



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

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, COMMISSIONER  
HOUSING, ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**DATE: March 7, 2022**

**SUBJECT Request Council authorization to submit a RAISE grant application and approve match for the High Street Corridor Safety and Mobility Improvements Initiative.**

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**Request:** Council authorization to submit an application, pending match confirmation with partners, to the U.S. Department of Transportation under the RAISE Discretionary Grants Program requesting federal funds in the amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 and providing a local match not to exceed \$11,000,000 for the High Street Corridor Safety and Mobility Improvements Initiative.

**Purpose of Request:** Previously, a grant application was approved for submittal in fall 2021 for this project, but no award was received. After reassessment, a resubmittal of this grant application is requested with amended project footprint and improved project scope to align better with USDOT goals for a more competitive application to the federal RAISE grant program. This project is prompted by a significant accident record along the High Street corridor that has included loss of life and is an effort to improve this roadway and address connectivity. Grant funds would be used for design, right-of-way acquisition, utility work, and construction to address critical needs related to vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian safety for a highly trafficked area of downtown Lexington. The sections to be constructed with the RAISE funding would include improvements along West High Street between Broadway and Oliver Lewis Way, along Oliver Lewis Way from Broadway to Manchester Street, Jefferson Street at High Street and Manchester, Manchester between Oliver Lewis Way and Jefferson Street, and Patterson Street from High St to Oliver Lewis Way. Project partners have been engaged and determination of required local match is ongoing. Partners include the State of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Lexington Area MPO, Town Branch Park, Inc., and Lexington Center Corporation. With Council approval, application will be made by the grant submission deadline of April 14, 2022, provided that the required local match is identified. If less than the identified match is secured then a project application may be submitted with a scaled back scope and budget in order to meet the desired local match. If adequate match is not identified then no application will be made.

**Cost in this budget year and future budget years:** \$36,000,000 to include \$25,000,000 in federal grant funds, \$5,000,000 from LFUCG bond funds, and \$6,000,000 of the match from non- LFUCG



sources. LFUCG sources. Future years' funding is dependent upon availability of federal funds for this program.

**Are funds budgeted?** A budget amendment will be completed if approved.

**File Number:** 0267-22

**Director/Commissioner:** Peacher/Scott