



TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: 
Charles Martin, P.E.
Interim Commissioner, Environmental Quality
& Public Works

DATE: June 18, 2026

RE: Contract Agreement with UK for extending the widening of Waller Ave between Elizabeth St and S Limestone

Request

The Department of Environmental Quality & Public Works requests Council approval of a Contract Agreement with the University of Kentucky (UK) to extend the limits of the proposed widening of Waller Avenue from a point east of Elizabeth Street all the way to South Limestone (+/-400').

Why are you requesting?

UK will be widening 275' (plus 200' taper) of the 675' of Waller Ave between Elizabeth Street and South Limestone as a portion of their cancer and advanced ambulatory building project. Therefore about 200' (plus 200' taper) of Waller Ave will remain as a single westbound vehicular lane, with no bicycle lane and a narrow sidewalk. LFUCG is requesting to coordinate with UK to complete the widening of Waller Ave to South Limestone (+/-400') in order to reduce congestion, increase efficiency, improve bicycle & pedestrian facilities and increase public safety. In exchange for LFUCG's contribution (\$200,000.00 maximum), UK will donate the necessary RW, relocate the utilities, design and construct the improvements at no additional cost to LFUCG.

What is the estimated cost in this budget year and future budget years?

Current FY26 budget year: \$200,000.00

Future budget years: N/A

Are the funds budgeted?

Current budget year: Yes



Account Number:

\$200,000.00 from 1136-313101-3101-71299

Law Review – Completed by Todd Henning, 6/16/2026

File Number: 0572-26

Commissioner: Martin

Requester: Brian Knapp, EQPW

