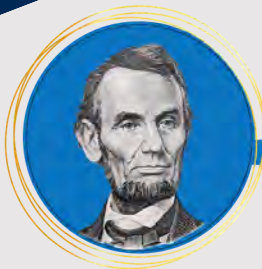


2024

LINCOLN TRAIL AREA  
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



**Lincoln Trail**

Area Development District  
~ established 1968 ~

Locally Based | **Regionally Focused**

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**TOGETHER**, we present a measured, strategic approach to projects across the Lincoln Trail Area Development District.

## Letter from the Executive Director

Our region is well positioned for major growth; however, we must have the support and resources necessary to be successful **together**.

*Together* is an ideal way to describe the collective work the Lincoln Trail Area Development District Board of Directors and local government officials across our region have done. For months, we have been brainstorming, discussing, and prioritizing the region's most important projects that warrant state funding. Because we have rolled up our sleeves and hashed out this work together, we are able to present a cohesive list of priorities.

Our priorities are economic development projects that our local governments need, but cannot afford. We have prioritized these as urgent, high, or normal. All the projects in this resource have been deemed urgent by our leaders.

I applaud our leaders who have selflessly come together for a coordinated effort versus splintered responses.

This is a living, breathing document, and we look forward to hearing from our leaders.



Daniel London

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-Daniel London  
Executive Director



# THE REGION AT A GLANCE



AT A GLANCE



# AT A GLANCE

## ABOUT LTADD

- Serving the Heartland of Kentucky (Breckinridge, Grayson, Hardin, LaRue, Marion, Meade, Nelson and Washington Counties)
- LTADD coordinates the following services:
  - Aging & Social Services
  - Economic Development
  - Workforce
  - Hazard Mitigation / Disaster Resiliency
  - Local Government Support
  - Regional Infrastructure Planning
  - Revolving Loan Fund
  - Transportation Planning

## REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- BlueOval SK (Hardin County)
  - Partnership between Ford Motor Co. and Korea-based SK On
  - \$5.8 billion project in Glendale, largest investment ever in Kentucky
  - Two plants totaling 8.4 million sq. ft. in a 2.3 square miles (1,500 acre site)
  - 10th largest site worldwide, 2nd largest in Kentucky

## **CONTINUED**

- BlueOval SK Anticipated Impact:
  - \$1.6 billion construction payroll
  - \$75 million local material/services
  - 86 Gigawatt hours (GWh) of energy produced annually
  - 5,000 employees
  - 22,000+ people to the region (3,901 K-12 students)
  - 8,811 new housing units
  - Demand for 75 new hospital beds (389 new hospital jobs & 380 new ambulatory jobs)
- Nucor Steel (Meade County)
  - \$1.7 billion project investment
  - Initial announcement of 400 jobs; increased to 700 upon opening
- Bourbon Industry
  - \$2.1 billion in new investments
  - 700 new jobs in the region

## **ECONOMIC GROWTH OUTSIDE LTADD'S DISTRICT IMPACTFUL TO OUR REGION & PRIORITIES:**

- AESC Battery Plant (Warren County)
  - \$2 billion in investments
  - 2,000 new jobs
- UPS (Bullitt County)
  - \$178 million investment
  - 120 new jobs
- Rivian (Bullitt County)
  - \$10 million investment
  - 218 jobs from Rivian

# TRANSPORTATION



TRANSPORTATION







# TRANSPORTATION



Total Legislative Request:  
**\$318,890,000**  
for nine recommended projects

## GOAL:

Safe and efficient means of multi-modal movement of people, goods and services in and out of the region.

## OBJECTIVES:

- Study a mass transit system in the urbanized area(s) of the region.
- Improve and/or build new highways to facilitate movement of people, goods and products.
- Improve and/or build new rail lines to facilitate movement of goods and products.
- Expand riverport infrastructure and capability to facilitate movement of goods and products.



# PRIORITY ONE

## GLENDALE BYPASS

Hardin County

**WHY** Facilitate growth in and around Glendale related to economic and population growth.

**PRICING: \$9,510,000**

# PRIORITY TWO

## I-65/ GILEAD CHURCH ROAD INTERCHANGE

Hardin County

**WHY** Facilitate growth in and around Glendale related to economic and population growth.

**PRICING: \$31,200,000**



# PRIORITY THREE

## RING ROAD EXTENSION WESTERN KENTUCKY PARKWAY TO 31W

Hardin County

**WHY** Connect arterial roads to better move products from industrial sites in Elizabethtown and Glendale.

**PRICING: \$50,090,000**

# PRIORITY FOUR

## MAJOR WIDENING OF US150 FROM BLUEGRASS PARKWAY TO SPRINGFIELD

Nelson, Washington and Marion Counties

**WHY**

Expand traffic flow through counties and improve opportunities for regional economic development.

**PRICING: \$72,780,000**



# PRIORITY FIVE

## IMPROVEMENTS OF HIGHWAY 84 FROM HODGENVILLE TO SONORA

LaRue and Hardin Counties

**WHY**

Improve commute from Hodgenville to Sonora and facilitate increased traffic volumes due to BlueOvalSK.

**PRICING: \$16,030,000**



# PRIORITY SIX

## WIDENING OF KY 245

Nelson County

**WHY**

Relieve travel congestion across the county and open the area to significant economic development.

**PRICING: \$91,660,000**





## PRIORITY SEVEN

### IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN US 68 & KY 55

Hardin County

**WHY** Reduce congestion and improve safety for travelers through Lebanon and improve commutes and economic development opportunities.

**PRICING: \$21,000,000**

## PRIORITY EIGHT

### REALIGN KY 86

Breckinridge County

**WHY** Increase highway access and to facilitate economic development and population growths within the county.

**PRICING: \$9,320,000**



## PRIORITY NINE

### GLENDALE INDUSTRIAL CONNECTOR

Hardin County

**WHY** Connect Glendale to nearby industrial site to allow for additional economic growth in the region and support increased traffic volumes.

**PRICING: \$17,300,000**



# REGIONAL RESOURCES AND UTILITIES



RESOURCES/  
UTILITIES





# REGIONAL RESOURCES AND UTILITIES



Total Legislative Request:

**\$406,457,360**

for eight recommended projects

## GOAL:

Grow capacity to ensure all citizens, stakeholders and businesses have access to clean and safe drinking water and sewer, gas and electricity to facilitate job creation and small business opportunities.

## OBJECTIVES:

- Expand current water treatment plant capacities & construct additional water treatment plants to increase local and regional capacities.
- Expand water line networks.
- Expand natural gas transmission to facilitate economic growth.
- Create multi-utility partnerships to treat water and wastewater.
- Expand the regional airport's passenger and cargo infrastructure.



# PRIORITY ONE

## WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION

Breckinridge County

**WHY** Expand water plant capacity for additional water lines to support quality of life and growth. Plant is currently at capacity.

**PRICING: \$10,275,080**

# PRIORITY TWO

## WASTEWATER EXPANSION

Hardin County

**WHY** Expand the sewer collection facilities serving to support increased volumes from economic and population growth.

**PRICING: \$230,000,000**



# PRIORITY THREE

## WASTEWATER UPGRADES

Nelson County

**WHY** Enhance sewer collection facilities to support economic and population growth as well as upgrade aging and obsolete systems.

**PRICING: \$29,000,000**

# PRIORITY FOUR

## WHOLESALE TRANSMISSION MAIN CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT (HCWD#1)

Hardin County

**WHY**

Upgrade regional connectivity for economic and population growth and to further drought proof the current system.

**PRICING: \$17,500,000**



# PRIORITY FIVE

## WATER LINE EXTENSIONS

Hardin and LaRue Counties

**WHY**

Expand and replace water line extensions in LaRue County and Vine Grove for reliable availability, capacity and systems stabilization.

**PRICING: \$4,575,280**



# PRIORITY SIX

## LEITCHFIELD WASTEWATER PLANT

Grayson County

**WHY**

Update the sewer collection facilities and major components to maintain and operate efficiently.

**PRICING: \$34,050,000**







# PRIORITY SEVEN

**WATER DISTRICT TREATMENT PLANT**  
LaRue County

**WHY** Create a new treatment plant to increase availability, quality, and balance and also eliminate reliance on eight suppliers.

**PRICING: \$31,057,000**

# PRIORITY EIGHT

**LG&E GAS LINE EXPANSION**  
Hart and LaRue Counties

**WHY** Extend reliable LG&E gas access to support economic and population growth in the region.

**PRICING: \$50,000,000**



# SOCIAL AND HUMAN CAPITAL



SOCIAL/  
HUMAN CAPITAL





# SOCIAL AND HUMAN CAPITAL



Total Legislative Request:  
**\$106,200,000**  
for three recommended projects

## GOAL:

Recruit, shape and create a barrier free environment for the current and future workforce to meet economic demands of job creators and citizens.

## OBJECTIVES:

- Mitigate workforce participation barriers.
- Upgrade training capacity for advanced manufacturing and create customizable training space for workforce development.
- Create additional pathways for engineering training.
- Increase the manufacturing, green/sustainability, healthcare and other high priority sector workforce and increase employer job quality certifications.
- Develop strategies to address the employment needs of underserved populations.



## PRIORITY ONE

### ECTC OCCUPATIONAL TECHNICAL BUILDING RENOVATION (MAIN CAMPUS)

Hardin County

**WHY** Renovate facility to enhance capacity, quality and quantity of manufacturing training offered to meet workforce demand.

**PRICING: \$44,000,000**

## PRIORITY TWO

### EXPAND ECTC SPRINGFIELD CAMPUS

Washington County

**WHY** Provide health sciences, welding and industrial maintenance training to meet community workforce needs.

**PRICING: \$7,200,000**



## PRIORITY THREE

### ECTC/UL ENGINEERING BUILDING (MAIN CAMPUS)

Hardin County

**WHY** Construct a new building to expand physics, chemistry, math and computer science instruction delivered in partnership with UL.

**PRICING: \$55,000,000**



# TREATMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION



TREATMENT/  
PUBLIC PROTECTION



# TREATMENT AND PUBLIC PROTECTION



Total Legislative Request:  
**\$40,000,000**  
for three recommended projects

## GOAL:

Capacity to ensure all citizens, stakeholders and businesses have access to quality health care and quality of life to create and promote healthy and safe environments for families to reside.

## OBJECTIVES:

- Establish regional specialized first responder capabilities.
- Expand existing first responder capabilities to meet current and future growth.



# PRIORITY ONE

## SPECIALIZED REGIONAL FIRST RESPONDER FACILITY

Hardin County

**WHY** Construct and staff a specialized regional first responder facility in Glendale to adequately respond to Incidents at BlueOval SK.

**PRICING: \$20,000,000**

# PRIORITY TWO

## HODGENVILLE FIRE STATION

LaRue County

**WHY** Construct a fire station for the City of Hodgenville to support fire and rescue services to support emergency response to BlueOval SK.

**PRICING: \$5,000,000**



# PRIORITY THREE

## FIRE AND RESCUE EXPANSION

Hardin County

**WHY** Expand Elizabethtown Fire and Rescue services to support capacity and response times to potential emergencies at BlueOval SK.

**PRICING: \$15,000,000**

# IMPACT





# IMPACT | DISTRICT WIDE

INFRASTRUCTURE

# ROI

62 Projects  
=  
\$76.2  
million



## Investment Breakdown

\$76.2 million

OR

\$271.54

per citizen

vs. \$.38602

per citizen

invested by

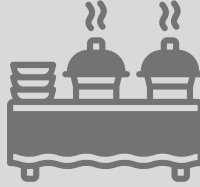
local

government



# 91,723

Home Delivered Meals



# 96,537

Congregate  
Meals Served

# 81



Seniors Receiving  
Legal Assistance

# 18,577



Transportation  
Trips



# 301

Clients receiving  
in-home services



# 32

Grandparents/Caregivers  
Supported

# 3,459

long-term care  
residents served



(Ombudsman Program)

# 303

Medicaid  
Waiver  
Participants



# 1,019

individuals received assistance from  
the State Health Insurance Program



## Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

- 53 job seekers matched with employment
- 67 hiring events (312 employers & 1,816 job seekers)
- 15 high school career fairs
- 1883 students reached
- 90 WIOA enrollments
- 27 Incumbent Worker Training participants
- 60 laid-off workers receiving Rapid Response assistance

# IMPACT | BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY

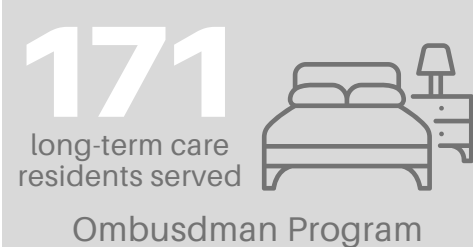
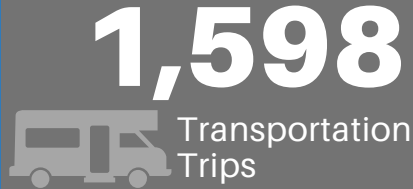
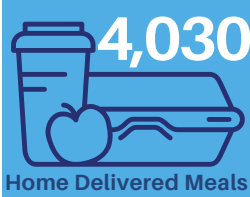
## LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

6 Projects  
=  
\$2.38  
million



### Six Projects:

- 3 wastewater projects
- 1 water project
- 1 aerial drone
- 1 LWCF project



### INVESTMENT RETURNS

\$2.38 million OR  
\$116.34 per citizen vs.  
\$.38602 per citizen invested  
by local government



# IMPACT | GRAYSON COUNTY

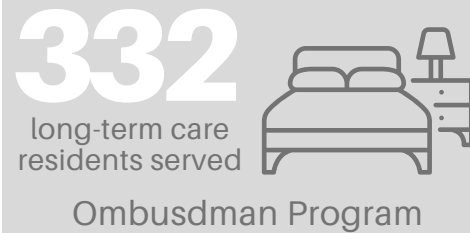
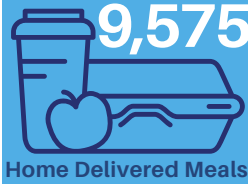
## LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

7 Projects  
=  
\$2.64  
million



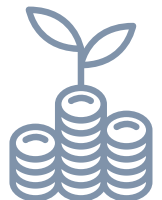
### Seven Projects:

- 3 wastewater projects
- 3 water projects
- 1 aerial drone



### INVESTMENT RETURNS

\$2.64 million OR  
\$99.93 per citizen vs.  
\$.38602 per citizen invested  
by local government



# IMPACT | HARDIN COUNTY

## LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

12 Projects

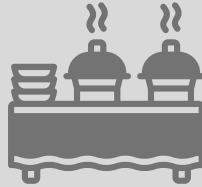
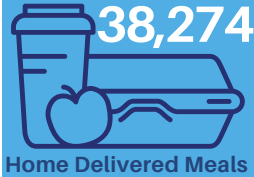
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**\$16.83  
million**



Twelve Projects:

- 4 wastewater projects
- 5 water projects
- 2 FEMA projects
- 1 topography mapping drone camera



**14,606**  
Congregate  
Meals Served



**4,672**  
Transportation  
Trips



**108**  
Clients receiving  
in-home services



**10**  
Grandparents/Caregivers  
Supported

**1,554**  
long-term care  
residents served



Ombudsman Program



**129**  
Medicaid  
Waiver  
Participants

## INVESTMENT RETURNS

**\$16.83 million OR**  
**\$152.03 per citizen vs.**  
\$.38602 per citizen invested  
by local government



# IMPACT | LARUE COUNTY

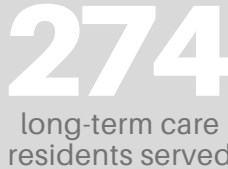
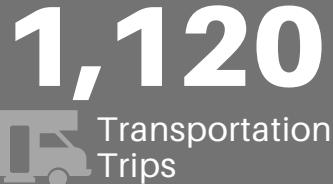
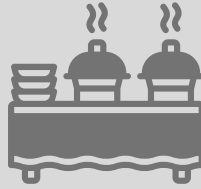
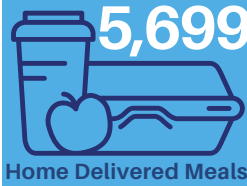
## LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

5 Projects  
=  
**\$1.37 million**



### Five Projects:

- 2 water projects
- 1 FEMA project
- 1 CDBG Senior Center Rehab project
- 1 aerial drone

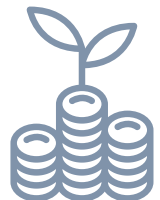


Ombudsman Program



### INVESTMENT RETURNS

**\$1.37 million OR**  
**\$91.99 per citizen vs.**  
\$.38602 per citizen invested  
by local government



# IMPACT | MARION COUNTY

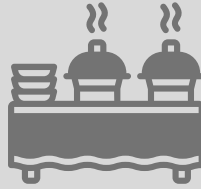
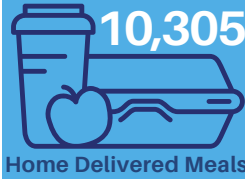
## LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

12 Projects  
=  
\$16.2  
million



### Twelve Projects:

- 3 wastewater projects
- 6 water projects
- 1 LWCF project
- 1 CDBG Community Project
- 1 aerial drone



22,274  
Congregate  
Meals Served



2,764  
Transportation  
Trips



25  
Clients receiving  
in-home services



3  
Grandparents/Caregivers  
Supported

297  
long-term care  
residents served



Ombudsman Program



30  
Medicaid  
Waiver  
Participants

## INVESTMENT RETURNS

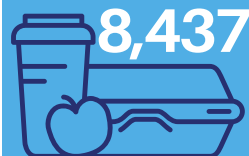
\$16.2 million OR  
\$827.40 per citizen vs.  
\$.38602 per citizen invested  
by local government



# IMPACT | MEADE COUNTY

## LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

10 Projects  
=  
\$13.25  
million



8,437  
Home Delivered Meals



13,339  
Congregate  
Meals Served



4  
Seniors Receiving  
Legal Assistance



28  
Transportation  
Trips



15  
Clients receiving  
in-home services



5  
Grandparents/Caregivers  
Supported

147

long-term care  
residents served



Ombudsman Program



14

Medicaid  
Waiver  
Participants

### Ten Projects:

- 1 wastewater project
- 8 water projects
- 1 aerial drone

### INVESTMENT RETURNS

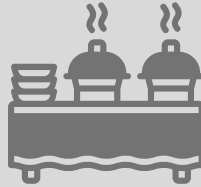
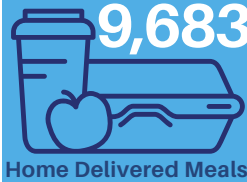
\$13.25 million OR  
\$441.62 per citizen vs.  
\$.38602 per citizen invested  
by local government



# IMPACT | NELSON COUNTY

## LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

5 Projects  
=  
**\$22.43  
million**



**21,500**  
Congregate  
Meals Served



**5,193**  
Transportation  
Trips



**43**

Clients receiving  
in-home services



**5**

Grandparents/Caregivers  
Supported

**437**

long-term care  
residents served



Ombudsman Program



**52**

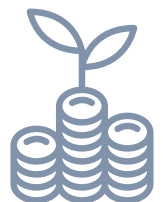
Medicaid  
Waiver  
Participants

### Five Projects:

- 3 water projects
- 1 LWCF project
- 1 aerial drone

### INVESTMENT RETURNS

**\$22.43 million OR**  
**\$479.83 per citizen vs.**  
\$.38602 per citizen invested  
by local government

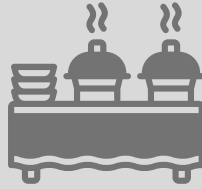
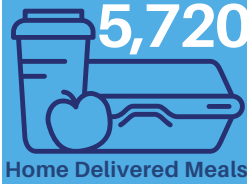




# IMPACT | WASHINGTON COUNTY

## LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROI

5 Projects  
=  
\$1.37  
million



### Five Projects:

- 1 wastewater project
- 3 water projects
- 1 aerial drone

### INVESTMENT RETURNS

**\$1.37 million OR**  
**\$113.91 per citizen vs.**  
\$.38602 per citizen invested  
by local government



# ADD NETWORK PRIORITIES



ADD NETWORK  
PRIORITIES

# ADD NETWORK WORKFORCE PROGRAM PRIORITIES

**\$26 MILLION  
OVER 2 YEARS**

**4,000 ADDITIONAL YOUNG  
ADULTS (18-24) JOINING THE  
WORKFORCE AND GOING TO  
WORK BY JUNE 2026**

## SUPPORTING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS' TRANSITION INTO WORK

Kentucky's 10 regional workforce boards will offer a new level of service to high school seniors, especially those who need additional support getting on a career path. Kentucky's workforce professionals know how to prepare young adults to be successful in the workplace.

**This funding will help them reach far more high school seniors with a comprehensive set of services.**

▶ Help applying to jobs

▶ Interview preparation

▶ On-the-job training

▶ Sector-specific training

▶ Develop soft skills

## SUPPORTING DISCONNECTED YOUTH

**77k +**

young adults 16-24 in Kentucky who were not in school and not working (disconnected) in 2021

*Currently, our regional workforce boards are only able to serve a small fraction of this population due to a lack of resources.*

A number of our state's workforce boards offer programs specifically designed for disconnected youth.

They work with these young adults to help them overcome life barriers (including homelessness, poverty, justice involvement, and others) so they are in a position to land and keep a good job.

**6,800**

young adults were served in Kentucky in the last three years

**67%**

were either employed or in post-secondary education after they left our program

## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

If 4,000 disconnected young adults get jobs making \$15 an hour, that amounts to **\$120 million** in added payroll in 2026.

**Resource:** Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts

# KENTUCKY AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS 2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## JFA

Continuation of the \$4 million investment in the Joint Funding Agreement as well as the additional ARC and DRA funding of \$250,000, respectively.

## KIA

Fully fund the water management planning services and maintenance of the Water Resource Information System in the amount of \$2.1 million.

## AGING

Sustain the Expanded Senior Meal Program, currently totaling \$14.48 million.

## WAIVER

Maintain participant directed coordination and financial management of the Home & Community Based, Michelle P and Supports for Community Living waiver programs and attain sustainable reimbursement rates for case management.

## WORK FORCE

Enhance the flexibility of workforce development efforts with the investment of state funds to complement federal dollars.

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Area Development District  
~ established 1968 ~

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