

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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TO:

JIM GRAY, MAYOR

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM:

IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

OCTOBER 24, 2013

SUBJECT:

REQUEST COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET REQUESTING FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

PROGRAM (TAP) FOR THE 4TH STREET CORRIDOR PROJECT

Transplvania University. has prepared an application requesting funding under the 2014 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for streetscape improvements to 485 West 4th Street – 217 West 4th Street. Authorized under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), TAP provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right of way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways. Only local and state government agencies can serve as sponsors for these projects.

The application requests \$1,040,000 in federal funds. Funds from the TAP grant will be used to improve the quality of the corridor from both a functional, physical and visual standpoint. Streetscape, vehicular and pedestrian improvements to the 4th Street Right of Way corridor between Jefferson Street and Upper Street will include:

- New curb and gutter
- New sidewalks

200 East Main Street

- New asphalt pavement surfacing
- Sustainable green infrastructure drainage improvements
- Wayfinding and signage improvements
- New street and pedestrian level lighting for improved and safer pedestrian movement of students between campuses and the new Athletic Complex
- Intersection traffic calming at 4th and Jefferson; 4th and Broadway and 4th and Upper Street

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Transylvania University will provide the 20% required grant match in the amount of \$260,000. Total project cost is \$1,300,000.

Council authorization to submit the application is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding

Director

Xc: Derek Paulsen, Commissioner of the Department of Planning, Preservation, and

Development