

# Preston Corridor Plan Community Input for Enhanced Transit

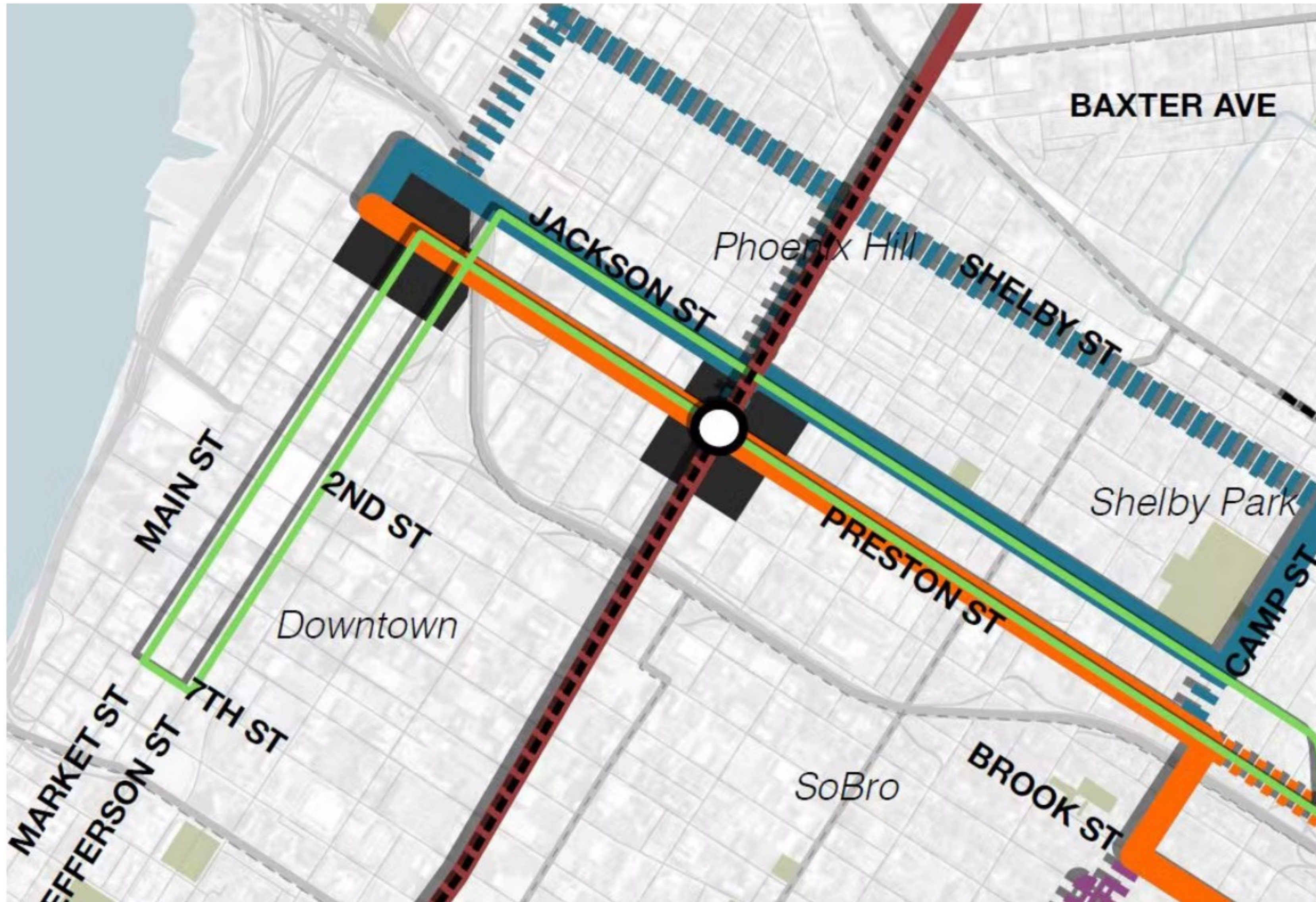
Public input survey to help guide the vision for enhanced transit along the Preston Corridor.

<https://www.prestoncorridorplan.org/>

# Enhanced transit on Preston

As we work through what enhanced transit looks like on Preston, we are hoping to gather input from the community and users along the corridor to help us understand how people will use the system, the importance of tradeoffs for the roadway space, and what are the most important improvements needed from the Preston Corridor community.

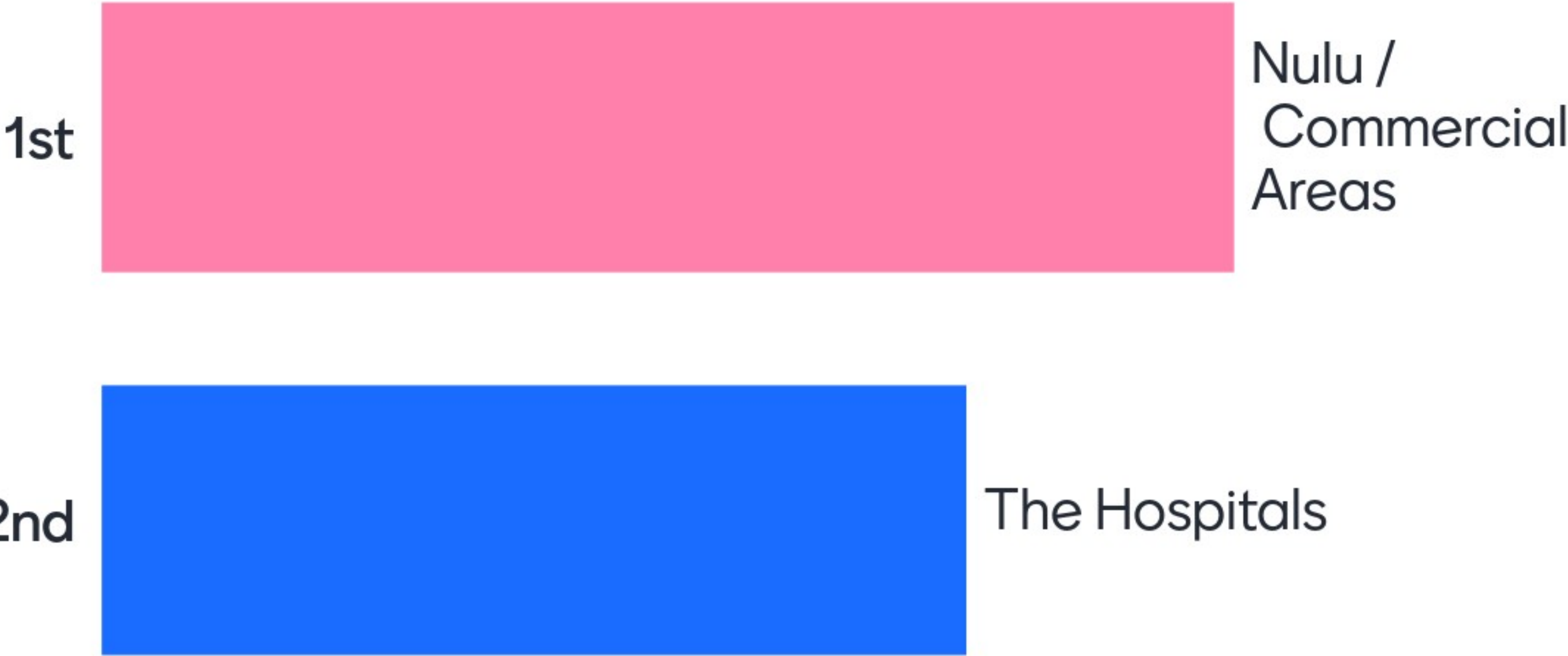




North end Preston Transit framework options



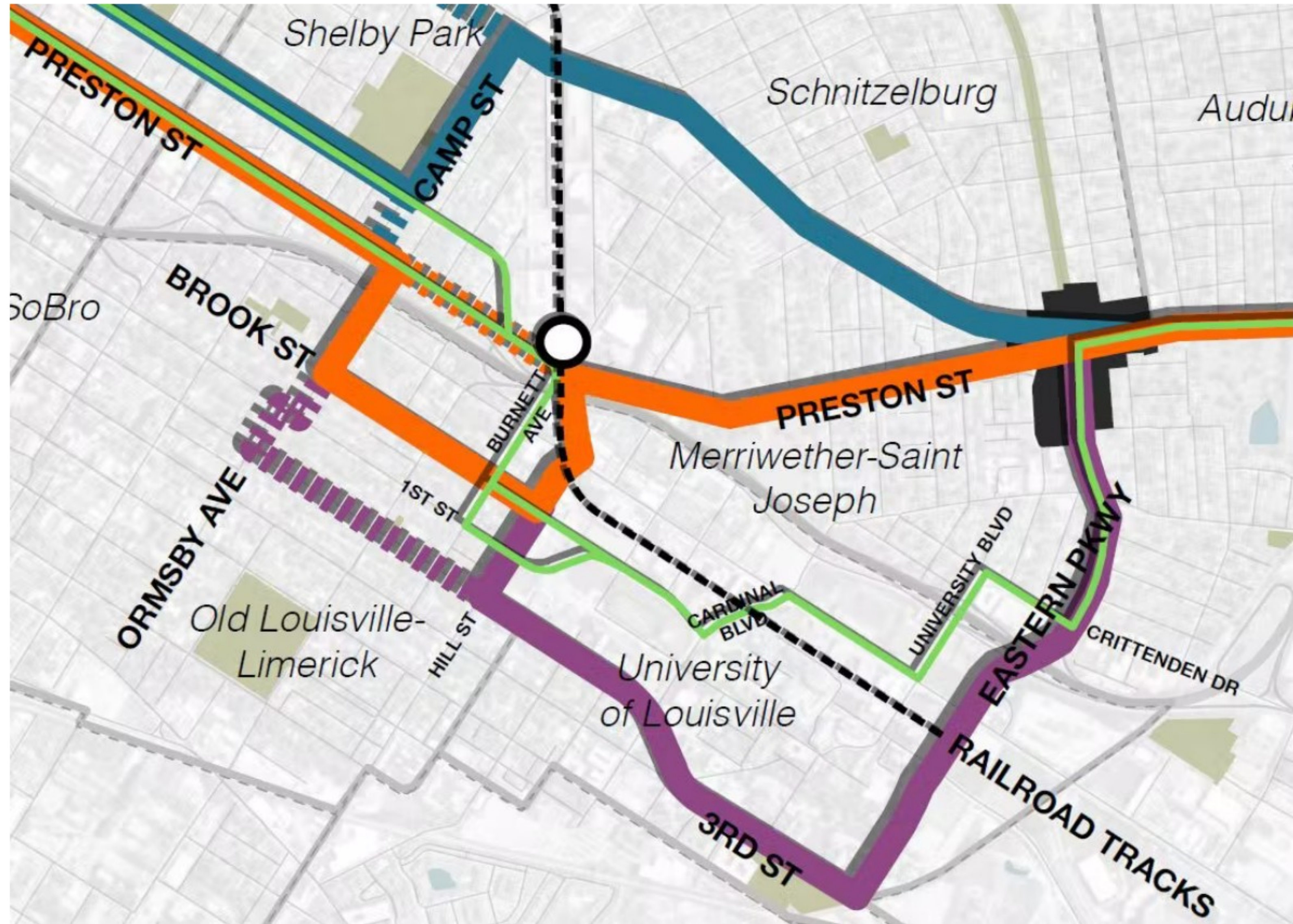
# In the north, where should enhanced transit services end?



# Which elements of enhanced transit would make you most likely to use an improved Preston corridor?



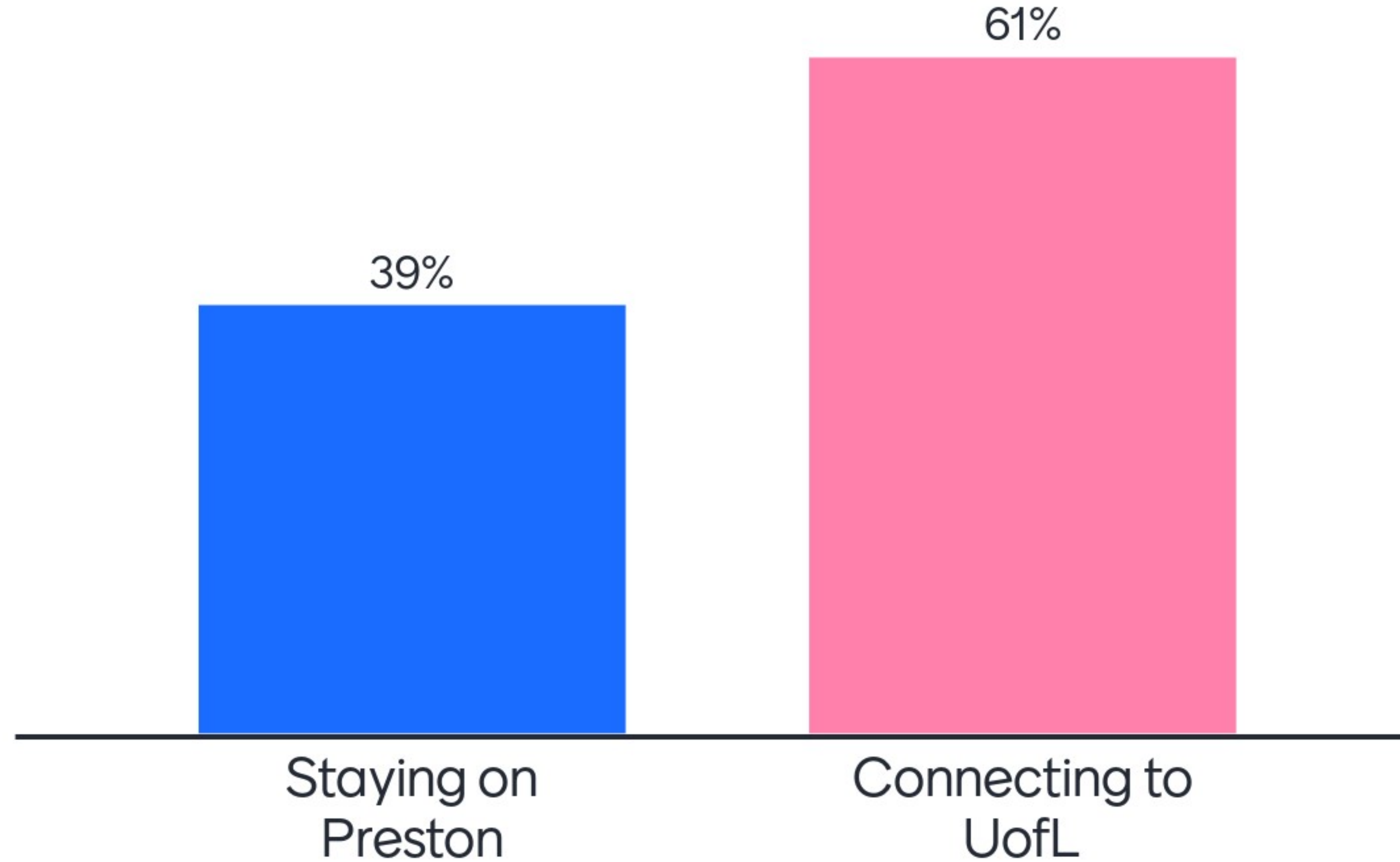




Middle Preston Transit framework options



# Should enhanced transit for Preston stay on the corridor or deviate to connect University of Louisville?



# What type of enhanced transit should be on Preston?

There are four types of enhanced transit possible for Preston. Each varies in cost, complexity, and pros and cons. Please read the following slides to understand a bit more about the four types and then help us prioritize which you think is best for Preston.





Bus Rapid Transit - frequent, stations, dedicated lanes (\$\$)





Streetcar - frequent, stations, dedicated lanes or mixed traffic (\$\$\$)





Light Rail - frequent, fewer stations, dedicated lanes/ ROW (\$\$ \$\$\$)





Enhanced Bus Service - lower frequencies than BRT, more stations/stops, shared traffic/dedicated lane where possible (\$)



# Rank your preferred transit service for Preston from most to least:

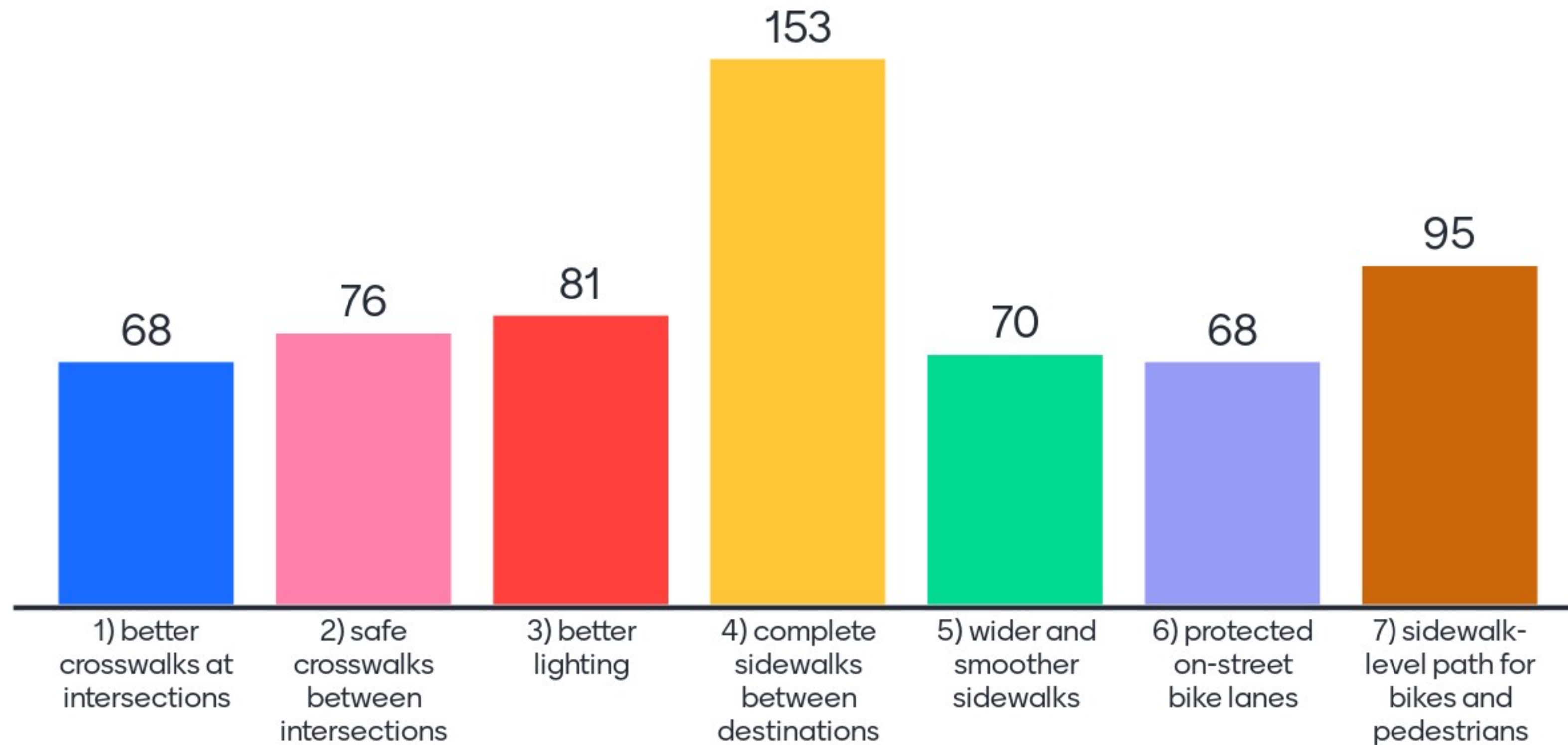








# What would make you feel safer walking and biking on Preston?





# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Tie tables

Build it and they will come!

Prioritize creating spaces that young adults love, with mixed-income, mixed-use spaces. Connect schools via transit and protected, seperate bike lanes. Severely limit car access and induce other modes of transportation.

Convert the on/off ramps to local traffic through ways to deal with the Burnett railroad crossing

Preston is one of our crucial spokes that lead downtown. We must plan for walkable hubs that are connected via transit and allow for rapid development of dense, amenity-rich areas. We must severely lessen our dependence on the personal automobile!

Reducing congestion by adding lanes for cars is a short-term solution that will inevitably backfire. I am glad to see better modalities of transit being discussed. I'd happily pay higher taxes for public transit that doesn't ALSO get stuck in traffic

Reconnect Preston with an at-grade railroad crossing at Burnett

A Preston road diet all the way to 265 with a beautification aspect. More like a grand Boulevard. Allow develoment with limited setbacks to create beauty! Beautiful public space is crucial.

In order to make walking, biking, and transit competitive with driving, you will have to take some road space and convenience away from drivers. Remember that people will happily use the most convenient option - they don't actually love their cars.



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Street parking does not have to be available on every square inch of road, nor should it be free of charge.

Two way state highways need to exist in Black neighborhoods north of the railroad

Future transit routes should stick to a main street for a primary route. To reach residential areas or smaller commercial zones, there should be connections via additional routes. This means transit stops are easy to find on a single street.

Raised crosswalks/continuous sidewalks should be used at every intersection and every mid-block crossing. Safety is more important than vehicle throughput.

We could have a transit hub at the intersection of river road and shelby as well as eastern parkway , preston and shelby

Developers should be made to bring buildings to the street. Change the form district to what you want it to be. It's not walkable when everything is built like Mid City Mall. Dedicated safe bus shelters. Sidewalks and bike lanes. time is now.

Bike infrastructure can't disappear at intersections and still feel safe to new riders - that's where nearly all the danger is. Intersections should resemble this as closely as possible: <https://youtu.be/FIApbxLz6pA>

This is the area I go to shop for groceries, please consider commercial business areas for transit stops.

Enable activities



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Make Smoketown streets into two- way streets

Light rail is needed

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Two way streets and safe pedestrian connections across railroads

Make preston and shelby 2 way. Fix the nightmare caused by the train track going through mayweather. Run a streetcar line right up the middle in the turning lane with BRT style stations every 1/2 mile + POI

Thank you for doing this.

Buffer zones between cars and pedestrians utilizing Native plants that serve to beautify the corridor, reduce water pollution/run off, and help reduce our Heat Island effect while also growing our city canopy coverage towards the 45%+ goal.

Light rail/ street car systems would be a blessing to have returned to our community. Once upon a time, we had some of the best public transit lines. Let's reconnect our community!

Slow down the cars that race through my neighborhood to get on the interstate. Prioritize pedestrians and public transportation over cars.



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Get rid of the one way speedway streets. Prioritize pedestrians and public transit over single rider cars.

Two way street, connected over/through railroad tracks, pedestrian friendly with crosswalks, 4-way stops, more traffic calming between Oak and Burnett

Transit hub at Eastern Parkway and River Road/Waterfront Park for multiple routes at Shelby Preston from single stop

Preston needs to connect to itself at Burnett Ave. Preston and most other one-way streets should be converted to two-way streets in order to reduce traffic speed, enhance pedestrian/bicycle safety, and reconnect neighborhoods.

We need two way connected streets across the railroad on Burnett Preston and Floyd Streets in majority Black neighborhoods. KEEP THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Walking and biking are important for growth and community. There should be sidewalks everywhere as well as designated bike lanes.

Among the walking/biking safety questions one option that was missing was two way streets! In town where Preston is one-way, drivers speed and they aren't likely to look in all directions for cross traffic (including pedestrians and cyclists).

Why are there so many cut off roads at the railroad?

More green energy transport, more bike lanes and shelters, more secure bike lanes



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Reconnect preston!

shared use path and trail along corridor

You don't have to reinvent the wheel. See <https://www.strongtowns.org/> They have lots of information about what works and what doesn't.

Preston should be a 2 way street along its entire run and be connected across the railroad tracks to make one contiguous street from river road to the county line.

Side walks and bus stops are important as the bus itself. Please besure to put in cross walks.

You don't have to reinvent the wheel. See Strong Towns for more information.

In addition to light rail or trolleys, I think the preston corridor needs to be beautified with native plant species along its length to improve the air quality and heat in the area. incorporating solar along the length will help reduce energy costs

You don't have to reinvent the wheel. See <https://www.strongtowns.org/>

Please make the corridor bike and pedestrian friendly and add trees.



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Two way streets on Preston and Shelby the whole way. Fewer traffic lanes with more space for green space wirh bative plants to assist with water runoff, lights that are eco frienfly and produce less light pollution.

N/a

It's important that whatever transit options are built have a swift arriving variety of routes, preventing anyone from taking over an hour to reach their destination.

Preston highway feels very busy with poor sidewalks, minimal trees and plants, and gross looking electric lines. Please fix this!

N/a

Thank you for putting this survey out. I appreciate getting to give input on the process and transit. Isn't there good funding for bus rapid transit and transit with the new infrastructure bill? Can Louisville be prepared for some of that?

Two way street Preston, green spaces with native plants and curb cut outs that feed watsr into the flower beds tohelp with thw water/sewage problems.

Clean it up

include the handicap in the planning.



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Change the development pattern and amend criteria for plan approvals to ensure people friendly redevelopment that puts the car last. And green. Lots and lots of green. Trees. And two way these streets! These urban corridors have no future otherwise

We need better quality shopping and sit-down restaurants. Trash cans all along Preston are frequently full and flowing over, resulting in more trash on our streets. We need better security on busses so more citizens will feel safe riding them.

Continuity, consistency and CLEAR, Concise through every light, sign, light.... not a mixmatch of stuff. Intersections MARKED clearly above intersection/light

Lots of cyclists, bike lanes needed Sidewalks are mostly non-existent

Offer some type of financial assistance to businesses so they can spruce up their properties. More organized trash pick up events, and have a later start time.

Preston Highway needs to become an overlay district like NULU, Bardstown Road and West Main Streets

Need to add businesses to Indian Trail shopping center parking lot, as well as trees to provide shade. Most of Preston needs trees

Tax incentives for new businesses and renovations of existing structures. Transform the area to a destination experience not just a mode of transportation.

Have "shelter/seated areas" where multiple routes come together....a HUB type with posted routes by stops



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Overlay district for Preston Hwy, enhanced and signature entrance for the historic burial grounds. Significant tree plantings to offset the airport and world port business and convention center noise and air pollutants.

Lots of homeless and transient setting up shop and leaving litter along the road ways. Not to mention the graffiti. It just makes the corridor unappealing. We have some great features to work from and could accentuate the positive.

The train track over pass could be a focal point or gateway. It needs attention. The mural is faded and the lighting is poor. The litter is all along the hill side.

I would think Amazon's new big warehouse could offer some financial support to the project.

A bus or other public option that takes one from Preston corridor to airport terminal. Not as easy to get to airport as it was in the past, with Phillips Lane being closed so frequently for various events at Fairgrounds (fair, music festivals, etc.)

Trash containers - these are often full and overflowing onto sidewalks. Property owners do not care for their frontage, plantings overgrown and basically eyesores for the residential properties in the area. There is no continuity in the appearance.

Unfortunately most property owners don't seem to take responsibility for most of the past attempts by the civic representatives to improve sidewalks. Seems that most fall into the category of slum lords and help create undesirable conditions.

I noticed the survey didn't include the west end in it's Preston plan. As busses are known to currently run from there to the Outer Loop I would hope the new Preston plan would work to continue servicing this area.

Keep grocery stores in mind please. If we can link every resident on the loop to two grocery stores within 5 miles that would be ideal.



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

We need better organized clean up of the environment.

businesses that stay around instead of closing up after six months

Light rail should be a priority as busses only cause congestion and more pollution.

It needs cleaned up first. Trash and homeless everywhere

N/C

Somehow, figure out a way to connect UPS/Ford, the Airport, the Fairgrounds, and UofL to this. On Preston, have a stop connecting Jefferson Mall. Need a complete wide sidewalk like Dixie with bike lanes on sidewalk. MORE LIGHTING.

I live in okolona, the bus only runs here twice a day I think. I would shop and dine in downtown areas if there better transportation options available like other big cities have

No more bikelanes in the streets. They obstruct the flow of traffic and often weave out in it. Do not take up car space for bike space. Safety is also an issue with consistent robberies and drive by shootings. Lighting really needs to be addressed

Need to have more street lights with complete sidewalk routes. The bridge over the Watterson is dark, and Preston at Grade Lane is also dark.



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Somehow reconnect the north side of Preston back to the south side of Preston over the train tracks at Hill Street. This one make it possible to get from downtown to the county like on one road that isn't an interstate.

Whatever happens please let practicality outweigh optics and cost

Must be accessible and not reduce the number of car lanes. Have bike lanes On sidewalks.

Clean up the litter and weeds, etc. Maintain the area. Would love to see more necessity stores and sit down restaurants. Less tire and used car spots.

These are nice ideas but financially irresponsible.

Accessibility, bike lanes on sidewalks in space between sidewalk and street

There needs to be an overhaul of Preston Hwy. The lights need to be sequenced so traffic can flow during rush hour. Louisville needs to do this through out the city and county.

Lane Diets. Lower speeds. Encourage walkable neighborhoods instead of thoroughfares.

Light rail or street car public transit would encourage university students and neighborhood residents to use the system and explore more of Preston area. It would be better for the environment, better for the neighborhood, and better for the city



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

The idea of light rail and more modern solutions to transit will bring Louisville up to speed with other cities. Making the investment now feels like the best step in the right direction. Taking this survey is very encouraging- thank you!

30 years ago Preston St. around Prestonia felt more like a neighborhood and drivers obeyed the speed limit. Adding foliage (trees) to the median has proven to reduce driving speed. 40213 is a 'generational neighborhood'. Tax breaks to local business.

This is a pivotal time for the future of Preston. At the current rate more big box stores could potentially be a blight but there is a resurgence in locally owned business. Keeping Preston affordable and accessible to local residents and business.

Keep Preston accessible and affordable to local residents and local businesses.

Find ways to lower speeds on corridor, calm traffic

Improving current bus infrastructure is extremely important. However with increasing urban sprawl a light rail would help improve access throughout the city and put us on the map as most major cities have rail or light rail transport options includin

Light rail would be a huge improvement for our city. Connecting downtown/Old Lou/highlands to Nulu would be monumental!

safer waiting stops are a must. many are just out in open at a phone pole, close to traffic.vehicle speed has to be brought down on Preston

Funding public transit is important to the community and environment. Any improvement is good.



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Louisville needs walkability and MRTs. The issue is that everything is too spread out, and to connect those places, we have to invest in rail lines between them and build at stops (similar to western settling). This is the only way Louisville will go

Louisville will not succeed in being a major market without MRTs. The bike lanes that have been added have been nothing but a nuisance because many of those roads are now 2-lanes with no legal passing room. Invest in MRTs, take bikes away, and build

Less stops makes faster, more regular service. Dedicated routes and lanes  
Displays for transit eta

Encouragement, business loans, support for small businesses. Dedicated bus, bike lanes. More street lights.

Dense commercial areas for vibrancy, no greyhound station in Lynwood

I do not like the idea of putting the greyhound station in lynwood/okalona. please create incentives to fix the greenfield apartments.

more dense, walkable commercial opportunities between eastern pkwy and burnett

I would like more frequent and time accurate bus service, and dedicated protected bike lanes.

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# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

The route would be better ending downtown so you can connect to other buses. Make sure any transport runs as frequently as possible.

Until Preston is cleaned up and safe i don't feel comfortable walking on Preston.

A lot of the sidewalks in Louisville in general are highly inaccessible for folks that are unable to walk/use wheelchairs/or have varying physical abilities. Most sidewalks are not ADA compliant. It is a huge safety issue.

More crosswalks to eliminate pedestrian traffic in the middle of the road

Clean up the camps

I feel very unsafe walking at night due to low lighting/vacant buildings. I think if there were more affordable housing options for folks we would have a better community.

More sheltered and bench bus stops, regularly scheduled buses Monday through Sunday, safety for pedestrians on foot on Preston

We need more business and less pan handlers.

Get rid of vacant and abandoned buildings. Add greenery



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Just widen the road, cut down on traffic lights and clean it up. Nothing else is needed.

Traffic is a mess currently on Preston. Need to improve traffic flow. More lanes would help

Attempt to attract more restaurants, shopping, medical services, and less storage buildings, car repair, and other such services that seem to dominate Preston south of Hess Ln. Encourage more pedestrian friendly businesses.

Don't take away driving lanes. Too much mess already. Mass transit will not be utilized enough to make traffic more congested.

Must make all changes safe. Improved lighting and police presence also

Light rail

Clean it up

Improved business fronts, signage regulation, walking and community gathering

Keep it clean and safe



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Things need to improve!

Any transportation system should also connect the neighborhoods nearby so people can access the system and actually use it.

De-prioritize auto traffic at interstate on- and off-ramps

Please do not let this fall apart. Please bring us into the current century. Please bring this city modern transit. We need light rail AND better bus systems. All of it. We deserve it.

If we want Preston to be walkable like Bardstown Rd we need larger sidewalks and a lower speed limit. People drive too fast on Preston.

When surface-level pedestrian crossings are absolutely not possible, make pedestrian pathways attractive and well-maintained.

We still need to make major progress on our Tree Canopy, please plant more trees on roadways to absorb the emissions. This is a critical factor to quality of life right alongside affordable, more environmentally friendly, modern systems for all. TY!

Safety is a priority. Convenient and availability are very important. Cost is an issue for many people in this area. I hope this would cut down on automobiles.

Train overpass near Phillips Ln. needs to be painted, starting to rust, trash and graffiti needs to be kept up, signage needs to be controlled, long-term making the wiring more esthetic, adding trees and islands where possible



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Make the businesses responsible for their store fronts along Preston

Two-way streets north of Eastern are an issue - overall mobility connectivity should be prioritized. Lets set a model for BRT in KY and have designated lanes.

Span of Service

Preston is broken up where you cannot get to downtown with it, and needs fixed. I would only use public transportation if faster, cheaper, easier than driving. Seeing businesses encouraged to use native plants in hell strip would be great.

Connected two way streets with pedestrian crossing at Preston and Railroad

I do not support and Old Louisville/UofL spur. 2nd street don't need any additional mass transit traffic. I'd much prefer increased bike lanes and better sidewalk/safe paths to walk or bike TO the Preston hub from Old Lou UofL areas

Don't understand why the choices are between nulu and the hospitals as the north end of the route. Just keep going west. Or look for other options for getting north

Connected two way streets in Black neighborhoods

None



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Slow traffic down. Make continuous ribbons of interesting places to live, work and play. Put an emphasis on moving people rather than vehicles.

Safety

Destinations served are critical for success of transit.

While I love the experience of using street cards and light rail I really don't want the expense of living in the Preston Corridor to go up. I prioritize buses and biking and making those experiences safer and connected and routes easily understood.

Reliability

Sidewalk improvements, crosswalks, and lighting are very important.

Having express buses to popular dining/drinking locations on the weekends (like the "trolley hop" on Frankfort ave) would be fun and likely decrease driving under the influence, especially if they circulated late. Dollar express rides would thrive.

Transit improvements, service and amenities, are very important

There is a disconnect between the North and South ends of Preston corridor. I would like to see a connection in terms of infrastructure but also in terms of community and culture.



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

Very excited to see where this project goes.

Make it so every bus stop can be accessed by foot and by bike, safely by anyone (kids, mothers, handicapped, elderly) to reach work, home, school, fun, and errand destinations. If not buses will fail the community and increase risk.

Good luck.

Regardless of schedule. Passenger safety should be paramount. No bus on any route should move until all patrons are seated.

Use the whole city right of way to create sidewalks on both sides of Preston all the way, dedicated bus lanes, dedicated and protected bike lanes, and narrow lanes to slow cars.

Please ask human to add the walk miles and please ask Louisville tourism to help with destination attractions within the 1 mile etc. distances.

Strongly encourage a better fare system. The current fare system is failed and takes advantage of patrons on fixed income.

Engage with the community living with in a block or two of Preston with mailers to get their opinion - they will likely support transit and sidewalk and bike options. Focus on low income areas.

Please include public restrooms and more areas to dispose garage to clean up the areas. Free lance applications to area artists to mural some rundown areas. Clean up graffiti and trash, first then build up. Thank you for helping my community!



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

There are homeless. Everyday at outerloop and preston, is there a near by resource center for them and unemployed to take a breath and reset.

Encourage more mixed-use development as part of the high capacity transit solutions!

I'd love to see the Preston-Shelby split at Eastern become a pedestrian-friendly plaza. A mini Time Square, if you will.

Marketing the use of Public Transportation !

The Okolona area looks terrible it is so run down . We need better business to come to the area also sit down restaurants we have to go across town or over to Clarksville . I leave this area to do my shopping walmart and kroger are nicer in Bullitt

Preston, South of the Watterson, is a long grey corridor increasingly lined with expanses of mostly empty parking lots. Considering the desire to increase the city's tree canopy, I would propose raised-bed islands for trees and perennials like Dixie.

More small businesses within walking distance. Businesses be more responsible for their property. Clean up trash. More trash receptacles.

I will also say you have to clean the crime up in this city stop being so easy on these people doing the crimes . I never go out alone and this is another reason why I would rather go to Shepherdsville or Mt Washington to shop nicer store too .

This is an incredibly dangerous road. But also one lined with businesses that many people staff. It's "Accessible" to most of the city dwellers but hardly by bike...



# What other ideas would you like to share with the team about the future of Preston?

I'm so excited about all of these ideas and think it's so important for more parts of our city to get connected! Frequency of service will be really important in making it an attractive option (I'd love to use my car less!)

If busses are part of transportation plan, develop pull offs where bus drivers can break without disrupting a lane of traffic, also in areas where more passengers would board to move bus out of roadway for extended periods of time.

Plant more trees wherever possible. Use electric powered streetcars/vehicles.

I'd like to see more connection between neighborhoods.

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