

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

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

**DATE: August 10, 2023**

**SUBJECT Request Council authorization to submit a 2023 Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods grant application and approve match for the Unifying US60 Project.**

---

**Request:** Council authorization to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation under the Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods (RCN) Discretionary Grants Program requesting federal funds in the amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for pre-construction activities and providing local match not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the Unifying US60 Project.

**Purpose of Request:** To pursue a 2023 RCN grant to examine and develop complete street design options for transportation improvements along downtown's western gateway corridors. The RCN program is a discretionary grant program for investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have a significant local or regional impact. RCN 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). Lexington's proposal will focus on Versailles Road from Mason Headley to Oliver Lewis Way, West Maxwell Street and West High Street between Oliver Lewis Way and South Broadway, Patterson Street, and crossing neighborhood intersections with these corridors. LFUCG will leverage the already funded design phase for portions of Versailles Road as the local match to seek grant funds. If awarded, this grant will allow LFUCG to comprehensively and simultaneously develop plans for multiple corridors impacting Lexington.

**Cost in this budget year and future budget years:** \$12,500,000 to include \$10,000,000 in RCN federal grant funds and \$2,500,000 in match from LFUCG funds.

**Are funds budgeted?** Yes, \$2,500,000 already approved for Versailles Road Design as following:

- 1101-303202-3251-78201

**File Number:** 0826-23

**Director/Commissioner:** Peacher/Scott

