



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

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2023

SUBJECT Request Council authorization to repurpose \$500,000 MAP funds, previously approved as the match for KYTC's award under the Reconnecting Communities Grant program, to provide the local match as part of the 2023 RAISE Capital Grant application for North Broadway Railroad Overpass Project.

Request: Council authorization to use \$500,000 in MAP funds as the local match as part of the 2023 RAISE Capital Grants Program application for the North Broadway Railroad Overpass Project, contingent upon the grantor's denial of KYTC's application to the Reconnecting Communities Grant program. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is the lead applicant, LFUCG will provide support for the initiative by providing a portion of the grant match.

Purpose of Request: KYTC is submitting a grant application for the 2023 RAISE Capital Grant through U.S. Department of Transportation. The RAISE program is a discretionary grant program for investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have a significant local or regional impact. RAISE Grant Funds were authorized under the Local and Regional Assistance Program in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). KYTC's project will correct deficiencies associated with the section of North Broadway (US 27) passing under the RJCRC/CSX Railroad, south of the New Circle Road Intersection. RJCRC owns the bridge and track structure over this section of North Broadway and leases the short line railroad between Lexington and Paris from CSX Railroad. The original bridge, underpass, and drainage outfall was constructed in 1937. Deficiencies have been identified at this location that impact roadway drainage, vertical clearance limiting movement of truck traffic, horizontal clearance posing a hazard to motorists and pedestrian traffic, and missing pedestrian and bike accommodations impacting adjacent areas of persistent poverty that daily rely on this corridor. Funding is needed for design and construction phases. KYTC will manage the project and LFUCG will assist as needed throughout implementation. Council previously approved use of MAP funds to provide match to KYTC for the Reconnecting Communities Grant program for this same project (Resolution 586-2022). This current request repurposes those funds contingent upon the grantor's denial of KYTC's application to the Reconnecting Communities Grant program. KYTC wishes to submit this project for the 2023 RAISE Capital grant program. A non-federal match is required. This request of funds will be LFUCG's contribution toward the match requirement.

Cost in this budget year and future budget years: \$500,000 is the cost in FY2023. No anticipated cost in future budget years.

Are funds budgeted? Budget amendment will be completed if funds are awarded.

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Director/Commissioner: Peacher/Scott

