



TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE: November 1, 2016

SUBJECT: Accept TIGER award for Town Branch Commons

Request:

Request Council authorization to accept award of federal funds in the amount of \$14,095,887 from the U. S. Department of Transportation under the 2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program for construction of sections (zones 3, 4, 6, and 7) of Town Branch Commons Project

Purpose of Request:

On April 21, 2016 (Resolution No. 230-2016), Council approved submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation requesting federal funds for the construction of sections of the Town Branch Commons Project. The U.S Department of Transportation has offered the LFUCG an award in the amount of \$14,095,887 for right of way acquisition, utility relocation, infrastructure, streetscape, drainage, signals, and signage. Mobility enhancements include completing critical gaps in trail and pedestrian infrastructure, separating bike infrastructure from vehicles, improving pedestrian facilities, and installing corridor safety improvements and traffic calming features. The project will bring together a 20-mile multi-modal system to include the Legacy Trail, Town Branch Trail, and the Town Branch Commons Corridor. Citizens will be able to safely run, walk, or ride their bikes from their neighborhoods to downtown, and to the rural areas. The sections to be constructed with TIGER funding include the area on Vine Street from Limestone to Tucker Street, the area on Manchester Street from Oliver Lewis Way to Forbes Road, and the area on Newtown Pike from Oliver Lewis Way to West Third Street. On the attached map these areas are identified as zones 3, 4, 6, and 7.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: This grant requires a 20% local match in the amount of \$3,523,972. Federal funds and grant match will be budgeted through Fiscal Year 2020. Grant match will come from bond revenue approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2016.

Are the funds budgeted? BA 7921 and 7951 are in process.

File Number: 1233-16

Director/Commissioner: Burton/Paulsen

Irene Gooding, Director

