



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

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

DATE: **JANUARY 22, 2026**

SUBJECT: **Authorization to Execute Consultant Services Agreement with WSP USA
Inc. RFP #42-2025 for Winchester Road Corridor Study**

Request: Council authorization to execute Consultant Services Agreement with WSP USA , Inc. for the Winchester Road Corridor Study at a cost not to exceed \$350,000

This Consultant Services Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ten (10) days written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the terms hereof through no fault of the terminating party, provided the non-terminating party fails to cure such default within the ten (10) day period.

Purpose of Request: On September 18, 2025 (Resolution 446-2025), Council authorized acceptance of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant – Lexington (STBG-SLX) funds for the Winchester Road Corridor Study. The City of Lexington's Division of Planning, in partnership with the Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), issued RFP #42-2025 seeking proposals from qualified professional planning and urban design firms to complete a coordinated corridor land use plan and transportation study for Winchester Road (US 60) from East 3rd / Midland Avenue to Bahama Road. The primary purpose of the plan is to identify how incremental infill, and development can be responsive to market forces, meet the needs of the surrounding community, and provide safe access for all travel modes. This corridor study will advance Lexington's Vision Zero and Complete Streets goals by recommending design and policy strategies that improve safety, expand travel options, and create a more connected, people-centered corridor. The final product will include recommended street cross-sections, a prioritized list of transportation improvements, land use and urban design recommendations, and a regulatory framework for plan implementation.

The selected consultant shall:



- Identify opportunities to add mixed land uses to serve the surrounding neighborhoods and increase residential housing along the corridor, including more affordable housing, based on market analyses.
- Identify solutions for improving multi-modal access and safety along the corridor.
- Facilitate substantial and meaningful public and stakeholder engagement with business owners along the corridor, including small and minority-owned and operated businesses, as well as the surrounding neighborhoods, some of which have often been marginalized and underrepresented.
- Develop implementation plans for transportation improvements, regulatory land use recommendations, and site and corridor design guidelines.

Six (6) proposals were submitted in response to RFP #42-2025. The Selection Committee recommended WSP USA, Inc., as the most qualified consultant to conduct the Scope of Work as outlined in the RFP and further detailed in the consultant's response.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: \$350,000 is cost in FY26. (\$280,000 in federal funds and \$70,000 in local match.) There are no anticipated planning costs in future budget years.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, 3160-160705-0001-71299 WINCHESTER_2026 FED_GRANT

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Director/Commissioner: Duncan/Horn

