



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

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

DATE: JUNE 21, 2021

SUBJECT: East Lexington Trail Connectivity & Traffic Safety Study

Request: Council authorization to accept grant funds and to execute agreement from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in the amount of \$120,000 for the East Lexington Trail Connectivity & Traffic Safety Study. Local grant match in the amount of \$30,000 is required and included in the FY22 adopted budget.

Purpose of Request: The Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has programmed \$120,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant – Lexington (STBG-SLX) federal highway funds for the East Lexington Trail Connectivity & Safety Study as part of the MPO's FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program.

The scope of the project includes consultant services to determine an alignment for a shared use trail from Third Street / Isaac Murphy Memorial Art Garden (IMMAG) to the existing Brighton Rail Trail in east Fayette County. The study will be coordinated with multimodal roadway improvements planned for construction along Liberty Road both inside and outside New Circle Road. The study will evaluate off-road trail alignments paralleling Liberty Road, including along active and inactive rail corridors. It will also evaluate alignments along roadways, including Liberty Road and Winchester Road, and recommend any vehicular and trail-related improvements needed to improve safety. The study will include detailed traffic and engineering analysis of improvements on Winchester Rd at the intersection of Midland Ave and Third Street to provide for improved vehicular safety and intersection geometrics; safe pedestrian and bicycle crossings; improved freight movements to adjacent industrial properties; and a visual gateway to downtown and East End neighborhoods.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: Cost in FY 2022 is \$150,000 (\$120,000 in federal funds and \$30,000 in grant match budgeted in FY22). There are no anticipated planning costs in future budget years.

Are the funds budgeted? FY2022 budget amendment is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Duncan/Atkins

