



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

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

DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2019

SUBJECT: Award Nicholasville Road Corridor Study to WSP Inc. (RFP 27-2019)

Request: Council authorization to award the U.S. 27/Nicholasville Road Coordinated Corridor Land Use Plan and Transportation Study to WSP Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$222,000. Funds are budgeted.

Purpose of Request: On March 22, 2018 (Resolution 164-2018), Council authorized acceptance of federal discretionary planning funds for a Nicholasville Road Corridor & Planning Study. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in partnership with the Division of Planning, issued RFP #27-2019 seeking proposals from qualified professional planning and engineering firms to complete a coordinated corridor land use plan and transportation study for US 27/Nicholasville Road from downtown Lexington to Brannon Road. The primary purpose of the study is to identify how incremental densification of the corridor relates to phased mass transit improvements with the ultimate goal of bus rapid transit (BRT) viability. The selected consultant shall:

- Identify opportunities for intensifying residential and mixed land uses along the corridor.
- Identify potential impacts and solutions for transit, non-motorized and vehicular travel that will result from more intensive land uses.
- Estimate the costs and recommend phasing of needed transportation improvements and their relationship to densification thresholds.
- Prepare a detailed regulatory framework for implementing the plan including site specific land use recommendations and corridor-based design guidelines and/or standards.
- Facilitate public and stakeholder engagement.

Five (5) proposals were submitted in response to RFP #27-2019. The Selection Committee recommended WSP, INC., as the most qualified consultant to conduct the Scope of Work as outlined in the RFP and further detailed in the consultant's response.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: Cost in FY 2020 is \$222,000 (\$177,600 in federal funds and \$44,400 in local match.) There are no anticipated planning costs in future budget years.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes. Account number 3160-160705-0001-71299.



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