



**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

DATE: JUNE 14, 2018

SUBJECT: RICHMOND ROAD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Request: Council authorization to accept federal funding in the amount of \$56,000 from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet under the SLX Program, the acceptance of which obligates the Government to provide match in the amount of \$14,000. Funds are budgeted.

Purpose of the Request: In 2014, the Division of Traffic Engineering requested Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) for the Richmond Road (U.S. 25/421) intersection pedestrian improvement project. The KYTC did not provide TAP funds at that time and instead planned to fund the proposed pedestrian and operational improvements from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) project planned for the same intersection. Since that time, construction documents and cost estimates have been developed for the HSIP project and KYTC has determined there is not adequate funding to provide the operational and safety benefits desired by LFUCG. As a result, the Division of Traffic Engineering has requested SLX funding through the MPO.

The additional improvements desired by LFUCG include offsetting the side street left-turn lanes at Richmond Road and St. Ann Drive/Fontaine Road and St. Margaret/Lakeshore Drive, which will provide similar benefits as offsetting the mainline left turns (goal of the HSIP project). It will improve visibility for drivers, improve signal operation, and better accommodate pedestrian crossings by allowing for a full 8-phase or 6-phase operation instead of the current 'split-phase' operation. Efficiency is often diminished when combining 'split phase' operation with pedestrian crossings on both mainline intersection legs.

The cost in this budget year and future budget years: The total cost for FY19 is \$70,000. The federal amount is \$56,000 and the 20% required local match is \$14,000. Match will come from the MAP fund.

Are the funds budgeted? FY19 Budget Amendments are in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Neal/Hoskins-Squier

