



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

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

DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Authorization to execute a Consultant Service Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc., for East Lexington Trail Connectivity & Traffic Study RFP#34 - 2021

Request: Council authorization to execute a Consultant Service Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc., for the East Lexington Trail Connectivity and Traffic Study at a cost not to exceed \$150,000. Funds are budgeted.

Purpose of Request: On July 8, 2021 (Resolution 401-2021), Council authorized acceptance of federal Surface Transportation Block Grant – Lexington (STBG-SLX) funds for the East Lexington Trail Connectivity & Traffic Study. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), in partnership with the Division of Planning, issued RFP #34-2021 seeking proposals from qualified professional engineering and landscape architecture firms to identify a preferred alignment for a continuous shared use trail from the Isaac Murphy Memorial Art Garden (IMAAG) to the intersection of Liberty Road and Starshoot Parkway in east Fayette County. The scope of work includes traffic and engineering analysis of improvements on Winchester Rd at the intersection of Midland Avenue and Third Street.

Three (3) proposals were submitted in response to RFP #34-2021. The Selection Committee recommended Strand Associates, Inc., 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 \$150,000 (\$120,000 in federal funds and \$30,000 in local match.) There are no anticipated planning costs in future budget years.

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

File Number: 1206-21

Director/Commissioner: Duncan/Atkins

