

## 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:

**FEBRUARY 1, 2015** 

**SUBJECT:** 

Request Council authorization to accept award of federal funds in the amount of \$603,120 from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for Old Frankfort Pike Scenic Byway Viewing

Area

On October 24, 2013 (Resolution No. 584-2013), Council approved submission of an application prepared by the Lexington-Frankfort Scenic Corridor, Inc. requesting funding under the 2014 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for enhancements to Old Frankfort Pike Authorized under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21), TAP provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; safe routes to school projects; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right of way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways. Only local and state government agencies can serve as sponsors for these projects.

An award of federal funds has been offered in the amount of \$603,120 for the design and construction of a visitor turnout and viewing facility at the east entry to Old Frankfort Pike, design, manufacture and installation of interpretative panels and protective kiosks. In-kind Match in the amount of \$150,780 will come from value of land donated by the organization for permanent visitor viewing area and value of donated bronze thoroughbred horse statue. Total project cost is \$753,900.

Council authorization to accept the award is hereby requested.

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

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