

## **Newsletter for Newtown Pike Extension**

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County and Route: Fayette, New Route

Project Description: Newtown Pike extension from West Main Street to South Limestone Street

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Approximate dates: Winter 2001

Comments (number of people reached, effectiveness of the technique, what you would do differently, etc.): The project utilized a newsletter 3-4 times a year. Often the newsletter was timed to address particular issues that were relevant at that time. The mailing list includes nearly 500 people such as residents and businesses affected by the project, the Citizens Advisory Group, local officials and business leaders, and other project partners and stakeholders.

## Web Site Coming Soon

Look for the Newtown Pike  
Extension Project Web site  
coming January 2002.  
[www.newtownextension.com](http://www.newtownextension.com)

## We want to hear from you.

*If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact:*

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## Meeting Notice

*Residents, don't miss the next opportunity to be involved in the planning process for your neighborhood. This is an important meeting for you to attend to present ideas for the future of your neighborhood.*

### **Tuesday, January 8, 2002 – Carver Center**

522 Patterson Street

*Public Meeting: 6:30 p.m.*

*There will be a general presentation at 6:30 p.m. of three neighborhood design scenarios followed by neighborhood discussion work groups.*

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# Newtown Pike Extension News

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## Newtown Pike Extension Project Planning and Design Phase Begins

You have heard about this project for years. Now, the waiting is over. Newtown Pike extension from Main Street to the University of Kentucky central campus area will become a reality. Why? Because we now have money set aside in the State Highway Construction Program for design and right-of-way acquisition.

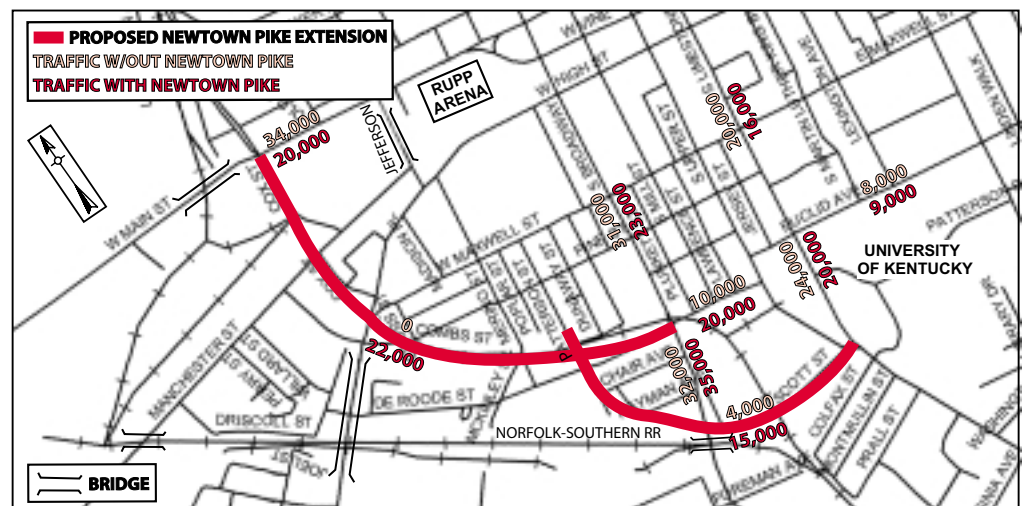
In June 2000, a report was issued concerning the purpose and need for extending Newtown Pike from Main Street to Broadway and Limestone streets. The purpose and needs statement focused on:

- Drawing unnecessary traffic out of downtown;
- Improving flow of through-traffic;
- Minimizing impact on the University of Kentucky's central campus;
- Reducing automobile congestion;
- Improving downtown redevelopment opportunities;
- Not imposing undue burden on other areas; and
- Increasing opportunities for transit, pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

From this study, a map of the preferred traffic corridor was developed.

As currently proposed, Newtown would extend from Main Street to Patterson Street as a four-lane boulevard with a grass median. At Patterson Street, it becomes two lanes to Broadway and meets up with Bolivar. Also at Patterson a two-lane connector meets with the existing Scott Street and lines up with the University of Kentucky's main entrance on Limestone Street. This connector does not link to Broadway but goes over Broadway.

The location of the proposed boulevard is not definite. Unknown conditions such as historic properties, underground storage tanks and other potential environmental conditions, and neighborhood street connections have to be considered. These unknown conditions will be determined within the next six months. During this time, there will be



an extensive environmental assessment to determine such conditions, as well as to record neighborhood impacts and concerns. The small area planning effort will compose the neighborhood desires and concerns into an overall enhancement plan for the project corridor. The investigation and public involvement programs have already been activated and are explained in more detail in this newsletter.

### PROJECT TIMELINE

#### Design /Environmental Assessment/Public Meetings

September 2001 – March 2003

#### Right-of-Way Acquisition/Utility Relocations

March 2003 – March 2005

#### Construction

April 2005 – June 2007

#### Open to Traffic

June 2007

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## Small Area Planning Efforts

The City of Lexington has recently embarked on a small area plan for the Newtown Pike Extension. The project area encompasses the neighborhoods surrounding the Extension project — Davistown, Irishtown, Speigle Heights, Woodward Heights and Pralltown.

### The purpose of the small area plan is to:

- Assess the redevelopment potential within the study area;
- Evaluate the impacts of the roadway extension;
- Produce a plan that responds to the findings; and
- Incorporate public participation into the process.

The objectives are to recognize the unique character of the area while considering the proximity to downtown and the University of Kentucky. The plan will focus on developing the extension as an asset to the surrounding neighborhoods by improving economic conditions, fostering redevelopment, and protecting and redeveloping residential areas. Other considerations include making the corridor accessible to various types of transportation. The results of the small area plan will be incorporated into the final roadway design.

## Community Involvement

Community involvement is an integral part of the small area plan. It serves to involve all interested parties, giving them an opportunity to participate in the process and comment on the products of the plan. In addition, this serves as an opportunity to build consensus on the study issues.

### Elements of community involvement process:

- Public meetings;
- Focus group meetings;
- Steering committee meetings; and
- Planning commission meetings.



The first public meeting and focus groups were conducted on Nov. 13 and 14, 2001. More than 80 area residents, property owners and interested citizens turned out to hear about the project. They were given the opportunity to ask questions, offer ideas on new development and talk about issues that impact their lives as a result of this project. Project consultants were on hand to give detailed briefings about all aspects of the project.

**The second public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2002, at the Carver Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

## Community Profile Survey

On Nov. 3, 2001, four teams set out in the neighborhoods of Davistown, Irishtown, Woodward Heights and Pralltown to talk to residents and complete a community profile survey. Seventy-one surveys were completed. The following is a snapshot of information recorded about the neighborhood.



### DOOR-TO-DOOR SURVEY

	Davistown	Irishtown	Woodward Heights	Pralltown
Number of responses	18	18	17	18*
How long have you lived in this neighborhood? (Years)	37	32	4	25**
Do you have family in this neighborhood? (Yes responses)	14	10	1	7
Do you own or rent your house? (Own responses)	6	11	5	7

\* including 8 students

\*\* omitting responses from students

Project consultants will be using the results of these surveys to supplement Census data and to find out more about the residents concerns and insights. Other areas to be surveyed include the Western Suburb and Historic South Hill neighborhoods.

Enclosed is a copy of the survey. If you have not already filled one out, we encourage you to do so. If you have any questions regarding the survey, contact Mary Beth Robson at 859-977-2000. Return information is on the survey form.

## Neighborhood Discussions Coming Soon

Several residents have volunteered to meet with our project consultants in small groups to discuss specific concerns and insights about the highway project and their neighborhoods. These small group discussions will get started after the first of the year. If you are interested in participating, call Mary Beth Robson at 859-977-2000.

### Advisory Committee (See list on right)

Advisory Committee members were selected by study area council members Jacques Wigginton and Dick DeCamp. Responsibilities of the these committee members include attending the steering committee meetings, attending the public meetings, giving constructive input, and being the "eyes and ears" for the community.

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# Community Profile Survey

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To help us create an accurate community profile, we ask that you fill out the survey below and return it to the address shown at the bottom of the back page. This information will be used to help create a small area plan and address any special needs during the highway design.

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you lived in this neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What affected your decision to live in this neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do family members also live in this neighborhood?     Yes     No

4. Do you have close friends in this neighborhood?     Yes     No

5. Do you feel safe in this neighborhood?     Yes     Usually     No

6. What do you like or dislike about this neighborhood? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What neighborhood grocery stores, businesses, parks, community centers, etc. do you go to on a regular basis? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Does this neighborhood have someone you consider a community leader? You may list several. \_\_\_\_\_

9. Where do you work? \_\_\_\_\_

10. How long have you worked there? \_\_\_\_\_

11. How do you get to your job? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Do you rely on people outside of your home to provide childcare/elder care or to provide transportation to places such as the grocery, the doctor, your job, religious services, or other places?     Yes     No

*If yes, how often:*

Almost every day

At least once a week

Once or twice a month

Less than once a month

13. Do you own this house or rent it?     Own     Rent

14. How many people live in this household? \_\_\_\_\_

15. How many children under the age of 18 in this household? \_\_\_\_\_

16. How many people in this household work outside the home? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Of all the people in your household, what is the highest grade anyone completed in school?  
\_\_\_\_\_

18. Is your total household income above \$17,650?     Yes     No

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19. Is anyone in your household classified as disabled?     Yes    No
20. Does anyone in your household receive income support or unemployment assistance?     Yes    No
21. Does anyone in your household receive retirement income?     Yes    No
22. Which of the following best describes this household's race?  
 White     Bi-racial     Hispanic     Other  
 Black     Asian     American Indian
23. What is your age?  
 under 25 years     25-34 years     35-44 years     45-54 years  
 55-64 years     over 65 years
24. Are you familiar with the Newtown Pike extension project?     Yes    No

If yes, based on what you know about the road project, how do you think it will affect your neighborhood?

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25. Would you like to join us for a small group discussion?     Yes    No

If yes, what is the best way and time to reach you to notify you of meetings?

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26. Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_
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***Return completed survey to:***    Mary Beth Robson  
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