



The Walk Louisville Manifesto

A Framework for Action.

Whereas:

- The Louisville region struggles with housing affordability.
- The Louisville region struggles with economic inequality.
- The Louisville region struggles with health care costs and an unhealthy population.
- The Louisville region struggles with traffic deaths.
- The Louisville region struggles with urban depopulation and suburban sprawl.
- The Louisville region struggles with storm and flood protection.
- The Louisville region struggles with severe urban heat island effect.
- The Louisville region struggles with transit underfunding; and
- The Louisville region wishes to establish a regional competitive advantage.

And acknowledging that:

- Transit, cycling, and walking produce much less CO₂ than driving.
- Transit riders, cyclists, and pedestrians are healthier than drivers.
- Driving is the single greatest cause of death and serious injury in the US.
- People with lower incomes are less likely to drive and more reliant on transit.
- People with lower incomes are more likely to bike and walk for transportation.
- People with lower incomes and people of color are more likely to be killed in traffic.
- Ride hailing services undermine transit and biking and exacerbate congestion.
- Urban highways and one-way streets serve suburban commuters and freight traffic.
- Trees improve air quality and quality of life, abate flooding, and lessen the heating effects of climate change.
- Traffic enforcement cameras save lives.
- Much unnecessary driving results from underpriced parking; and
- The most competitive cities regionally and globally are the least car-dependent.

And confirming that:

Louisville and its surrounding cities wish to align their policies, practices, and funding with choices that will make them: more sustainable; more equitable; more resilient; more compassionate; more competitive; and healthier.

Be it resolved that: Louisville and its surrounding cities shall implement a robust policy of:

- Demand-based parking pricing;
- Surcharge on ride hailing; and
- Traffic enforcement cameras.

With the revenue collected rededicated to:

- Transit upgrades;
- Two-way conversions;
- Plant trees;
- Pedestrian and cycling facilities; and
- Affordable housing.

We understand that failure to pursue these actions would confirm what many fear: that our policies, practices, and funding are working at cross purposes to our stated goals.

