



**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2018

SUBJECT: Nicholasville Road Corridor & Planning Study

Request: Council authorization to submit application requesting federal funding in the amount of \$180,000 from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and accept award if offered, for the Nicholasville Road Corridor & Planning Study. Match in the amount of \$45,000 is required and is being requested in the FY19 General Fund budget.

Purpose of Request: The Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has prepared an application to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet requesting \$180,000 in federal discretionary planning funds for a Nicholasville Road Corridor & Planning Study. In order to preserve the community's finite and scarce land resources, the recently adopted 2018 Goals & Objectives for Lexington's Comprehensive Plan outlines a strategy for managing the community's consistent population and economic growth by increasing the intensity of land utilization along principal corridors. Through corridor densification, Lexington seeks to address the community's pressing housing needs while also increasing the viability of public transit. Recognizing that redevelopment will be incremental, a plan is needed to address the transportation impacts that will occur over time from intensifying these roadways with both residents (trip producers) and destinations (trip attractors). It is crucial that mobility strategies and transportation investments be coordinated as these significant land use changes occur.

If funded, the corridor study will fully investigate the impacts to vehicular and non-motorized travel that will result from the proposed redevelopment and more intensive land uses. It will recommend incremental transportation improvements that will be needed to support these changes as well as access management guidelines. The study will stipulate design guidelines to encourage walking, bicycling and transit as a viable and preferred form of travel for localized trips in and along the redeveloped sites.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: Cost in FY 2019 is \$225,000 (\$180,000 in federal funds and \$45,000 in FY19 general fund dollars.) There are no anticipated planning costs in future budget years.

Are the funds budgeted? If funding is approved, funds will be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2019.

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Director/Commissioner: Duncan/Paulsen

