



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, COMMISSIONER
HOUSING, ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2022

SUBJECT: KYTC Agreement for Liberty Road Improvements Project – Design Phase

Request: Council authorization to accept federal funds in the amount of \$640,000 and execute agreement for the design phase of the Liberty Road Improvements Project as funded under the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Surface Transportation Program (SLX) for capital improvements projects. The acceptance obligates the Urban County Government for the expenditure of \$160,000 as a local match.

Purpose of Request: The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has approved for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to use federal funds from the SLX Program for the design of the Liberty Road Improvements Project. The Liberty Road Improvements Project is a multimodal project on Liberty Road from New Circle Road to Winchester Road. Improvements include upgrading a section of rural roadway to add curb, gutter and storm water piping, installing buffered (or possibly protected) bicycle facilities, and adding sidewalks where none currently exist. The construction of these improvements will add a significant section to the ongoing efforts to connect bicycle and pedestrian facilities between the Brighton Rail Trail/Liberty Park Trail system and the Town Branch Commons/Legacy Trail system.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has offered the LFUCG funds for the design phase in the amount of \$640,000. Local match in the amount of \$160,000 is required for a total design phase cost of \$800,000.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? The total cost in this budget year is \$800,000 (\$640,000 federal funds and \$160,000 local match). Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment 11528 is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Burton/Albright

