1303 Turkeyfoot Road from Dixie Highway to Dudley Road project" was not included within the 2020 Highway Plan.

As KYTC moves forward with the 2021 SHIFT process and the process of preparing the 2022 Recommended Highway Plan to be submitted by the Governor to the General Assembly in January 2022, KYTC will be reviewing available funding and prioritized needs of future phases for consideration of inclusion in the 2022 Recommended Highway Plan.

Again, thanks for your comments and questions.

Ron

Ronald B. Rigney, PE & PLS

KYTC Transportation Engineering Director

Division of Program Management

From: XXXXXXXXXXX

Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 12:13 PM

To: Curry, Selena A (KYTC) <Selena.Curry@ky.gov>

Cc: Rigney, Ron B (KYTC) < <u>Ron.Rigney@ky.gov</u>>; XXXXXXXX

Subject: Re: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Draft FY 202<u>1-2024 Statewide Transp</u>ortation Improvement Program (<u>STIP</u>) available for public review

Thanks for adding back the R/W and Utilities on this list. Are there Construction dollars planned in future years, will this also be added?

XXXXXXXXXXX

On Wed, May 12, 2021, 11:27 AM Curry, Selena A (KYTC) < Selena. Curry@ky.gov > wrote:

XXXXXXXX,

Please see Ron Rigney's response to your question. Let us know if you have any other questions or comments.

XXXXXX,

Thank you for pointing out that the right-of-way (R) phase and utility (U) phase for the Kenton County 6-450.00 "KY-1303 Turkeyfoot Road from Dixie Highway to Dudley Road project" is not listed in the Draft STIP Exhibit A-5 Project Listing.

We have checked and determined that in our process of removing project phases from the Draft STIP project listing that already had funding authorized, the required funding for the R and U phases of the project were incorrectly shown as having already been authorized.

We will add the R and U phases for the Kenton County 6-450.00 "KY-1303 Turkeyfoot Road from Dixie Highway to Dudley Road project" to the final 2021 STIP Exhibit A-5 Project Listing.

Also, we checked the OKI MPO TIP, and the R and U phases for the Kenton County 6-450.00 "KY-1303 Turkeyfoot Road from Dixie Highway to Dudley Road project" are included in the OKI MPO TIP, thus by reference from the OKI TIP, the R and U phases for the project is officially included in the current approved KYTC STIP.

Again, thank you for taking the time to check the listing of projects and pointing out to us that the right-of-way (R) phase and utility (U) phase for the project is not listed in the Draft STIP Exhibit A-5 Project Listing.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please just let us know.

Thanks,

Ron

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From: XXXXXXXX

Sent: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 2:14 PM

To: Curry, Selena A (KYTC) < <u>Selena.Curry@ky.gov</u>>; XXXXXXXXXX

Subject: Re: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Draft FY 202<u>1-2024 Statewide Transp</u>ortation Improvement Program (STIP) available for public review

Thanks for this information. There is a project in the City of Crestview Hills (6-450) KY-1303 for Turkeyfoot Road from Dixie Highway to Dudley Road that I don't see in the new plan. Was it missed or is it still under an old plan.

XXXXXXXX

On Mon, May 10, 2021 at 11:10 AM Curry, Selena A (KYTC) < Selena. Curry@ky.gov > wrote:

To: Kentucky's County Judge/Executives

Mayors of Kentucky's Cities

The attached letter is to inform you that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC's) Draft FY 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is available for public inspection on the KYTC's web site at: http://transportation.ky.gov/Program-Management/Pages/2021-Draft-STIP-Book.aspx. Please see the letter for further details.

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MONDAY ROUNDUP

Tornado avoids Hickman upset bid with late rally

BY SUN STAFF

CLINTON — Hickman County could smell the upset as it led Paducah Tilghman 2-1 going into the seventh. With two out and a 2-0 count, the Tornado started its comeback and emerged with a 3-2 win after eight innings of high school baseball on Monday

Leyton Patterson faced that count with Levin East on first. He singled a hard grounder to right field, where Eli Armbruster had trouble handling the ball and East came home with the tying run.

Jack Hutcheson led off the eighth for the Tornado with a walk, then reached second on a sacrifice bunt by Jaylen Seay. After West walked, Zion LaGrone singled hard to center to bring Hutcheson home with the eventual game winner. Kaleb Harper, who was 3-for-4 for the Falcons, singled off to lead off the bottom of the eighth. However, East retired the next three batters he faced, including two strikeouts, to earn the triumph.

Paducah Tilghman Hickman County 000 11 3 5 0 001 100 002 7 1 WP: East. LP: Prince.
2B: P-Patterson; H-C. Naranjo. 3B: none. HR: none. Top hitters: P-Patterson 2-3; H-Harper 3-4, Carter 2-3. Records: Tilghman 18-2, Hickman 13-6.

Crittenden 13, Livingston 3 — At Marion, Tyler Boone drove in four runs with a pair of singles as Crittenden County took care of FIfth District foe Trigg County in five innings. Caden McCallister drove in two runs for the Rockets while Jeremiah Foster fanned six Cardinals for the victory.

Livingston Central Crittenden County 061 24 13 11 2 WP: Foster. LP: D. Ramage. 2B: none. 3B: none. HR: none. Top hitters: L-E. Ramage 2-3; C-McCallister 1-3 (2 RBI), Boone 2-4 (4 RBI), Winders 2-3 (RBI), Smith 2-2 (RBI). Records: Livingston 3-14, Crittenden 12-5.

Trigg 21, Russellville 0

— At Russellville, Joe Peca drove in five runs with four hits as Trigg County put up 12 runs in the seventh to breeze past Russellville. Andrew Williamson and Bryce Cunningham each had four RBI for the Wildcats. Trey Carr struck out 10 Panthers for the win.

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Russellvill 000 000 0 0 4 1 WP: Carr. LP: Roberts.
2B: T-Humprhies, J. Peca. 3B: T-Williamson. HR: none. Top hitters: T-Williamson 3-4 (4 RBI), J. Peca 4-4 (5 RBI), Canningham 2-5 (4 RBI), Carr 2-5 (RBI), Humphries 2-5 (2 RBI), I. Peca 2-3, Terrell 2-3; R-Hollaway 2-4. Records: Trigg 6-9, Russellville 2-18.

In other baseball action, Carlisle County eked out a 4-3 home win over Ballard Memorial while Lyon County blanked Union County 10-0 2-3, Pearson 2-3; B-Riggs 2-3, Parrott 2-3. Records: Carlisle 5-6, Ballard 2-14. over five innings in Eddyville.

SOFTBALL

Calloway 4, Murray 1 - At Murray, Emerson Grogan put Calloway County up for good against Fourth District arch rival Murray with a two-run homer to center in the bottom of the first. Izzy Housden singled the first run home during a 3-for-3 day for the Lakers on top of striking out 10 Tigers for the complete game victory.

Murray 000 010 0 1 2 1 310 000 0 4 8 1 WP: Housden. LP: Chapman. 2B: M-Latimer; C-Housden. 3B: none. HR: C-E. Grogan (1 on in 1st). Top hitters: C-Housden 3-3 (RBI), Hicks 2-4, E. Grogan 1-3 (2 RBI). Records: Murray 8-5, Calloway 15-6.

Ballard 1, Carlisle 0 — At La Center, After Michaela Meyer bunted out in the third inning, an error at second allowed Miley Nichols to score the only run of the game as Ballard Memorial stopped Carlisle County for just its second victory of the season. The Comets outhit their hosts 10-7 but error-free fielding by the Bombers kept their guests at

Carlisle County
Ballard Memorial
WP: McKinney. LP: Thomason.
2B: C-Shehorn, Thomason. 3B: none. HR: none.
Top hitters: C-Atkins 2-4, Thomason 2-3, Allen

Livingston 12, CCA 1 — At Smithland, After Community Christian Academy scored the first run of the game, Livingston Central got all the rest including 10 in the second of a five-inning rout. Victoria Joiner went 4-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI for the Cardinals.

Madison Bolte fanned eight Warriors in picking up the

Community Christian Livingston Centra WP: Bolte. LP: Arnett. 2B: C-Peeler; L-Joiner 2, Crittenden. 3B: none. HR: none. Top hitters: L-Joiner 4-4 (3 RBI), Lasher 2-4 (RBI), Suare 2-3 (2 RBI), Norton 2-3 (RBI), Crittenden 2-2 (2 RBI). Records: CCA 2-6, Livingston 11-5.

Marshall 9, Hickman

1 — At Clinton, Kinley Edwards, Cayson Conner, Riley Piercefield and Charlev Pursley each had three hits for Marshall County in a win over Hickman County. Edwards finished a home run shy of hitting for the cycle with Layne Pea hitting a solo shot to lead off the fourth for the Marshals.

Marshall County 022 112 1 9 15 1 100 000 1 2 6 3 Hickman County . . . WP: Lovett. LP: Rose

WP: Lovett. LP: Rose. 2B: M-Edwards. 3B: M-Edwards, Pursley. HR: M-Pea (none on in 4th). Top hitters: M-Pursley 3-5 (2 RBI), Conner 3-4, Edwards 3-4 (2 RBI), Jezik 2-4 (2 RBI), Piercefield 3-4 (RBI). Records: Marshall 16-9, Hickman 12-7.

Crittenden 11, Trigg 0 At Marion, Ashlyn Hicks drove in half of her four RBI for Crittenden County with a two-run homer to left in the fourth against Fifth District rival Trigg County. Riley Smith collected three hits for the Rockets as she and Elliot Evans each drove in two runs. Chandler Moss cracked a solo homer in the third and held the Wildcats to two hits for the win.

Trigg County
Crittenden County
WP: Moss. LP: West.
2B: C-Evans, Hicks, Smith. 3B: none. HR: C-Hicks (1 on in 4th), Moss (none on in 3rd). Top hitters: C-Hicks 2-3 (4 RBI), Long 2-3 (RBI), Moss 2-3 (RBI), Smith 3-3 (2 RBI), Evans 1-1 (2 RBI). Records: Trigg 4-10, Crittenden 9-5.

In other softball contests, Graves County stopped Christian Fellowship 10-0 in five innings while Caldwell County dominated Webster County 12-1 over six innings in Dixon.

BOYS TENNIS ST. MARY 2, TILGHMAN 1 Singles: Whitson McNeill (T) d. Rex Roof 8-1, Tate Jennings (SM) d. Phillip Jones 8-5. Doubles: Jennings/Roof (SM) d. McNeill/Jones 9-7.

GIRLS TENNIS

TILGHMAN 9, 5T. MARY 0 Singles: Natalie Lansden d. Claire Haas 8-0, Abby Brown (T) d. Milleah Smith 8-0, Anna West d. Ava Campbell 8-0, Meghan Gruber d. Therese Smith 8-1, Madelyn Duwe d. Miranda Gartner 8-1, Kate LeBuhn d. Vanessa Becker

8-3. Doubles: Gruber/West d. Haas/Megan Lorch 8-4, LeBuhn/Duwe d. Milleah Smith/Campbell 8-1, Frannie Hideg/Addison Winklepleck d. Therese Smith/Maya Smith 8-6.

Lady Mustangs capture Section 1 Tournament

BY SUN STAFF

The McCracken County girls tennis team won the Kentucky High School Tennis Coaches Association (KYHSTCA) Section 1 Tournament in dominant fashion over the weekend. Matches were played at Paducah Tilghman and Lone Oak on Friday and Saturday.

The Lady Mustangs didn't drop any of their matches over three rounds of play. They opened with a 5-0 win over Mayfield on Friday and proceeded to win 3-0 over Paducah Tilghman in the semifinals and 5-0 over Greenwood in the championship on Satur-

In the championship McCracken's Shelby Puryear defeated Arden Dethridge 6-1 and 6-0, Maggie Smith defeated Abigail Daughtry 6-0 and 6-0, and Hannah Puryear defeated Leia Trinh 6-0 and 6-0 in singles play. In doubles, McCracken's Lilli Smith and Sophie Hollowell defeated Greer Glosiele and Kate Young 6-2 and 6-0, and Madeline Yates and Katie Crabtree defeated Avery Overmohle and Olivia Overmohle 6-2 and 7-6 (7-3).

In the semifinal win over Tilghman, Lilli Smith defeated Meghan Gruber 6-0 and 6-3, and Maggie Smith defeated Addison Winklepleck 6-0 and 6-0 in singles play. In doubles, Hannah Puryear and Crabtree defeated Kate LeBuhn and Frannie Hideg 6-0 and

Against Mayfield, Hollowell scored a victory via a Molly Null retirement in the first set. In the other two singles matches, Lilli Smith won 6-0 and 6-0 over Joey Grace Sulta, and Maggie Smith won 6-0 and 6-0 over Claire Crawford. Shelby Puryear and Yates (6-0, 6-0 over Megan Null and Josie Hale) and Hannah Puryear and Crabtree (7-5, 6-2 over Kiya Morris and Charli Stanley) won their doubles matches.

Hopkinsville won the third-place match, defeating Paducah Tilghman 3-2. Tilghman's two points came via a singles win from Gruber (6-4,

dux) and a doubles win from Natalie Lansden came via Noel Puertollaand Maddie Duwe (6-0, no (6-3, 7-5 over Whitson 6-0 over Elaine Baker and McNeill) in singles play Morgan Woosley).

Tilghman had advanced to the semifinals after defeating St. Mary 5-0. Abby Brown (6-1, 6-2 over Megan Lorch), Duwe (6-1, 6-1 over Claire Haas) and LeBuhn (6-0, 6-3 over Ava Campbell) scored singles victories. Anna Noble) won singles West and Gruber (6-0, matches. LeBuhn and 6-0 over Maya Smith and Therese Smith) and Lansden and Winklepleck (6-0, 6-1 over Haley Froehlich and Miranda Gartner) won in doubles ris and Hudson Daniels)

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a 3-2 win over McCracken. Davis Rowton (6-1, two points in the match. 6-0 over Om Patel) and Evan Jones (6-3, 6-0 over Aaron Lundberg) won in singles play for the Blue Tornado, which McNeil) and James Chen got a doubles victory and Johnathon Foust from Sam Kirchoff and (1-6, 6-2 and 10-4) scored Zach Ybarzabal. That duo won 7-6 (7-4) and tide.

McCracken's victories and Keegan Terrone and Haden Scruggs (6-3, 6-4 over AJ Armstrong and Ben LeBuhn) in doubles.

The Tornado then defeated South Warren, 4-0, in the semifinals. Rowton (6-1, 6-0 over Jake Taylor) and Jones (6-1, 6-2 over Antonio Armstrong (6-0, 6-0 over Caden Mattingly and Micah Rowland) and Kirchoff and Ybarzabal (6-0, 6-0 over Salem Harwon in doubles.

In the championof Ybarzabal and Kirchoff won their match in three Tilghman opened with sets — 2-6, 6-4 and 10-6 — to score the Tornado's Two other matches went to three sets, as Greenwood's Landon Trinh (3-6, 6-1 and 10-8 over wins that helped turn the

7-5 over Sophie Mad- tosh and Hutch Crabtree. man, McCracken pro- Wallace and Grayden team of Jordan Hammett ceeded to take the consolation championship to finish in fifth place. The Mustangs defeated Madisonville-North Hopkins, 5-0, in the consolation semifinals. Terrone (6-4, 6-1 over Joey Plain), McIntosh (6-3, 6-2 over Nathaniel Crick) and Scruggs (6-2, 6-0 over Braden Bell) won in singles play. Crabtree and Lundberg (6-0, 6-2 over Tony Popescu and Aidan Brummer) and Patel and Puertollano (6-3, 6-3 over Tate Young and Kale Knight) won in doubles.

> The Mustangs then defeated Caldwell County, 4-1, in the consolation championship. Terrone (6-0, 6-1 over Nick Adams), McIntosh (6-0, 6-0 over Cannon Littlejohn) swept singles play, and Patel and Puertollano (6-2, 6-1 over Billy

match.

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Miller) won their doubles and Ryan Hammett, who won 6-4 and 7-5 (10-

came from the doubles Lundberg.

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Applications now open for the Kentucky Coalition for Advancing Education

Applications are now being accepted for those who would like to join the Kentucky Coalition for Advancing Education and help shape a new vision for the state's public school students. The coalition follows a series of 11 virtual listening tours held across the Commonwealth to gather input on the strengths and weaknesses of our current education system.

A joint project of the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), the Center for Innovation in Education (C!E) and the Kentucky Board of Education, the coalition will be involved in the design of a new assessment and accountability system Kentucky's public schools and a strategic plan for KDE. This work will help re-imagine how students and schools are supported across the Commonwealth.

It is critical that the Kentucky Coalition for Advancing Education include the voices of Kentuckians who represent the diverse communities and needs across the state. Applications are being sought from family members, students and staff who are interested in helping reshape Kentucky's public schools.

Coalition members will be expected to attend weekly virtual meetings in

June, engage in some shared work in July and meet biweekly in August and September. The group's first meeting will be 4-6 pm ET on June 1. Starting in October, the coalition will meet monthly for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year.

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UofL Junior wins Kentucky's only 2021 Truman Scholarship

By Janet Cappiello

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – University of Louisville junior Lexi Raikes has won Kentucky's only Harry S. Truman Scholarship for 2021.

The award, valued at \$30,000, is given to just 62 U.S. college juniors annually. It is the premier graduate scholarship for aspiring public service leaders in the United States.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship foundation announced the winners April 14.

Raikes, a Campbellsville, Kentucky, native, plans to use the scholarship toward her goal of attending Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., to earn a law degree and a Master's of Science in Georgetown's Addiction Policy and Practice program.

"Addiction is one of the most under-addressed and mistreated problems in our society today," Raikes said. "It has deeply impacted our state, my community and my own family. I hope to dedicate my career in public service to dismantling policies that stand in the way of harm reduction and comprehensive recovery."

Raikes heard the news during an emotional surprise video call with UofL President Neeli Bendapudi.

"You are the best of the Cardinal Spirit," Bendapudi said. "You persevered through an extremely challenging year to earn this prestigious scholarship."

There were more than 800 applicants for this year's Truman Scholarship from more than 300 colleges and universities.

"Our best students stack up against anybody's best students," said Charlie Leonard, who directs UofL's Office of National and International Scholarship Opportunities. "We hit the jackpot

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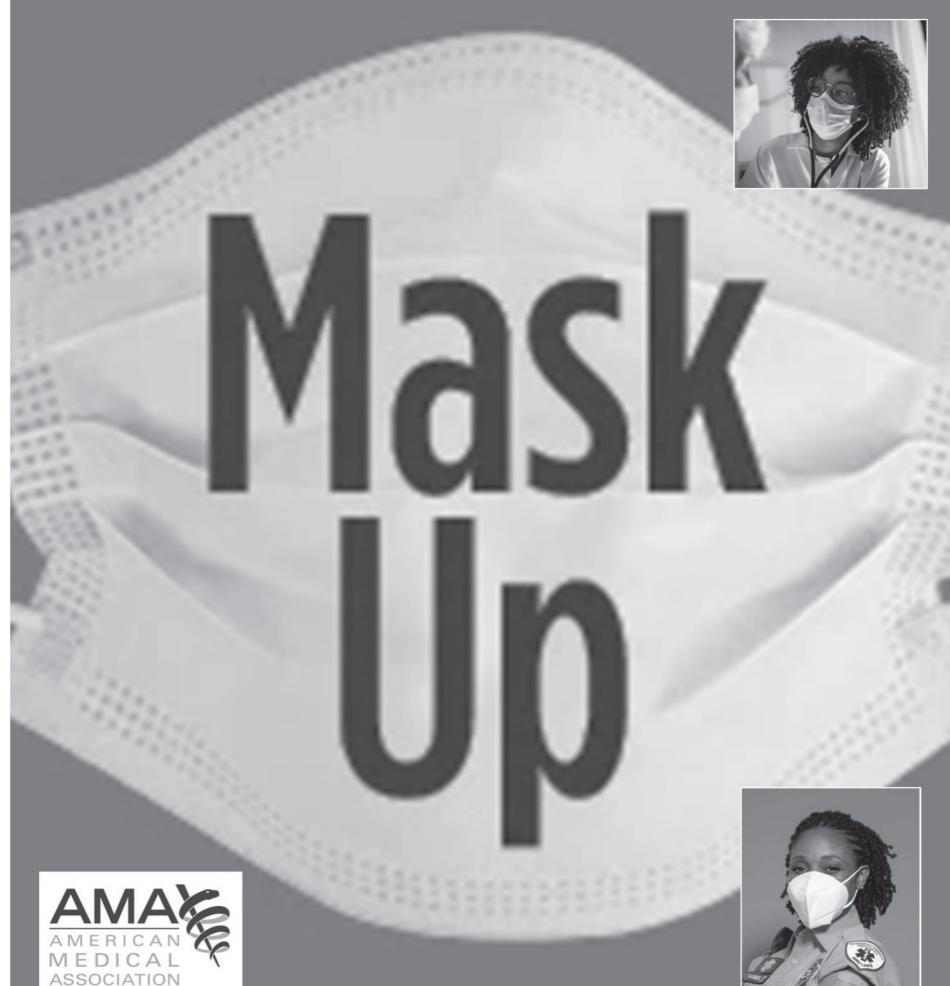
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Hall

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mary care services as well as mental health counseling, a pharmacy and a food and clothing pantry. To be healthy, she said, people need the basics of life. And she was going to help make sure they had those necessities

"It's a shame in a country as rich as ours that people in Appalachia can get without food and they are hungry," Hall told The Courier Journal in 2014, adding that many were reluctant to seek help. "Our people — they're poor, but they're proud."

During her lifetime, Hall received numerous awards and accolades for her work and advocacy, including honorary doctorates from Berea, Midway and Pikeville colleges in Kentucky and Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

She was also the subject of a book, "Mud Creek Medicine," by Kiran Bhatraju.

Dr. Garrett Adams, who retired from the full-time faculty of the University of Louisville School of Medicine, reviewed Bhatraju's book in 2014. He wrote Hall's clinic provided for all of the patients' medical and mental care needs, transportation, food and shelter "not through any academic study of the health system or high-minded idealism, but out of an intuitive sense of what folks on the verge of poverty required."

"She was remarkable — somebody that every man and woman should look up to," Adams, a past president of Physicians for a National Health Program, said in an interview Sunday. "She was a hero and one of the most courageous women I ever heard of."

Kentucky's senior U.S. senator, Mitch McConnell, said in a statement Hall, a self-described "hillbilly ac-



Mud Creek Clinic founder Eula Hall, seen in 2014, died Saturday at age 93. JESSICA EBELHAR/COURIER JOURNAL FILE

tivist," changed the lives of her neighbors, pouring "everything she had" into the Mud Creek clinic and devoting her life to medical care of Kentuckians.

"Even after a fire burned down the clinic, her team didn't miss a single day. Slowing down was simply never an option," said McConnell, who called her one of the toughest women he's ever met.

"Since Eula opened her doors nearly 50 years ago, she blessed her community and our Commonwealth with care and a generous spirit," he added. "She was a

lifelong champion of her people and will remain an inspiration for years to come."

Hall is survived by three sons, one daughter, eight grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, according to an online obituary.

A funeral service will take place 10 a.m. Tuesday at Hall Funeral Home in Martin.

 ${\it Courier Journal \, reporter \, Darcy \, Costello \, contributed} \\ {\it to \, this \, report.}$

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perienced by some people who have had CO-VID-19. Those are among the most common and most serious symptoms associated with the virus.

Individuals 18 or older who have had COVID-19 confirmed by a diagnostic test are eligible to participate regardless of whether they have had lasting symptoms from the illness.

Vaccination status does not affect eligibility.

All appointments and tests are free. Information will be used for research only and will be kept confidential. Study visits are conducted every three to six months and participants are followed for about one year.

For more information, visit the website, email COVclinic@louisville.edu or call 502-852-8680.

Stack weighs in on vaccine myths

Dr. Steven Stack, the state's public health commissioner, said Thursday that despite "myths" going around, none of the vaccines have shown an impact on women's fertility.

"That is a falsehood, and we have not found any information to support that," he said.

Stack said it is recommended that people who are pregnant get the vaccine, "because the risk of the disease when you're pregnant is greater."

Starting Monday, Stack also said, Kentuckians will be able to enter their ZIP codes at www.vaccines.gov/ search to find the vaccination sites nearest them, as well as the option to choose which vaccine they want to get.

"This is something we have hoped for for a long time," Stack said. "We wanted people to be able to have choice. Previously, we didn't have enough vaccine for people to have choice. Now, for the most part, there's enough vaccine available that people can have choice.

"You'll be able to pick, do you want Pfizer, or Moderna, or J&J, or some combination of those," he said, though mixing doses isn't recommended.

"It's theoretical about whether there's any benefit to get one vaccine then jump to another; there's not research trials that have proven that," Stack said. "Mixing and matching vaccines right now is theoretical — it's not been studied and it's not been proven yet. And so, for right now I would recommend you do not do that. Go back and get the second dose of the same vaccine, and if the science later shows otherwise then we'll update you on that when we reach that point."

In addition to the website that allows ZIP code input, Stack said people will be able to see vaccine

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appointments via text. English speakers can text their ZIP codes to 438829 and get a reply text containing three site options. Spanish speakers can text their ZIP codes to 822862 for locations.

Kroger Field vaccine site to demobilizes

After May 14, the CO-VID-19 vaccine clinic at the University of Kentucky Kroger Field in Lexington will demobilize and shift from the stadium to pharmacies operated by UK health, the uni-

versity announced Friday.

Starting May 19, vaccines will be available at UK pharmacies at 2317 Alumni Park Plaza, which includes a drive-thru option, and at University Health, 830 S. Limestone.

Individuals who need to schedule a second dose may do so at either pharmacy site.

Those wishing to schedule a vaccine may do so through ukvaccine .org.

More than 240,000 vaccine doses have been administered at the Krog-

er Field site, which opened in January.

UK reports that so far, more than 60% of students, 70% of staff and 80% of faculty have had at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The university strongly encourages students to get the vaccine.

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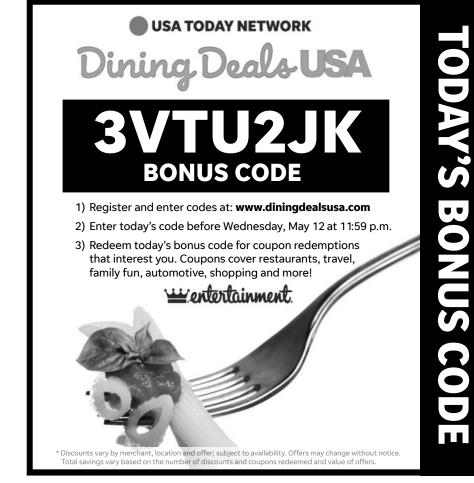
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As cases grow, India's vaccination campaign falters

BY KRUTIKA PATHI Associated Press

BENGALURU, INDIA

Since India opened vaccinations to all adults this month, hoping to tame a disastrous coronavirus surge sweeping across the country, the pace of administering the shots has dropped, with states saying they have limited stock.

Cases meanwhile are still rising at a record pace in the world's secondmost populous nation. On Sunday, India reported 403,738 confirmed cases, including 4,092 deaths. Overall, India has over 22 million confirmed infections and 240,000 deaths. Experts say both figures are undercounts.

India's Supreme Court

said Saturday it would set up a national task force consisting of top experts and doctors to conduct an "oxygen audit" to determine whether supplies from the federal government were reaching states.

Complaints of oxygen shortages have dominated the top court recently, which stepped in earlier this week to make sure the federal government provided more medical oxygen to hospitals in the capital, New Delhi.

The country's massive vaccination drive kicked off sluggishly in January when cases were low and exports of vaccines were high, with 64 million doses going overseas. But as infections started to rise in March and April, India's exports drastically slowed down so doses went to its

own population. So far, around 10% of India's population have received one shot, while just under 2.5% have gotten both.

At its peak in early

April, India was administering a record high of 3.5 million shots a day on average. But this number has consistently shrunk since, reaching an average of 1.3 million shots a day over the past week. Between April 6 and May 6, daily doses have dropped by 38%, even as cases have tripled and deaths have jumped sixfold, according to Bhramar Mukheriee, a biostatistician at the University of Michigan who has been tracking India's epidemic.

One reason for the drop in shots is that there are just not enough available, experts say. Currently,



Flower vendors wearing masks await customers Sunday at a market in Prayagraj, India.

India's two vaccine makers produce an estimated 70 million doses each month of the two approved shots - AstraZeneca, made by the Serum Institute of India, and another by Bharat Biotech.

Vaccine supply has remained nearly the same since the drive began in January, but the target population eligible has increased by threefold, said Chandrakant Lahariya, a health policy expert.

In Kerala state, the drive to inoculate all adults is crawling along because "our single biggest problem is the very

slow arrival of supplies," said the state's COVID-19 officer, Amar Fetle.

In New Delhi, many are waiting for hours outside vaccination centers - but only after they've been able to book a slot.

Experts also point to a new policy change by the government, which has upended how doses are being distributed.

Previously, all of the stock was bought by the federal government and then administered to the population through both public and private health facilities.

But from May 1, all

available stock has been divided in two, with 50% purchased by the government going to public health centers to inoculate those above 45. The remaining half is being purchased by states and the private sector directly from manufacturers at set prices to give adults below

This has led to lags as states and private hospitals, still adjusting to new rules, struggle to procure supplies on their own.

"You have now taken it out of a fairly efficient system where every dose was still centrally controlled," said Jacob John, a professor of community medicine at Christian Medical College, Vellore. "But with market forces at play and unprepared states burdened with such a daunting task, the efficiency of the system has fallen."

The government last month gave an advance to the Serum Institute of India and Bharat Biotech, which could help boost manufacturing. And last week, India received its first batch of Sputnik V vaccines.

China: Rocket debris burned up in re-entry

Associated Press

BEIIING

China's space agency said a core segment of its biggest rocket re-entered Earth's atmosphere above the Maldives in the Indian Ocean and that most of it burned up early Sunday.

Harvard astrophysicist Jonathan McDowell, who tracked the tumbling rocket part, said on Twitter: "An ocean reentry was always statistically the most likely. It appears China won its gamble. But it was still reckless."

On social media, people in Jordan, Oman and Saudi Arabia reported sightings of the Chinese rocket debris, with scores of users posting footage of the debris piercing the early dawn skies over the Middle East.

Usually, discarded rocket stages re-enter the atmosphere soon after liftoff, normally over water, and don't go into orbit.

China's official Xinhua News Agency later clarified that re-entry occurred Sunday at 10:24

a.m. Beijing time.

'The vast majority of items were burned beyond recognition during the reentry process," the report said.

Despite that, NASA Administrator Sen. Bill Nelson issued a statement saying: "It is clear that China is failing to meet responsible standards regarding their space debris."

The roughly 100-footlong rocket stage is among the biggest space debris to fall to Earth. China's space program, with its close military links, hasn't said why it put the main component of the rocket into space rather than allowing it to fall back to Earth soon after discharging its payload, as is usual in such operations.

The Long March 5B rocket carried the main module of China's first permanent space station -Tianhe, or "Heavenly Harmony" - into orbit on

April 29. An 18-ton rocket that fell in May 2020 was the heaviest debris to fall uncontrolled since the former Soviet space station Salyut 7 in 1991.

China's first space station, Tiangong-1, crashed into the Pacific Ocean in 2016 after Beijing confirmed it had lost control. In 2019, the space agency controlled the demolition of its second station, Tiangong-2, in the atmosphere.

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Police reform

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their list, after widespread protests erupted over the police killings of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd.

A Courier Journal analysis of more than a dozen Justice Department investigations of police agencies found these probes often result in better policing, but the pace often is glacial and the financial burden of the recommended reforms on cities — and taxpayers — can sometimes be crippling.

"The investigations are good for police departments — it helps them reorder and reorient," said former New Orleans police chief Ronal Serpas, now a criminal justice professor at Loyola University New Orleans.

"The downside is it has to be consistent with what

cities can afford."

When the Justice Department and local U.S. Attorney's office announced April 26 it was opening the "pattern and practice" investigation, they said it would determine whether the Louisville Metro Government and Metro Police have been violating citizens' civil rights.

Such investigations typically are so detailed they can take a year or more.

"They are one of the most invasive forms of external regulation of a police department that we have," said Stephen Rushin, an associate law professor at Loyola University Chicago who wrote a book about pattern and practice investigations.

While the Justice Department pays for the investigation, it's up to a city — and taxpayers — to pay for recommended changes, such as technology and equipment upgrades, training and hiring experts or independent monitors.

In places such as New Orleans and Ferguson, Missouri, tight budgets have threatened to derail years of reform efforts stemming from federal investigations.

Louisville officials say reforms already underway

In Louisville, Mayor Greg Fischer has said he welcomes the investigation even has he says the city has made significant strides toward police reform in recent months, including establishing a police civilian review board.

"Many of the reforms we expect them to suggest are already underway here, including several in the 2022 budget proposal," said Jean Porter, a spokeswoman for the mayor.

A \$190,000 comprehensive report by an outside firm Fischer hired found the police department "in crisis" and in need of immediate reform. The 158-page Hilliard Heintze report said Louisville police engaged in racially biased policing, failed to effectively monitor or discipline officers and had lost the community's trust.

Mehveen Riaz, a Justice Department trial attorney based in Washington D.C., said the Heintze report was a high-level review primarily focused on policies and training for select areas.

"Our investigation is more comprehensive and it's going to dig deeper," Riaz said during an online forum about the investigation.

Led by Justice Department attorneys, a team of policing experts will determine whether Louisville police use unreasonable force, including during peaceful protests; engage in unconstitutional stops, searches and seizures; and discriminate against people based on

They'll also determine whether the department and Metro Government fail to provide public services in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For example: Do officers mistreat or use more force against people with behavioral disabilities?

The probe will also involve significant input from citizens, she said.

Aprile Hearn, a Louisville protester and executive director of the Better Dayz Youth Coalition, said the investigation is long overdue.

"I'm not 100% convinced that anything will come from it, but I am glad they're here. It gives us a fresh breath," Hearn said.

What happened in other cities

The New Orleans probe took about 10 months, reviewing more than 36,000 pages of documents, spending hundreds of hours in community meetings and observing police officers, and interviewing officers, public officials, victims and witnesses to police misconduct.

The subsequent findings were scathing and recommendations vast, touching nearly every element of policing. They resulted in the nation's longest consent decree at the time, an agreement that outlines what the city, police department and independent monitors who report to the judge are required to do.

In 2019, the U.S. District judge overseeing the department said its progress had been "remarkable" over the past five years.

In a survey, residents' approval rating of the New Orleans Police Department was about 33% in 2009. As of October 2020, that figure was 57% - and 74% of respondents said their interaction with police department employees was "pleasant and courteous."

In Baltimore, a Justice Department investigation took 14 months, with another seven months to draft a 19-section, 510-paragraph consent decree, said Shannon Sullivan, director of the Baltimore Police Department's Consent Decree Implementation Unit.

The process of finalizing policies, drafting and training officers is still ongoing.

Next month, Baltimore police will see an early result of the investigation: a computer-based records management system promised in the consent decree four years ago. Some consent decrees are tailored to the agency and its problems and some focus on best practices nationally. But in all cases, Rushin said, they're a negotiation that often involves the community. The alternative is fighting the Justice Department's lawsuit in

'Cities are going broke'

Since the New Orleans investigation unveiled a long list of problems in 2010, the city has spent at least \$60 million on infrastructure, technology and independent monitors, said Serpas, who was the city's police chief

New Orleans, a historically poor city, has spent about \$1.8 million per year for the last nine on its police monitors — about what it costs to run the city's public li-

Serpas said the city didn't get federal funding for reforms while he was chief. But in 2015, the Justice Department gave the city \$1.9 million to hire 15 community police officers and purchase more body cameras — part of \$107 million doled out to agencies across the country that applied for it.

Serpas said everyone wants constitutional policing, but the federal government has to find a way to mitigate

"The reality is cities are going broke trying to pay for the reforms," he said.

In Ferguson, where 18-year-old unarmed Michael Brown was shot by police in 2014, the burden has fallen on taxpayers. Residents in 2016 voted twice to raise taxes to maintain a balanced budget.

With a small tax base and a \$13 million city-wide annual budget, the city spent \$1 million in the first three

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