



**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

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

DATE: NOVEMBER 24, 2021

SUBJECT: Authorization to execute a Consultant Service Agreement with Gresham Smith in the amount of \$250,000 for the Northeast New Circle Road Corridor Plan RFP# 33-2021

Request: Council authorization to execute Consultant Service Agreement with Gresham Smith for the Northeast New Circle Road Corridor Plan at a cost not to exceed \$250,000. Funds are budgeted.

Purpose of Request: On July 8, 2021 (Resolution 400-2021), Council authorized acceptance of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant – Lexington (STBG-SLX) funds for the Northeast New Circle Road Corridor Plan. The City of Lexington’s Division of Planning, in partnership with the Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), issued RFP #33-2021 seeking proposals from qualified professional planning and urban design firms to complete a coordinated corridor land use plan and transportation study for Northeast New Circle Road (KY-4) from Newtown Pike (KY 922) to Richmond Road (US 25 / US 421). The primary purpose of the study is to identify how incremental redevelopment, urban design, and land use planning along the corridor can be both responsive to market forces, while also being inclusive to the needs of the surrounding community. The plan will also address how mobility, transportation, and safety can be improved for all travel modes.

Five (5) proposals were submitted in response to RFP #33-2021. The Selection Committee recommended Gresham Smith as the most qualified consultant to conduct the Scope of Work as outlined in the RFP and further detailed in the consultant’s response.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: Cost in FY 2021 is \$250,000 (\$200,000 in federal funds and \$50,000 in local match.) There are no anticipated planning costs in future budget years.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, funds budgeted in account 3160-160705-0001-71299.

File Number: 1247-21

Director/Commissioner: Duncan/Atkins

