



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

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

DATE: JUNE 2, 2023

SUBJECT: SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT APPLICATION

Request: Council authorization to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program requesting federal funds in amount of \$21,720,000 and requesting local match not to exceed \$1,450,000 for the Safe Streets for Lexington project which includes the following components:

Project Lead	Project Component	Federal Amount	Non-Federal Match (KYTC)	Non-Federal Match (LFUCG)	Total
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC)	New Circle Road Multimodal Safety Improvements (all phases: Design, Right of Way, Utilities & Construction)	\$19,920,000	\$3,980,000	\$1,000,000	\$24,900,000
LFUCG	Multimodal Safety Education & Outreach (annual campaign for a period of 5 years)	\$1,400,000		\$350,000	\$1,750,000
LFUCG	Vision Zero Coordinator (grant funded position for a period of 5 years)	\$400,000		\$100,000	\$500,000
TOTALS		\$21,720,000	\$3,980,000	\$1,450,000	\$27,150,000

Purpose of the Request: The LFUCG has developed a data-driven Safety Action Plan per federal eligibility requirements for the SS4A program that identified high priority multimodal safety improvements along the signalized portion of New Circle Road to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes in Fayette County. The plan also calls for strategic and ongoing transportation safety initiatives to be coordinated across the various LFUCG divisions that are responsible for planning, design, operations, and maintenance of transportation facilities as well as conducting roadway safety public education and enforcing the rules of the road. LFUCG has also completed the Imagine New Circle Road plan with extensive community input that includes transportation improvement concepts to address safety, traffic flow and quality of place along the corridor.

The infrastructure funding request is to reconstruct New Circle Road from Boardwalk to Golden Way (just west of Bryan Station Road) to include minor widening from Boardwalk to Russell Cave Road and



the installation of curb and gutter along the corridor from Boardwalk to Golden Way. Project elements include access management, additional pedestrian crossings and lighting, and intersection treatments to address pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle safety such as raised crossing islands and restricted crossing U-turn intersections, where feasible. A shared use path will be installed along both sides of the roadway from Boardwalk to Golden Way, with additional trail segments extending along the north side of New Circle Rd to the Legacy Trail to the west and Bryan Station Road to the east. As a state-maintained route, these improvements will be made in cooperation with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC). The KYTC has committed \$3,980,000 in state funds for the non-federal match with LFUCG requesting \$1,000,000 in local funds for the remainder of the required 20% non-federal match for the infrastructure project. LFUCG is also requesting \$450,000 in local match for a robust multi-year public education campaign and a Vision Zero Coordinator.

The SS4A grant program, per federal law, is only available to local, regional or county governments. While close coordination with KYTC is strongly encouraged by US DOT, the LFUCG is required to be the applicant for this program. It is anticipated that if awarded, LFUCG will enter into an agreement with KYTC to perform most, if not all, work elements associated with the reconstruction New Circle Road.

The cost in this budget year and future budget years: Total federal funding being requested is \$21,720,000 with \$3,980,000 in state match and \$1,450,000 in local match to be requested in the FY 2025 budget if the federal funding request is approved by USDOT.

Are the funds budgeted? If federal funding is approved, match funds will be budgeted in the FY25 budget.

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Director/Commissioner: Burton/Albright

