



TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE: MARCH 26, 2018

SUBJECT: Clays Mill Road Section 1 Improvements – Environmental Mitigation

Request: Council authorization to work with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the Imperiled Bat Conservation Fund to mitigate the potential impact of the removal of trees for the Clays Mill Road Section 1 Improvements Project on the Indiana bat habitat at an estimated cost of \$4,617. Funds are budgeted.

Purpose of Request: On July 1, 2003 (Ordinance # 174-2003), Council approved acceptance of award of SLX funds (Surface Transportation Lexington) from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the preliminary design for reconstruction of Section I of Clays Mill Road from Harrodsburg Road to New Circle Road. On December 4, 2014 (Resolution #721-2014), Council approved acceptance of additional funding in the amount of \$750,000 from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the final design of Section I. On April 21, 2016 (Resolution #213-2016), Council approved acceptance of additional funding in the amount of \$1,056,000 for the Right of Way Phase. On March 22, 2018 (Resolution #168-2018), Council authorized additional funding in the amount of \$224,000 for the Utility Phase.

The Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Division of Engineering proposes to clear 1.35 acres of area identified as potential endangered Indiana Bat habitat during the timeframe that bats are most likely to be roosting. These trees are necessarily being cleared to allow the relocation of utilities along Clays Mill Road prior to roadway reconstruction.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? The estimated cost is \$4,617. Funds are budgeted.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes.

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Director/Commissioner: Burton/Paulsen

