



TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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

DATE: JUNE 28, 2021

SUBJECT: Request Council authorization to submit an application, pending match confirmation with partners, to the U.S. Department of Transportation under the RAISE Discretionary Grants Program requesting federal funds in the amount of \$14,000,000 and providing \$3,500,000 in local match for the High Street Corridor Safety and Mobility Improvements Initiative.

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Purpose of Request:

Prompted by a significant accident record along the High Street corridor that has included the tragic loss of life, an effort to improve this roadway and address connectivity has been proposed. Grant funds would be used for design, right-of-way acquisition, utility work, and construction to address critical needs related to vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian safety for a highly trafficked area of downtown Lexington. The sections to be constructed with the RAISE funding would include improvements along West High Street between Patterson Street and Oliver Lewis Way, along Oliver Lewis Way from McKinley Street to Manchester Street, Jefferson Street at High Street and Manchester, and Manchester between Oliver Lewis Way and Jefferson Street. Project partners have been engaged and determination of required 20% match is ongoing. Partners include the State of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Lexington Area MPO, Kentucky Utilities, Town Branch Park, Inc., and Lexington Center Corporation. With Council approval, application will be made by the grant submission deadline of July 12, 2021 provided that the required 20% match is identified. If less than the identified \$3.5M match is secured then a project application may be submitted with a scaled back scope and budget in order to meet the 20% match requirement. If adequate match is not identified then no application will be made.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$17,500,000 to include \$14,000,000 in federal grant funds, \$200,000 in MAP funds, and the remainder of the match in the amount of \$3,300,000 from non LFUCG sources. Future years' funding is dependent upon availability of federal funds for this program.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, 1136-303202-3251-91715

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Director/Commissioner: Peacher/Scott

