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Federal grant to provide weekend TARC route for Louisville Loop, other parks with more bikes on buses
Public open houses on plans scheduled for March 8

More people will be able to enjoy walking and biking along the Louisville Loop thanks to a new weekend bus route TARC will launch this spring. The new service is funded through the Communities Putting Prevention to Work federal grant the city of Louisville received last March to further the work of the Mayor’s Healthy Hometown Movement.

Two TARC buses - each equipped to hold six bicycles, four more than regular buses - will travel in a loop on weekends through a dozen neighborhoods, with stops accessing the Louisville Loop and several parks, under the plans.

The weekend route extends from Smoketown and Phoenix Hill on the east to Shawnee and Chickasaw on the west. It travels near the waterfront on the north, through Portland, circling south through Park Hill, Algonquin, Park DuValle and Chickasaw neighborhoods.

With grant funds, TARC also will provide several new weekend trips to Riverview Park on the Louisville Loop in southwest Jefferson County, using regular buses on Route #63-Crums Lane, with park access using Greenwood Road.

The service is scheduled to begin in mid-May and will last for up to a year with $313,000 in grant funds. Regular bus fare of $1.50 will be charged and bus-fare passes will be accepted.

“TARC is excited about providing this service and helping achieve the goal of a healthier Louisville. The planned route and additional space for bikes on board will give people more opportunities to develop healthy habits and enjoy our parks,” said J. Barry Barker, executive director of TARC.

TARC invites public comments about the planned service through March 18 and has scheduled two public open houses:

Tuesday, March 8
12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
and
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

The open houses will be held at
The Nia Center
2900 W. Broadway
Louisville, KY 40211

Comments can also be sent to TARC by clicking “Contact Us” on the TARC website – www.ridetarc.org - or by calling 561-5112. The mailing address is TARC, Union Station, 1000 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY 40203.

TARC buses accommodate wheelchairs and have bike racks on the outside that can hold two bikes. The 40-foot buses on the new weekend route will be equipped with bike racks on the inside for four additional bikes and will remain accessible for one wheelchair.

The buses will feature a wrap-bus design on the outside to draw attention to the service and to promote healthy lifestyles. Schedules and other information will be developed and widely circulated when details of the route plans are final.

The route will provide access to Shawnee, Chickasaw, Lannan and Waterfront parks and the Louisville Loop, which is completed from downtown to Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremen Landing. The route intersects with 22 regular TARC routes and includes connections to Route #63-Crums Lane for travel to Riverview Park. Connections are at Seventh and Hill streets and Sixth or Fifth Streets and Jefferson Street. Regular buses that can accommodate two bikes will travel Route #63, under the plans.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision for information in an alternative format, will be provided at the public meetings for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Language translators will also be provided upon request. Please call 561-5112 or 561-5115 with specific information on your needs.

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