

Transportation Questionnaire

Candidate: Greg Fischer

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

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
2. **Do you support the current schedule of finishing the East End Bridge before constructing the downtown bridge?** Yes
3. **Do you support tolling the existing Kennedy and Sherman-Minton Bridges in order to pay for the ORBP?** In regard to tolling: 1) We need to let the bridges authority complete its work and present its recommendations on financing the project to the community; 2) The process must be transparent and inclusive; 3) I am hopeful it will not be necessary to use tolls, however; 4) The project may require funds from various sources, including tolls; and 5) If tolls are necessary, I will push for them to be as small as possible and to be lifted as soon as the project is paid for.
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?** With all due respect, I prefer not to deal with hypotheticals. Let me say this, though: it is vital that we upgrade our regional transportation infrastructure in order to secure our economic future and continue to create jobs based on the movement of goods and growth of related services. We must start to build the East End Bridge as soon as possible.
5. **If you would support dividing the project (per above criteria), which portion would you prioritize?**

Please refer to my answer to question 4.
6. **Do you support the current plan to move the 3rd Street ramp east, adjacent to the playground at Waterfront Park?** I support the bridges plan. As a member of the Waterfront Development Corporation Board of Directors, I am dedicated to protecting, preserving, expanding, and improving Waterfront Park. Waterfront Park is our community's front yard and a global best practice in redevelopment. Per the Record of Decision, Waterfront Development Corporation will receive seventeen or more acres of green space where Spaghetti Junction now stands. As mayor, I will ensure that land is put to the highest and best use for improving our riverfront.
(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)?** I will defer to the traffic experts and engineers to determine how best to improve regional cross-river mobility. By no means am I philosophically opposed to the construction of new local access bridges, however it is not a part of my Transportation and Infrastructure Plan. To the best of my

knowledge, no financing plan for the construction of new local access bridges currently exists.

- 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?** I support any and all transportation solutions that will improve our traffic and transportation problems and make our roads and highways safer.

- 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)

As mayor, I will work with TARC to modernize operations for greater efficiency and improved passenger service by cooperating with partners in the community to provide attractive park-and-ride and passenger facilities, enhancing retail activity around transit centers, providing real-time traveler information via text messaging and on-site screens, streamlining fare payment for added convenience and faster travel times, and adding Wi-Fi service to buses

It is vital we start now on long-range rapid transit projects to implement practical and tangible improvements. These improvements will lay the groundwork and prepare for transportation projects when the economy begins to improve.