

Mount Washington traffic situation has options

**By Stephen Thomas
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MOUNT WASHINGTON — Welcome to Mount Washington... no left turn.

Mayor Stuart Owen informed the Mount Washington City Council about recent correspondence with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet regarding upgrades to the Highway 44 East corridor between old Bardstown Road and new Bardstown Road (the bypass).

KYTC hosted a public meeting in September featuring three plan designs for the corridor. They included ideas such as no eastbound nor westbound Highway 44 left turns at the Bypass with the addition of U-turn lanes and traffic lights north and south of the intersection.

Another plan involved added lanes in both directions of 44 from the Bypass to Water Street, with additional extension of West Street from Snapp Street to Oakbrooke Drive. Area residents spoke against that plan at following city council meetings.

The plan included an additional southbound lane of N. Old Bardstown Road, allowing a separate straight lane and right-turning lane. meanwhile, a left turning lane would be added on westbound 44.

The above plan involved a raised median along the center of 44 which would eliminate left turns other than at the intersection signals. According to Owen, this was the plan KYTC was looking into.

“There wouldn’t be any construction until maybe in 2027,” he said. “The good news is that the state is now looking at the city.”

Owen said safety was KYTC’s primary component although the median would eliminate left turns along the corridor. Council member Troy Barr admitted he had seen accidents in the past involving drivers being waved into the median.

In other business:

- Bids were collected by the city regarding the purchase and construction of a salt shed and new restroom facilities at Duvall Park.

Two salt shed bids included James Jewell Custom Homes, totaling \$472,588, and Peak Construction, Inc., at \$199,755.

Buzick Construction provided two totals for the park restrooms, including \$365,323.01 with included heating units and \$359,323.01 without.

Owen mentioned that the salt shed project would likely be rebid at a later date. Meanwhile, the council went into an executive session during the meeting to discuss land acquisition, which may include a location for a shed.

- The council tabled a vote to agree with the goals and objectives set in the Bullitt County Planning and Zoning Commissions first draft of the countywide 2045 comprehensive plan.

Barr made the motion to table the vote, mentioning that he could not access the online link to the plan prior to the meeting. He felt other council members had also not been able to review the plan, as well as the public, leading to an issue of transparency.

City clerk Dawn Hardin mentioned that a committee established by the commission included representatives from each of the county’s eight municipalities, with two public meetings hosted and two surveys released.

Hardin mentioned that the comprehensive plan would still require zoning change request to first go through the commission for a recommendation prior to a city vote to approve or deny.

Council member Greg Gentry said he spoke to a commissioner who said the plan was primarily about mapping, adding no significant changes, and that any changes to properties were made to the property owner’s advantage.

Gentry suggested that the city collect comments from the

public regarding the plan’s first draft. Hardin reiterated that two public hearings had been hosted by the commission. City attorney Scott Wantland reminded that anyone could sign in at a meeting to discuss the plan with the council.

- The council unanimously approved three rezoning involving consecutive properties along N. Bardstown Road owned by V&S Investments.

The properties, located at 487, 495 and 505 N. Bardstown, were rezoned from R-3 Residential to B-2 Business, with other business zones surrounding the area.

- The next Mount Washington City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 6:30 pm, at Fick Hall. The public is invited to attend.

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Bullitt County Fiscal Court Parks & Recreation will accept sealed bids on the following.

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Immanuel hosts sunrise service

Immanuel Baptist Church will host its annual sunrise service for Easter Sunday on April 20.

The service begins at 8:15 a.m.

A continental breakfast will follow the service.

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the risen Savior.

The church is located on 1810 W. Blue Lick Road in Shepherdsville. Bro. Carl M. Thomas is the pastor.

Mount Wash. Spring Vendor Market

The Mount Washington Lioness Club will host its Spring Vendor Fair.

It will be held on Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Mount Washington Pavilion, next to the First Baptist Church.

Everyone is invited to come out and get some great bargains.

BC Extension Board to meet

The Bullitt County Extension Board will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16, at the extension office. The public is invited to attend.

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Hello Everyone,

As the Bullitt County Jailer, I want to update the citizens of Bullitt County of our progress my first two years in office. The following is a few highlights of our accomplishments:

- ★Started the 40 person women’s Substance Abuse Program
- ★Increased the number of MRT (Moral Recognition Therapy) classes for inmates
- ★Responsible budgeting to save tax payers money
- ★The Litter of Abatement Program for cleaner roads throughout Bullitt County
- ★Community works details throughout Bullitt County with the Bullitt County Road Department, Bullitt County Parks and Recreation, Cities of Hillview, Shepherdsville, and Lebanon Junction
- ★Staff development through training which includes Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)
- ★A safer and more secure jail by upgrading the security cameras
- ★Acquired K9 Indi for narcotics detection
- ★Provide job skills certification to inmates for career development
- ★Provide faith based services for worship
- ★On-site mental health services
- ★Reach Program Services

Thank you for your support!
Bullitt County Jailer Bryan Whittaker



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