



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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

**FROM: IRENE GOODING, DIRECTOR
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DATE: JUNE 9, 2015

SUBJECT: Request Council authorization to approve change in use of a portion of the property located at 522 Patterson Street, and to donate portion of this property to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for use and benefit of the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways—Requires Public Hearing scheduled for July 2, 2015

On November 20, 1975, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government used Community Development Block Grant funds, from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purchase of property at 522 Patterson Street. This property in conjunction with three other school properties was purchased for a total of \$210,000 in CDBG funds for use as neighborhood community centers. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has determined that it needs a fee simple title for .125 acres of this property as permanent right of way and 6,215 square feet of property for temporary easement for the construction of Phase II of the Newtown Pike Extension Project from Versailles Road to South Broadway.

The regulation at 24 CFR 570.505 requires that the government provide affected citizens with reasonable notice of, and opportunity to comment on any proposed change in use of real property acquired or improved in whole or in part using CDBG funds in excess of \$25,000. If the changed use of the property qualifies as meeting a national objective under 24 CFR 570.208 (low income benefit, urgent need, and prevention/elimination of slums or blight), the government may proceed to change the use of the property after citizens have been given reasonable notice of, and opportunity to comment on the proposed change.

Current census data show that the property is in Census Tract #9 with a population that is 83.49% at or below 80% of area median income and with a poverty rate of 71.9%. The proposed use is for public infrastructure and is therefore an eligible use of the property. No changes are anticipated in operation of the neighborhood community center as a result of this donation of right of way.

Council authorization to approve the change in use of a portion of the property at 522 Patterson Street from neighborhood community center to public infrastructure and to authorize donation to the Commonwealth of Kentucky for use and benefit of the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways.

Irene Gooding, Director

XC: Geoffrey Reed, Commissioner of General Services