

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

DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

DATE:

MARCH 14, 2014

SUBJECT

Request Council authorization to execute Perpetual Easement of trail area in

Coolavin Park to the Kentucky Department for Local Government as required

under the Recreational Trails Program

On May 6, 2010 (Ordinance No. 83-2010), Council authorized the acceptance of a grant from the Kentucky Department for Local Government, in the amount of \$75,000 for construction of the Coolavin Rail Trail. The source of federal funds is the Federal Highway Trust Fund, and represents a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from nonhighway recreational fuel use.

On April 26, 2012 (Resolution No. 207-2012), Council authorized execution of an Amendment to Agreement extending the period of performance through June 30, 2013.

On July 2, 2013 (Resolution 345-2013), Council authorized execution of an Amendment to Agreement extending the period of performance through June 30, 2014.

The Memorandum of Agreement between the LFUCG and the Department for Local Government provides for the LFUCG to execute and record an easement dedicating the Trail Easement Area in perpetuity to public outdoor recreation. The easement requires that the facilities be kept safe and in reasonable repair for project lifetime and open for public use for perpetuity.

The Coolavin Rail Trail, a portion of the Legacy Trail system, is proposed as a twelve foot wide, 3,000 foot long trail with an impervious surface that provides multi-modal access along an abandoned R.J. Corman railroad corridor. The proposed trail lies between Fifth Street and Loudon Avenue. The source of federal funds is the Federal Highway Trust Fund, and represents a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from nonhighway recreational fuel use.

Council authorization to execute Perpetual Easement is hereby requested.

Irene Gooding, Director

Xc: Derek Paulsen, Commissioner of the Department of Planning, Preservation, and Development

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