

Attn: Mr. Ted Pullen, Director  
Dept of Public Works & Assets  
Louisville Metro Government  
444 S 5th St., Suite 400  
Louisville, KY 40202

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November 6, 2009

Dear Mr Pullen,

Attached are (add #) signatures obtained from University of Louisville employees, students and visitors, petitioning the city to examine and make modifications to the traffic flow and signaling in the city streets surrounding the north end of the Belknap campus, in an effort to alleviate the extraordinary traffic congestion that currently exists.

The area of concern includes the entire length of Cardinal Boulevard and Brandeis Avenue, from 4th Street to Arthur Street, with particular attention paid to the intersections of 1st & Cardinal (north exit of campus); Brandeis & Brook; Brandeis & Floyd; and Brandeis & Arthur. *(See map on next page for details of area.)*

During the weeks leading up to this petition, it has taken in excess of 30 minutes to travel from the north exit of UofL campus to the I-65 overpass - a distance of less than 0.4 miles. Understandably the work being done on I-65 and Eastern Parkway only exacerbates the situation but the truth of the matter is that these are concerns that have been expressed prior to the "revive 65" project. The traffic patterns are such, that even without extremes (i.e., work on I-65, Eastern Parkway blockages, carjacking incident, etc.), trying to maneuver through the congestion leads to driver aggression, unnecessary frustration, and has become a huge safety issue for pedestrians and drivers alike. Also of great concern is the inability to allow emergency vehicles through the area as needed.

It has been suggested that a left turn signal at the Brook St intersection would help reduce some of the bottle neck of traffic from drivers forced to turn right out off campus. Additionally, a dedicated turn signal at Floyd St could also help with traffic flow, especially given that turn lanes are already in place. Much of the problem seems to also stem from the build-up of traffic at the 4-way stop at Arthur St which is frequently the site of many accidents, and perhaps this intersection also needs a traffic signal.

While the major problem exists in the afternoon hours, primarily between 4:30pm and 6:00pm, there are also concerns about traffic flow in the morning hours when early arrivers to campus are having to battle school bus traffic in and out of Manual High School.

On behalf of all of the people who have signed the attached petition, we ask that you please assess the situation as a matter of urgency and make any and all modifications possible to improve what has become an unbearable situation for all involved.

Sincerely,

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Murphy Shields (Co-organizer)

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## North End of Belknap Campus

**Map Indicates Area of Concern:** Cardinal Boulevard & Brandeis Avenue east bound corridor, from 4th Street through Brook Street, Floyd Street, and Arthur Street to I-65 underpass.

