



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
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DATE: May 22, 2015

SUBJECT: Request Council authorization to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation under the TIGER Discretionary Grants Program requesting federal funds in the amount of \$13,180,620 and providing \$10,000,000 in local match for the Town Branch Commons Corridor Project – Transforming Lexington with a Regional Vision

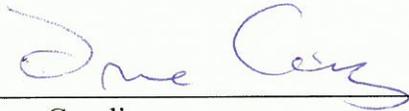
The Division of Traffic Engineering has provided leadership on preparation of a grant application for submission to the U.S. Department of Transportation under the TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Discretionary Grants Program. TIGER funds are appropriated under the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235, December 16, 2014) for National Infrastructure Investments.

The Town Branch Commons Corridor Project (TBCC) consists of several distinct multi-modal transportation, transit and community improvement zones that will anchor the larger Town Branch Commons park system project. The TIGER application includes much needed transportation and safety enhancements that provide the spine for a larger transformative project that will revitalize underutilized assets while leveraging existing right of way. This TIGER project will activate Lexington's primary downtown east-west corridors (US 25/421/60) while linking established and emerging neighborhoods to the north and south and regional trail systems. Mobility enhancements include completing critical gaps in trail and pedestrian infrastructure, separating bike infrastructure from vehicles, improving pedestrian facilities and providing safe pedestrian access to the transit center, corridor safety improvements, and traffic calming features. The project also includes a significant application of bioswales and other green infrastructure to help manage storm water and improve aesthetics and sustainability throughout the corridor. Lextran and Lexington Center Corporation will serve as a joint applicants. Project partners include the State of Kentucky, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Lexington Area MPO, Lexington Downtown Development Authority, Commerce Lexington, Town Branch Trail Inc., and the Bluegrass Community Foundation.

The source of funds for the project are:

JOINT APPLICANTS	Local Match Funds	Requested TIGER Funds	Total Project Cost by Agency
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Mayor's Proposed Budget FY 2016	\$10,000,000	\$12,288,120	\$22,288,120
Lextran (Transit Authority of Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government)	\$970,000	\$892,500	\$1,862,500
TOTAL	\$10,970,000	\$13,180,620	\$24,150,620
Project Cost Percentage	45.4%	54.6%	100%

Council authorization to submit the applications is hereby requested.



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Director

Xc: David Holmes, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works