

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

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

**DATE: JUNE 21, 2019**

**SUBJECT: Newtown Pike Extension (Scott Street Connector) Project**

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**Request:** Council authorization to submit an application requesting federal funds in the amount of \$26.5 million to the U. S. Department of Transportation under the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program for the Newtown Pike Extension (Scott Street Connector) Project.

**Why are you requesting?**

An application has been prepared for submission to the U.S. Department of Transportation requesting funds in the amount of \$26.5 million for the Newtown Pike Extension (Scott Street Connector) Project. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has agreed to be the lead agency and administer the Newtown Pike Extension (Scott Street Connector) Project should the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government be successful in their application for the US DOT BUILD Grant Funds.

The Project known as the Newtown Pike Extension (Scott Street Connector) will construct the final phase of the overall Newtown Pike Extension. This section includes from the Patterson Street intersection, over South Broadway, to the intersection on South Limestone across from the University of Kentucky's campus. The new roadway will provide immediate traffic congestion relief and complete an important north-to-central Lexington connection that supports commuter traffic from north Lexington and I-75/I-64 to centrally located destinations such as: University of KY main campus, UK Medical Center, UK Kroger Field, Veterans Administration Hospital, Baptist Health Lexington hospital and medical offices, Good Samaritan Hospital, and Lexington's Central Business District. The estimated cost is \$26,500,000 of which the LFUCG has agreed to commit \$500,000. The Cabinet agrees to provide the remaining 20% matching funds contingent on the BUILD Grant approval.

**What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?** LFUCG is committing to provide \$500,000 in grant match out of the MAP fund. The total project cost is estimated to be \$26,500,000.

**Are the funds budgeted?** FY 2022 MAP funds will be requested in FY 2021.

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**Director/Commissioner:** Doug Burton/Nancy Albright

