



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

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

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2025

SUBJECT: FY 2026 MPO Transportation Planning Activities

Request: Council authorization to submit applications for funding and accept awards for FY 2026 Transportation Planning Activities; subject to the availability of sufficient funds in FY 2026.

Purpose of the Request: The Transportation Planning Section of the Division of Planning has prepared a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 2026 that includes funding from the following federal programs that finance the federally-mandated transportation planning process for the Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization as described in the UPWP.

Federal Program	Federal	State Match	Local Match	Total
FHWA Planning (PL)	\$525,000	\$65,625 (10%)	\$65,625 (10%)	\$656,250
FTA Section 5303	\$108,000		\$27,000 (20%)	\$135,000
Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG-SLX)	\$456,320		\$114,080 (20%)	\$570,400
TOTALS	\$1,089,320	\$65,625	\$206,705	\$1,361,650

Federally mandated activities in the Unified Planning Work Program include updating and implementing the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Congestion Management Program and coordinating public participation in the planning process. Additional activities of regional importance include traffic impact analysis of land use and development proposals, bicycle-pedestrian planning, transit planning, conducting special studies, and transportation-related outreach and public safety messaging. These combined funding sources support the personnel costs of nine transportation planning positions in the Division of Planning. Operating costs such as office supplies, printing, maintenance, equipment and professional development are also included. Beginning in FY 26, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet provides a 10% match for the FHWA Planning grant, for which the LFUCG provides a match of 10%. All other programs require a match of 20%.

The cost in this budget year and future budget years: The total federal funding being requested for FY26 is \$1,089,320 with an additional \$65,625 being provided by the state. LFUCG is required to provide a match of \$206,705 as requested in the FY 2026 budget. The total cost in the budget is \$1,361,650. Grant funds for these activities are anticipated in future budget years.

Are the funds budgeted? A budget amendment will be completed if grant funding is approved.

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Director/Commissioner: Keith Horn/James Duncan

