



TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

DATE: APRIL 4, 2016

SUBJECT: TIGER application for Town Branch Commons

Request:

Request Council authorization to submit application requesting federal funds in the amount of \$16 million to the U. S. Department of Transportation under the 2016 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program for construction of sections of Town Branch Commons Project.

Purpose of Request:

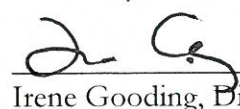
An application has been prepared for submission to the U.S. Department of Transportation requesting funds in the amount of \$16 million for the construction of three sections of the Town Branch Commons Project. Mobility enhancements include completing critical gaps in trail and pedestrian infrastructure, separating bike infrastructure from vehicles, improving pedestrian facilities, and installing corridor safety improvements and traffic calming features. The project also includes a significant application of bioswales and other green infrastructure to help manage storm water and improve aesthetics and sustainability throughout the corridor. 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.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: \$20 million to include \$16 million in federal funds and \$4 million in bond revenue

Are the funds budgeted? \$4 million in bond revenue will come from the bonds already approved by Council in Fiscal Year 2016 for the Town Branch Commons project.

File Number: 0365-16

Director/Commissioner: Dowell Hoskins-Squier



Irene Gooding, Director

