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TO:

JIM GRAY, MAYOR

**URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL** 

FROM:

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**DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS** 

DATE:

MAY 24, 2016

SUBJECT:

Donation of a portion of property located at 913 Georgetown Street to

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet-Requires Public Hearing scheduled

for June 16, 2016

Request:

Request Council authorization to approve change in use of a portion of the property located at 913 Georgetown Street, and to donate portion of this property to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for use and benefit of the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways—Requires Public Hearing scheduled for June 16, 2016

## Purpose of Request:

On September 23, 1980 (Resolution #277-80), Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council approved use of Community Development Block Grant funds, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purchase of property at 913 Georgetown Street, in the amount of \$400,00 for use as administrative headquarters for Community Action of Lexington-Fayette County. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has determined that it needs a permanent easement of 9,964 square feet and a temporary easement of 16,264 square feet for the planned improvements on New Circle Road. A result of this construction will be improvements to the storm water drainage on this property.

The regulation at 24 CFR 570.505 requires that the government provide affected citizens with reasonable notice of, and opportunity to comment on any proposed change in use of real property acquired or improved in whole or in part using CDBG funds in excess of \$25,000. If the changed use of the property qualifies as meeting a national objective under 24 CFR 570.208 (low income benefit, urgent need, and prevention/elimination of slums or blight), the government may proceed to change the use of the property after citizens have been given reasonable notice of, and opportunity to comment on the proposed change.

Current census data show that the property is in Census Tract #11 with a population that is 68.15% at or below 80% of area median income and with a poverty rate of 21.5%. The proposed use is for public infrastructure and is therefore an eligible use of the property. No changes are anticipated in Community Action Council operations as a result of this donation of right of way.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? There is no cost to the LFUCG for this fiscal year and future fiscal years.

Are the funds budgeted? N/A

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Director/Commissioner: Baradaran/Reed

Irene Gooding, Director