

**2018 Bardstown Road/Baxter Ave Safety Study Pilot Implementation - Public Feedback and Comments**

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Zip Code	Feedback/Comment
40204	I fully support getting rid of the lane lights. I live one block off of Bardstown Road and am come in contact with car and foot traffic every day. Beyond getting rid of the lane lights, I look forward to turning Bardstown Road into only 2 car travel lanes.
40291	I like the changes without the express lanes, it's safer and forces drivers to move at a slower speed which of course is better for pedestrians. I am over the moon about the all day parking on both sides of Bardstown Road...gives you an opportunity to explore more of the restaurants and retailers. It was always a hassle before trying to locate parking and then I felt bad for parking in front of the residents homes leaving them with very little parking close to their homes. Bardstown Road has so much for everyone in our community to explore and support, this change was way overdue...it's unfortunate it took so long and so many auto accidents (me included), near misses and lost revenue for the business. I am hopefully this change stays in place. Thanks to all involved who made this happen.
40205	I am thrilled to read that Bardstown Road has ended the lane change system that confused so many and led to downgrading the delightful corridor that is Bardstown Road. Now we will see Bardstown Road businesses flourish as parking is more available; speeding on Bardstown Road will diminish as there will be one lane in each direction. This enhances Bardstown Road as a pedestrian friendly destination and will encourage the livability of the neighborhoods. Thank you, Brandon Coan for promoting this concept and making it happen!!!
40205	Allow parking any time. Design spaces. I would like to see small bike lanes along road at some point.
40205	Make this change permanent by removing the rush hour patterns. One driving lane in each direction, two parking lanes, and bumpouts at intersections to improve pedestrian safety and slow traffic.
40208	I would like to see the off peak plan retained, or something similar. The flow of traffic has been much less confusing, and it's been nice being able to park directly in front of businesses I'm frequenting. In the past I've avoided Bardstown Rd shops and restaurants because parking has been such a hassle.
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40205	I am happy with the removal of the turning lane designations during peak hours. Many times I was almost hit head on by other drivers who did pay attention to the lane designation.

	<p>Moving the traffic down to one lane in each direction during peak times has added considerable time to my commute. I have already been looking at trying to cut through the residential streets to try to reduce the time. If everyone starts to do this it will create another set of problems.</p>
40203	<p>Making Bardstown rd one lane for each direction permanently is a good start. It is the most pedestrian friendly street as far as businesses go but very unfriendly to pedestrians. Needs wider sidewalks, buried utility lines and a protected bike ln. It should not be used for cut through traffic or cars that want to go over 25 mph. The city and the state need to invest in our neighborhood commercial corridors i.e. The Highlands, Old Louisville, Portland, Shelby Park, Frankfort Ave. Make all of these business and pedestrian friendly neighborhoods.</p>
40204	<p>Please make this change! It would be great!</p>
40205	<p>I love allowing street parking 24/7 and eliminating the rush hour lane changes. It's safer for pedestrians and less confusing for drivers.</p>
40206	<p>I'm soooo happy to see full time parking on Bardstown road. Pedestrian safety will be helped and is key to revitalization in the area.</p>
40207	<p>I am trying to figure out what possible positive outcome could result from the changes made to traffic flow on Bardstown Road. I have asked many people "Why? What is the reason for the change?" I cannot find one person that can articulate any good reason for turning Bardstown Road into a virtual parking lot during rush hour. I have heard many negative comments including that it diverts traffic to side streets making them less safe for pedestrians and children. Also 24 hour parking promotes people sleeping in cars and moving the homeless population to yet another area. If the purpose of the changes are to make Bardstown Road less safe, then well done Louisville. Once again you have ignored the safety and best interest of your citizens to gain points with the "woke" crowd.</p>
40241	<p>Since April 2020, the area has seen a dramatic reduction in traffic due to the coronavirus pandemic lockdowns, as well as civil unrest issues, therefore it's absurd to consider this period as an adequate test. I believe the fact that the city is not seeking to invest in the Highlands further exemplifies the tone-deafness of Mayor Fisher and local civic leaders. The Highlands was for years the core of Louisville's main strip of local bars, restaurants, shops, etc. It was the heart of "Keep Louisville Weird." It was a place of acceptance for the LGBTQ community,. Ever since Mayor Fisher took office and Councilman Tom Owen left office, the area has been withering. It's currently on life-support, and it's being ravaged by rampant crime and vandalism at rates never seen before. I once planned to open a business in the Highlands. I've long given up on that idea. There's no way to manage traffic on this street without reintroducing light-rail, something Mayor Fisher's office has been opposed. Seriously, who wants to ride a bus? The Highlands represents a progressive populace and the street design should equal that to other historic progressive areas such as San Francisco and European cities and include better environmental traffic designs such as roundabouts. States such as Alaska and Indiana have installed numerous roundabouts, taking out traffic lights, reducing pollution and increasing safety. Cities such as Detroit and Cincinnati have installed light-rail, and they have seen huge benefits from it. Google opened an office in Detroit following Detroit's light-rail project. Google packed it's bags and abandoned Louisville after we abandoned light-rail and "built" a bus-line on Dixie Hwy. Portland and Seattle have very successful light-rail systems. The system should be left in place and maintained as-is. The roadway is ultimately a state-maintained route on the</p>

	<p>national highway system. Therefore, if the city cannot fund the maintenance, the state will have to step in. Mayor Fisher has closed libraries, always warned of budget shortfalls, but always had more than plenty to fund the PD with former Chief Conrad. It's unfortunate he feels the Highlands is not worth investment and the local councilman agrees. As a millennial, I would also hope the roadway will be left alone until the next election and someone more progressive can be elected and instilled in place.</p>
40207	<p>The traffic has been an absolute disaster on Bardstown road. It has severely affected my commute to and from work and has also caused several unpleasantries for my family and myself. While stuck in traffic, a homeless man rubbed his feces and semen all over my car while my daughter was in there while screaming obscenities at us. It was a moment I try to erase from my memory every day. Please make this pain and suffering end.</p>
40204	<p>It's a step in the right direction in terms of slowing traffic and improving pedestrian safety. But all the benefits won't be realized until the project is complete, with new curbs and lane lines, improved bus stops/service and enhanced crosswalks.</p>
40205	<p>So much better! The most stressful part of driving along Bardstown Road during rush hour were the parked cars in the travel lane and how other drivers reacted to the impediment by swerving or other unexpected actions. Living past Douglass loop, I have to drive the entire length to get to work, I am more than happy to take a little longer to get through the corridor to slow overall traffic and make it safer for pedestrians and drivers.</p>
40205	<p>There are already too many cars going too fast on Bardstown Road. Use the parking lanes to create bike/ transit lanes to allow different types of transposition to flourish. Businesses hit hard by the virus will need this foot traffic. To address parking concerns, i would look at building underground parking structures at strategic points.</p>
40205	<p>Should never have changed...Mostly because councilman Coan. When the hell is his term over?</p>
40205	<p>Testing a new traffic pattern in the midst of historically low levels of vehicle usage due to a global pandemic is a poor test case and could border on irresponsible or unethical data collection. The testing period should have normal levels of traffic to determine the effect on commute time and safety. Record numbers of commuters who work downtown transitioned to work from home when the pandemic and social unrest downtown worsened.</p> <p>I feel strongly that the test period should be extended through 2021 and possibly 2022 to determine the true impact and measure the potential permanent reduction in car traffic resulting from changing business habits in the wake of so many colleagues transitioning to work from home. It's possible many of those commuters will never go back to the office on a full time basis?</p>
40205	<p>How can you possibly tell anything that is remotely reliable during this study since COVID is affecting the corridor usage so dramatically? You'd better have really good justification for any changes you make as a result of this study. Be careful of seeing what you want to see.</p>
40205	<p>Sorry, this is not about Bardstown Rd. It's about junk pick up. Having junk pick up by appointment would reduce the opportunity for people who travel through neighborhoods during the week of junk pick up and "recycle, repurpose" lots of stuff. I've had my pile reduced to nearly nothing after someone came through and got all the metal for scrap. And I haven't bought a flower pot in years, since I can scavenge them during junk pick up week.</p> <p>Our landfill is a ticking time bomb. Please reconsider this ordinance.</p>

	Thanks.
40205	I prefer the reversible lane light system where turning cars are out of everyone's way during rush hour. I appreciate the draw of increased street parking and potential for adding restaurant seating or trees in the road area, but so far it's been unpredictable parking patterns and no seating or trees, and honestly it's annoying to have randomly parked cars on Bardstown Road during rush hour. You have to play a guessing game predicting where you'll get caught behind left turners and where the right lane will have parked cars, and then try to dodge the other cars zooming from behind you to go around the left turners before the light changes. For me, the alternative is rerouting through winding residential streets and making a bunch of turns which can nearly double my commute time depending on how easily I can make left turns where I don't have a 4-way stop. I strongly dislike the current Covid-era plan.
40205	The current scheme has been a net positive. Would love to see a dedicated turn lane with dedicated one side parking. One lane each direction only.
40205	I'm in favor of continuing this plan during the pandemic especially if it allows some of the unused lanes to be used to expand businesses into outdoor territory.
40205	As a resident of the highlands I love the reduced traffic lanes and increased parking option since Covid. I would like some version of this to be permanent 24-7. Maybe one permanent lane for parking and three for traffic 2 driving and a middle turn).
40205	This will not be an accurate test. I walk Bardstown Road every morning, and the traffic is very light. If traffic ever gets back to normal, then you can get an accurate picture.
40204	I recently moved to the highlands from St. Louis, Missouri, in February 2020. The land light system changes have been appropriate because the amount of vehicle traffic on these streets has gone down due to the shelter-in-place orders. I honestly believe that available parking on these streets must hold precedent over the rate of traffic commuting to one intersection to another on the Bardstown and Baxter Avenues. These avenues are not intended to be interstate highways. These are business districts. As a highlands resident, I would recommend allowing commercial space to establish outdoor seating within these designated street parking lanes, as well. These areas are business districts, and permitting local citizens to patronize these businesses within a reasonable level for convenience is more than important than ever to the independent business sector which is so vital to the prosperity and well-being of the city of Louisville and the great state of Kentucky as a whole. This must not become a compromise. Patronize is what these streets were designed to accommodate - small businesses - which are the most sturdy and reliable industry that exists within the American economy. These streets are not designed to be high speed commuter interstates and must be easily circumvented by personal vehicle commuters looking for a more high speed route designed to accommodate those needs.
40205	How can you do a reliable test of the system when there was no school and many are working from home because of a pandemic?!
40205	I normally travel Bardstown Road everyday to and from work downtown. The reversing lanes can be useful, but seem to let really be needed at the stoplights. Plus, we a driver ignores the reversing lane signs, or just isn't aware of them, it can result in a dangerous situation.  To be completely honest I have barely noticed the full time "off peak" plan. I suspect that can be attributed to the quarantine and significantly reduced traffic on Bardstown road.

40205	We have had no traffic. No one is driving.
40204	Bardstown Road will continue to suffer as long as we accommodate the "pass-through" design of the streetscape. As COVID escalated and rush hour dissipated we saw an marked increase in cyclists and pedestrians utilizing the newfound calm of the corridor. It is imperative we continue moving in the direction of slowing traffic and encouraging slow eyes on the street; walkers, bikers, joggers, etc. We will benefit in the long run both economically and aesthetically if we can encourage this type of engagement over being an auto-oriented corridor.
40204	Please, please, please allow parking all day on Bardstown Rd. I love the neighborhood convenience without the rush hour traffic speeding down the Bardstown Rd corridor. We need more cross walks and less high speed traffic.
40204	This is not an ideal time for this study – large numbers of downtown workers are working from home right now and East Broadway. I fear that once the evening commute traffic returns to normal levels, the Broadway/Baxter/Cherokee Rd intersection will be very backed up if there are not two lanes traveling southbound and the turning lane.
40205	I travel on Bardstown Rd almost daily, and I cannot count the number of times (probably daily as well) that fail to recognize the lane changes required during rush hour. The overhead lane indicators are not nearly visible enough, and it makes the situation dangerous – especially for those who are using the lanes “properly” as turn lanes, who then get faced with oncoming cars who don’t realize the lanes have changed. Having the lanes at “off peak” these last few months has been so much safer. I believe we should get rid of the lane shifts and allow street parking without limits.
40205	I think anything that dissuades heavy traffic on Bardstown Road is beneficial. It has always been a small-business and pedestrian corridor, but has experienced decline in the past years and is now exacerbated with COVID-19. Anything the city can do to encourage foot traffic over car traffic is beneficial, and I think would help to attract more local businesses back to the neighborhood.
40205	Keep it in the off peak plan. Also need to provide street space for restaurants to expand outdoor eating space.
40205	The QK4 Safety Study does not adequately address capacity/delay issues and basically ignores TARC's needs by moving and eliminating stops or forcing buses to merge into traffic. One cannot consider this a trial period as traffic is way down due to Covid. When traffic resumes sometime next year, the delays will be significant. No other improvements, such as left-turns lanes and the like should be done until normal conditions prevail. I am submitting comments under separate cover to the city, TARC, and KYTC as they are too long to fit here.
40205	Return to the way it was. The traffic is terrible and I’m sure all the idling cars are spewing exhaust into the air.
40204	Can we install cameras that automatically send tickets to those going 10+ over the speed limit?  It would be a great source of revenue that could fund trees and other neighborhood initiatives for bardstown rd.  Thanks.

40205	As people return to working downtown, etc., we have a genuine need for the lane lights. None of the businesses along Bardstown Rd are open at 7AM. There is no need for on street parking at that time.
40205	I've lived in the Highlands for 25 years... multitudes of people have told Coan NO over and over about his plan for the street lights. He refuses to listen to his constituents.  He is removing another of the unique flavors that made the Highlands different – and, he won't be happy until he turns the 40205 into St. Matthews.
40222	The lane flow system should be retained and updated. It helps traffic move more smoothly based on time of day. The police need to enforce the rules however. I have lived in Louisville for 26 years and compliance with the signals isn't great. That however is not a reason to get rid of them. When people ignore the speed limit, we enforce it we don't remove it. There should also be better education. I learned about moveable lanes in my high school drivers ed class. It is not a difficult concept. Finally, the impact of the moveable lanes on business is negligible as the lanes only operate during the daytime/commuting hours and the majority of the Bardstown Road corridor businesses are hospitality related and are busiest after the commuting day.
40205	The results of the current study won't be valid because of the disruption caused by COVID-19. During this period schools and businesses were both closed. You can't observe the effects of changing the traffic patterns during rush hours until we return to having rush hours.
40218	I use Bardstown rd to travel to downtown office. Allowing cars to park during rush hour is going to cause significant congestion when traffic returns to normal. During a pandemic when traffic isn't normal is not the correct time to pilot a change.
40205	The changes are not good. My commute from my downtown office to my home in the afternoon has increased from 10 minutes to 25 minutes. The commute in the morning will also be bad when traffic returns to normal. It is also a lot more dangerous forcing bikers and cars to share one lane. The traffic system works great if you enforce the no parking from 7-9 am and 4-6 pm. For some reason the city stopped enforcing parking rules 5 years ago. Part of the charm of the highlands is the easy access to downtown and without the 3 lane system that will change, People like me will move away from the highlands and hurt property values.
40205	Please discontinue this absurd change. It dramatically increases commute time to downtown. Our downtown is destroyed and doesn't need further setbacks. It also encourages rush hour traffic to divert to residential roads not equipped to handle such traffic creating danger for children and walkers.
40205	More notice should be provided by signs on the route.
40205	Feel that traffic diverting more to the side residential roads will result in more dangers for children, runners and walkers.
40222	Whenever I drive through there, aesthetically the area does not look as nice because way more cars are parked on Bardstown Road than usual. It looks like a parking lot all the time now. I do not personally commute, but from friends and family who live in the area I am hearing that the changes are terrible and increasing commute times.
40206	Rush hour with 24 hour traffic is an absolute nightmare, it is impossible to get through at all. Because of this, side streets have seen an increase of traffic, creating a risk for pedestrians (specifically children).

40206	This has been a disaster in terms of commute times, and public safety. I guess the na'er do wells who came up with this could have done worse(maybe by jackhammering craters in the middle of the street), but by any standard this is a galactic miscalculation by people not qualified to assess and make decisions in the interest of commuters, businesses, and personal safety.
40207	Horrible.
40206	I was heading home from downtown yesterday when I was blindsided by a horrible case of diarrhea. With options limited and most downtown businesses closed/ boarded up , I had no choice but to s*** my pants. I ruined my 3 piece suit as well as the interior of my car. Had traffic not been an issue I'm sure I could have made it home to the toilet and this crisis would have been averted.