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Mayoral candidates oppose the ORBP by a 2-to-1 margin

Strong agreement on the East End Bridge, opposition to tolls on existing bridges and reversible lanes on the 2nd Street Bridge.

Louisville, KY – On April 19th, the attached Transportation Questionnaire was emailed to all twelve of Louisville's Mayoral candidates. The questionnaire consists of nine short, mostly YES or NO questions on a range of transportation topics. "Do you support the Ohio River Bridges Project?" "Would you support dividing the project?" Etc. All the candidate's answers have been compiled and their individual questionnaire responses will be posted online.

Here is a synopsis of the results:

Only one of the candidates opposed completing the East End Bridge before construction of the Downtown Bridge begins, as is currently planned according to the ORBP's last published construction schedule. That candidate was Independent Jackie Green, who is also the only candidate who doesn't support building any bridges.

Similarly, there was only one candidate who broke from the group when asked if they would support placing tolls on existing interstate bridges like the Kennedy and Sherman-Minton bridges. Only Democrat Greg Fischer said he could support such tolling.

When asked if they would support dividing the project into two sections (Downtown and East End) if it became necessary to pay for it, only Mr. Green and Democrat Jim King said NO. Mr. Fischer was non-committal, but all the other candidates said YES and that they would prioritize the East End Bridge.

When asked if the candidates support the ORBP's plan to relocate the 3rd Street ramp to the east, adjacent to the Waterfront Park playground, only Mr. Fischer and Mr. Tandy said YES.

Interestingly, all of the candidates support an initiative unrelated to the ORBP. They favor using reversible lanes on the 2nd Street Bridge – like on Bardstown Road and the Golden Gate Bridge – to improve bridge capacity. Though, Mr. Fischer's support was only implied, but non-committal.

Republican Hal Heiner was the only candidate whose campaign acknowledged that he refused to answer the questionnaire. Two candidates, Democrat Connie Marshall and Democrat Burrell Farnsley never responded to our questionnaire request.

See the attached table for a detailed outline on the candidate's response to important transportation issues. The unedited questionnaires for each candidate are available at <http://www.8664.org/questionnaire>. JC Stites is the Co-Founder of 8664, an alternative to the ORBP, and he is available for comment upon request.

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	1. Support the \$4.1 Billion ORBP plan?	2. Build East End Bridge first?	3. Support tolls on existing bridges?	4. Support division of ORBP?	5. If divided, which bridge first?	6. Support moving 3rd St. ramp?	7. Support local access bridges?	8. Support reversible lanes on 2nd St. Bridge?	9. New trans. initiatives?
Tyler Allen (D)	No	Yes	No	Yes	East End	No	Yes	Yes	*
Greg Fischer (D)	Yes	Yes	Yes*	NC*	NC*	Yes*	Yes	NC*	*
Jackie Green (I)	No	No	No	No	Neither	No	No	Yes	*
Hal Heiner (R)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Jim King (D)	Yes	NC	No	No	NC	NC	Yes	Yes	*
Lisa Moxley (D)	No	Yes	No	Yes	East End	No	Yes*	Yes*	*
Jonathan Robertson (R)	No	Yes	No	Yes	East End	No	No	Yes	*
David Tandy (D)	Yes	Yes	NC	Yes*	East End	Yes*	Yes	Yes	*
Chris Thieneman (R)	No	Yes	No	Yes	East End	No	Yes	Yes	*
Shannon White (D)	No	Yes	No	Yes	East End	No	No	Yes	*

Key: NC - Non-committal

* - The candidate elaborated on their answer (see complete answers on www.8664.org)

R - Refused to answer questionnaire

Full Questions:

1. Do you support the current \$4.1 Billion Ohio River Bridges Project's plan to build two interstate bridges and reconfigure Spaghetti Junction? Yes/No
2. Do you support the current schedule of finishing the East End Bridge before constructing the downtown bridge? Yes/No
3. Do you support tolling the existing Kennedy and Sherman-Minton Bridges in order to pay for the ORBP? Yes/No
4. If the ORBP is found to be too expensive to be funded via tolls and other available sources AND if the Federal Highway Administration allowed for the project to be divided into two projects, would you support the division of the project? Yes/No Why? (Optional)
5. If you would support dividing the project (per above criteria), which portion would you prioritize? East End/Downtown
6. Do you support the current plan to move the 3rd Street ramp east, adjacent to the playground at Waterfront Park? Yes/No
7. Do you believe Metro Louisville would benefit by the construction of additional local access bridges? Yes/No
8. Do you support using reversible lanes (like Bardstown Road and the Golden Gate Bridge) on the 2nd Street Bridge to better accommodate rush hour traffic? Yes/No
9. Of the following, which new transportation initiative would you prioritize?
Light rail, bus rapid transit, downtown streetcar, other, none of the above. Why? (Optional)

Notes:

Two candidates are not included because they never responded to our request.
The candidates full responses are available at www.8664.org.

Transportation Questionnaire

Candidate: _____

Please clearly indicate your responses and return via email, mail or fax by Thursday April 22. Thank you.

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2. Do you support the current schedule of finishing the East End Bridge before constructing the downtown bridge? Yes/No
3. Do you support tolling the existing Kennedy and Sherman-Minton Bridges in order to pay for the ORBP? Yes/No
4. If the ORBP is found to be too expensive to be funded via tolls and other available sources AND if the Federal Highway Administration allowed for the project to be divided into two projects (East End and Downtown), would you support the division of the project? Yes/No Why? (optional)

5. If you would support dividing the project (per above criteria), which portion would you prioritize?

East End/Downtown

6. Do you support the current plan to move the 3rd Street ramp east, adjacent to the playground at Waterfront Park? Yes/No
(Reference: <http://www.8664.org/2010/04/two-bridges-will-destroy-waterfront-park.html>)
7. Do you believe Metro Louisville would benefit by the construction of additional local access bridges (meaning non-interstate, like the 2nd Street Bridge)? Yes/No
8. Do you support using reversible lanes (like Bardstown Road and the Golden Gate Bridge) on the 2nd Street Bridge to better accommodate rush hour traffic? Yes/No
9. Of the following, which new transportation initiative would you prioritize?

Light rail

Bus Rapid transit

Downtown Streetcar

Other:

None of the above

Why? (Optional)