



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

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

DATE: JANUARY 25, 2023

SUBJECT Request Council authorization to submit a 2023 RAISE planning grant application and approve match for the West Gateway Corridors Planning and Design Project.

Request: Council authorization to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation under the RAISE Discretionary Grants Program requesting federal funds in the amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 for planning and design, and providing local match not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the West Gateway Corridors Planning and Design Project.

Purpose of Request: To pursue a planning and design 2023 RAISE grant to examine and develop complete street design options for transportation improvements along downtown's western gateway corridors. The RAISE program is a discretionary grant program for investments in surface transportation infrastructure that will have a significant local or regional impact. RAISE Grant Funds were authorized under the Local and Regional Assistance Program in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Lexington's proposal will focus on Versailles Road from Mason Headley to Oliver Lewis Way, West Maxwell Street and West High Street between Oliver Lewis Way and South Broadway, Patterson Street, and the long planned Newtown Pike Extension Scott Street Connector. LFUCG will leverage the already funded segment on Versailles Road as the local match to seek grant funds. If awarded, this grant will allow LFUCG to comprehensively and simultaneously develop plans for multiple corridors impacting Lexington. This includes discretionary transportation funds for Newtown Pike Extension - Scott Street Connector, pending federal and state authorization.

Cost in this budget year and future budget years: \$10,000,000 to include \$5,500,000 in RAISE federal grant funds, \$2M in FY23 Department of Transportation federal discretionary funds, and \$2,500,000 from LFUCG funds.

Are funds budgeted? Yes, \$2,500,000 already approved for Versailles Road Design as following:

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Director/Commissioner: Peacher/Scott

