



Transportation Alternatives Program FFY2026

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The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside from the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program provides funding for a variety of transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities; construction of turnouts, overlooks, and viewing areas; community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management; environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity; recreational trails; safe routes to school projects; and vulnerable road user safety assessments.

When completing the application, keep in mind the following:

- This is a federal-aid program with significant requirements. Selected projects must follow the [KYTC Local Public Agency \(LPA\) Guide](#).
- A twenty percent (20%) local match is required.
- The Office of Local Programs will not increase a project award due to project cost increases.
- Any Local Public Agency with an open TAP project that needs additional funding should apply for additional funds during this application cycle.
- The requirements of the LPA Guide should be considered when building the project budget. Although the application does provide for a contingency amount in the budget, applicants may increase the amount of funding requested in the application to further account for inflation, time delays and other unforeseen costs.
- Applicants should keep in mind use of federal-aid funding on a project means the entire project must follow federal guidelines, even if part of the project is being paid using state or local funds.
- If you have any questions regarding the application process once started, you can submit your questions via the messages tab within Submittable.
- Applicants can choose to collaborate with others on the application via the "Manage Collaborators" link in the top right of the application screen. This will allow the applicant to add individuals to provide them access to their draft application to assist in completion.

Proposed Project Name (required)

This is the name assigned to each submission. Please make sure the name provided is concise but does describe the project.

Alumni Drive Shared Use Path

Applicant Information

Please supply information about your organization and the contact for this project below.

Contact - Name (required)

Contact must be a full-time employee of the Local Public Agency (LPA) applicant.

First Name (required)

Scott

Last Name (required)

Gabbard

Contact – Email (required)

sgabbard@lexingtonky.gov

Contact – Phone (required)

859-258-3437

Organization – UEI (required)

Please supply your organization Unique Entity Identifier. All applicants must have a current UEI registered in the federal System for Award Management (SAM). To register, go to www.sam.gov.

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Organization – SAI (required)

All applicants for federal funding must complete a federal Form 424 with the State Clearinghouse as part of their application process. The website is: Kentucky eClearinghouse Home. Questions regarding the eClearinghouse process must be directed to the Kentucky Department for Local Government.

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Organization - eMARS Vendor ID (KY9999999) (required)

Visit the Vendor Self Service to find your ID. If the project is selected for funding, the eMARS Vendor ID is used to set up the project contract in the state accounting system, eMARS. If an applicant has a hold placed on their Vendor ID their application may not be considered for funding.

KY0033801

Organization – Address (required)

Country (required)

United States

Address (required)

200 E. Main St.

Address Line 2 (optional)**City (required)**

Lexington

State, Province, or Region (required)

KY

Zip or Postal Code (required)

40507

Project Type

Select one of the eligible project categories that best fits the description of the project.

On or off road facilities for pedestrian, bike, or other non-motorized forms of transportation

Project Location

Please indicate details about the location of your project.

KYTC Highway District (required)

07 - LEXINGTON

D7 - County

034 – FAYETTE

City Name (required)

Lexington

Population (required)

Please list the population of the city in which the project is located based on the most current Census data. (2020)

322,570

Road Name

Alumni Drive

Congressional District (required)

For reporting purposes.

6

Kentucky House District (required)

For reporting purposes.

79

Kentucky Senate District (required)

For reporting purposes.

13

Route Prefix (required)

CS

Route Number (required)

3016

Route Suffix (required)

(no suffix)

Route Begin Mile Point (required)

1.22

Route End Mile Point (required)

3.19

Point Location – Latitude (required)

Latitude in Decimal Degrees

38.0067895

Point Location – longitude (required)

Longitude in Decimal Degrees

-84.486258

Map Link (required)

Put link to pin on Google Maps website. Click [here](#) for short video of how to do this.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/K19S7Hb4RVijgvBCA>

Is design complete on this project? (required)

No

Project Description (required)

Please describe the purpose and need of the project and any activities anticipated to be completed using these funds.

The Alumni Dr. Shared Use Path project will construct a 2 mile long, 12-foot-wide shared use path on the north side of Alumni Dr. from the existing shared use path at Tates Creek Rd. to New Circle Rd. (KY 4), and a 5-foot sidewalk on the south side of Alumni Dr. from Tates Creek Rd. to Chinoe Rd. where an existing sidewalk on the south side of Alumni Dr. continues to New Circle Rd. The project includes intersection crossing improvements at Chinoe Rd. and a mid-block crossing to enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety.

TAP funding for the design of this project was previously awarded. This application is for the construction funding for this project.

The project is identified in the Lexington Area MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan as a Major Trail in the bicycle network, similar to the Town Branch and Legacy Trails. Alumni Dr. currently does not have continuous bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and this project will complete the multi-modal gaps along the corridor, resulting in a continuous bicycle and pedestrian facility from the Squires Trail, outside of Man O War Blvd., to the existing Alumni Dr. trail at the University of Kentucky Campus, which extends to the UK Arboretum and to Nicholasville Rd.

This shared use path will connect the citizens of southeastern and south Lexington to the University of Kentucky Campus and to the Town Branch Commons via UK's campus trails and LFUCG bicycle network. This project will provide equitable transportation access to jobs, education, goods and services along and adjacent to the Alumni Dr. corridor, on UK's campus and Downtown Lexington.

Right-of-Way

If the project is awarded funding, the applicant will be required to provide proof the project will be constructed within the public right-of-way, otherwise as a federally funded transportation project, it must follow the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Uniform Act) for the acquisition of any property.. The Uniform Act only allows you to identify the properties for initial design and budgeting. You CANNOT begin acquisitions or approach property owners until the Environmental Analysis is complete and you are given an Official Order to begin right-of-way acquisition. This applies to all acquisitions, including donations. If ROW acquisition is required, the applicant should include in the budget an amount for the ROW phase that takes into account the fair market value of any property to be acquired along with the administrative and consultant fees. If the project requires ROW acquisition, and is selected for funding, the applicant will be required to use a KYTC pre-qualified ROW consultant to handle acquisition.

Does sufficient public right of way exist to build this project? (required)

Yes

Maintenance Plan

Provide a description of how the project will be maintained. (required)

Describe how the completed project will be maintained for public use. Include plans for income generated after completion.

This project is within LFUCG public right-of-way, and the project area is currently maintained by Lexington Fayette Urban County Government. Pavement, markings, signs and signals will be maintained by LFUCG's Division of Streets and Roads with assistance from the LFUCG Division of Traffic Engineering. All greenspace, trash removal and trail amenities maintenance will be the responsibility of the Division of Parks and Recreation and/or Environmental Services.

Project Budget

The Office of Local Programs uses the budget provided to determine the amount of funding awarded for the project; therefore, the estimated cost for each phase of the project must be as accurate as possible. To find out more information about cost estimates, consult the Local Public Agency (LPA) Guide.

Project Budget By Phase (required)

The fields for construction inspection, contingency, total project cost, total federal cost, and local match will fill in automatically using a formula. You cannot change these amounts.

1	PHASE	COST
2	Preliminary Engineering/Design (PE & FINAL)	
3	Right of Way (ROW)	
4	Utilities	
5	Construction	\$4,672,000
6	Construction Engineering/Inspection (15%)	\$700,800
7	Contingency (10%)	\$467,200
8	TOTAL PROJECT COST - 100% including match	\$5,840,000
	TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS REQUESTED – 80%	
9	Federal Funding	\$4,672,000
10	TOTAL LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED - 20% Project Cost	\$1,168,000

Please attach an engineer's estimate of the total project cost (required)

Acceptable file types: .csv, .doc, .docx, .odt, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, .wpd, .wpf, .gif, .jpg, .jpeg, .png, .svg, .tif, .tiff, .epub, .key, .mobi, .mus, .musx, .ppt, .pptx, .sib, .xls, .xlsx, .zip

Indicate the type of local match to be provided(required)

Please note, only cash or property can be used as match on the project. If using property, an appraisal will need to be provided to KYTC performed by a KYTC prequalified appraiser and will be reviewed by the KYTC Division of Right-of-Way and Utilities for concurrence of the appraisal value.

Cash

Connectivity and Community Impact

Does the applicant have a master plan, regional growth, sustainability or economic development plan that includes this project? (required)

Yes

Attach a copy of the plan

Acceptable file types: .doc, .docx, .odt, .pdf
[BPMP-Master-Plan-Reduced.pdf](#)

Does the project provide connectivity to any local businesses, schools, restaurants, etc.? (required)

This can include schools, restaurants, medical offices, daycare centers, retail stores, libraries, laundry facilities, parks, playgrounds, etc.

Yes

List the facilities to which the project will provide connectivity

This shared use path will connect the citizens of southeastern and south Lexington to the University of Kentucky Campus and to the Town Branch Commons via UK's campus trails and bicycle network along with a significant number of destinations including:

Grocery Stores: Kroger.

Schools: Centenary School, Lexington Christian Academy, Kore Academy.

Restaurants: Zenshi, El Azteca, Everything Spuds, Big City Pizza, and others.

Daycare: Gan Shalom Preschool, Immanuel Baptist Preschool, Educare Learning Center.

Medical Offices: Alumni Dental Center, Kentucky Eye Institute, SUN Outpatient Center, and others.

Retail Stores: Violets Boutique, Chinoe Center Shopping Mall, Western Union.

Houses of Worship: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Centenary Church, Ohavay Zion Synagogue, St. Luke Church.

Parks: Ecton Park, Lansdowne Merrick Park.

Other: University of Kentucky, State Botanical Garden of Kentucky.

Will the project promote or facilitate economic development in the community? (required)

Yes

Provide a description of how the project will facilitate or promote economic development (required)

Property values for all zoning types have seen increased value as the result of the completion of trail projects. A study from the National Association of Realtors states that living near trails and greenways will likely increase your property value an average of 3-5% and sometimes as high as 15%. Trails have also been shown to increase the frequency and amounts of spending for businesses located along their routes.

To what extent will this project improve mobility for disadvantaged populations including the elderly, disabled, minority, and low-income residents? (required)

The project will significantly improve mobility for non-vehicular users along the corridor (including the elderly, disabled, minority, and low-income residents) by constructing an ADA compliant shared use path that connects existing bus stops, businesses, neighborhoods, and other destinations. There is currently no continuous transportation facility for non-vehicular users along Alumni Dr. within the project area and the existing bus stops are not connected to the nearby destinations.

This project connects directly to six census tract groups ([Census Poverty Status Viewer | FEMA.gov](#)) with percentages of people in poverty listed at 4.5%, 7.9%, 10.0%, 13.3%, 20.3% and 24.7%.

Please describe how the project will impact safety. (required)

If the project addresses a specific safety concern, outline the safety issue and provide any back-up data.

Safety impacts include improved signals, signs and markings at the intersection of Alumni Dr. with Chinoe Rd. Speed reduction chicanes will be added to the critical roadway locations to improve safety at bike/ped crossings. The primary safety impact is for non-motorized users. Currently, bicyclists are forced to use a high-speed, high-volume roadway (45mph; 17,664 AADT), or occupy existing sidewalk where present. The trail will allow non-motorized users to safely use this section of roadway, separated from vehicles and protected by a curb. Currently sidewalks are only present in one section of the roadway, and only on one side of the roadway, forcing pedestrians to walk in the street or in an unimproved roadway clearzone. There is no ADA compliant route through this corridor. The SUP and additional sidewalk will allow users of all ages and abilities to safely traverse this corridor. Pedestrian crossing improvements at the Chinoe Rd. intersection will facilitate access to both sides of the roadway thus increasing the safety of the corridor for all modes of travel.

Does the project have any positive environmental impacts? (required)

This can include reduction in vehicle miles traveled, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, or addressing an eligible environmental concern through mitigation.

Yes

List the environmental impacts from the project

This corridor currently has a disconnected sidewalk and bikeway network. The project will complete the non-motorized network for the corridor. It also connects to existing bicycle infrastructure at four locations including trails and on-road bike lanes. Increased safety and connectivity will lead to more bicycle commuters and reductions in VMT, especially in the vicinity of UK's Campus. Alumni Dr. adjacent to the project corridor has an ADT of approximately 17,500. Fayette County has an average bicycle mode share of 1% and walk mode share of 3% this project would reduce ADT by 700 vehicles per day.

Describe how the community has been involved in the planning process and list any key stakeholders. (required)

The Alumni Dr. Shared Use Path project was identified in the Lexington Area MPO 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and scored a 90 out of 100 score for network priority. It was thus identified as a Tier 1 priority project and identified for implementation in the short-term plan timeline. Public outreach for the plan consisted of a project website that allowed for comments on projects (1000 + comments), social media outreach and input, an interactive online map allowing input and comments on projects (2000 + inputs), multiple focus groups that included input from Fayette Alliance and Civic Lex, numerous press releases requesting public input, Draft Plan and Final Plan presentations and requests for public input on both releases of the plan.

Stakeholder input included representation from LFUCG divisions of Parks and Recreation, Environmental Services, Traffic Engineering, Engineering, Mayor's Office, Council Members, Health Department, Fayette County Public Schools, Police and Fire, the University of Kentucky, Transylvania University and BCTC, KYTC District 7 and Central Office. A steering committee helped guide the public outreach process and included participants from various division of local government, LexTran, Fayette County Public Schools, University of Kentucky and the Health Department. We are not aware of any opposition to this project at this time.

A Project Open House was held on 05/27/2025 to display the preliminary plans to the public, provide information on the project, and gather feedback on the project design.

Is the area or part of the area of the project eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places? (required)

Yes

Will there be any earth disturbance associated with this project? (required)

If yes, an archaeological survey may need to be completed prior to the beginning of the project.

Yes

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By submitting this application the applicant acknowledges, if selected for funding, the project will follow all requirements outlined in this application, the KYTC Local Public Agency Guide, Memorandum of Agreement, and all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. The applicant further acknowledges failure to follow these requirements or complete the project in the allotted time may result in cancellation of the project and repayment of federal funds.

Yes