



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

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

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Virginia/Red Mile/Forbes Trail Connectivity Safety Study

Request: Council authorization to accept an agreement for federal funds in the amount of \$120,000 from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) for the Virginia/Red Mile/Forbes Trail Connectivity Safety Study and to accept an agreement with the University of Kentucky (UK) for funding in the amount of \$15,000 to be applied to the 20% required non-federal match. LFUCG funds in the amount of \$15,000 are budgeted in the FY23 General Fund to meet the remaining non-federal match requirement.

Purpose of Request: The Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has programmed \$120,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant – Lexington (STBG-SLX) federal highway funds for the Virginia/Red Mile/Forbes Trail Connectivity Safety Study as part of the MPO's FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program.

The study will evaluate cross-town bicycle & pedestrian improvements along Forbes Rd, Red Mile Rd and Virginia Ave from the Meadowthorpe neighborhood to the University of Kentucky Campus at S Limestone. Improvement concepts will address multimodal facilities along the corridor; safe pedestrian and bicycle crossings; and multimodal gateways to the adjacent neighborhoods, Town Branch Trail and UK Campus.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: Total cost in FY 2023 is \$150,000 with 80% being federal funds (\$120,000) and 20% being non-federal funds provided by LFUCG (\$15,000) and UK (\$15,000) for a total of \$30,000. LFUCG funds are budgeted in FY23 with no anticipated planning costs in future budget years.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Duncan/Atkins

