



April 8, 2016

The Honorable Jim Gray, Mayor
Office of the Mayor
200 E. Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Mayor Gray,

On behalf of A Cup of Common Wealth and Common Wealth Mercantile, I am writing to support the Town Branch Commons Corridor project, an investment in improved transportation and mobility for Lexington and the surrounding Bluegrass region.

We are a quaint coffee shop and specialty shop on the eastern part of downtown. While we are just a small cog in the continued growth and success of Lexington, we feel it is important to pass on our support of the project. At our businesses we make all of our decisions based off of our mission: Embrace community. Serve others. Create culture.

We view the Town Branch Commons Corridor as something that fits into our mission and a project we would love to stand behind.

It is our understanding that the project will have:

“A tremendous and transformative impact on our community, creating a multimodal corridor throughout the heart of our city and better connecting people to the neighborhoods, businesses, amenities and natural features of Central Kentucky.

“Town Branch Commons Corridor will make our community safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. The planned improvements to our existing transportation infrastructure will eliminate many of the barriers and hurdles to mobility and truly transform our transit center into a multi-modal epicenter downtown.

“This connecting pathway creates opportunities for active commuting and recreation that will help residents build physical activity into their day, improving our community’s public health.

“The project will improve quality of life and economic opportunity through improved accessibility for all populations . Businesses, residents and visitors will all benefit from this visionary investment that both preserves our past and prepares for our future. Town Branch Commons will be catalytic in how it will improve property values, revitalize neighborhoods, encourage business growth and have a long-lasting positive regional impact.

“Town Branch Commons Corridor is an environmentally responsible and sustainable project. The improvements will better protect the natural streams that flow through our region and restore more ecological balance to the urban core with trees, shrubs, rain gardens and storm water facilities.”



Our team sees this as a profound step forward for Lexington and view it as an action that makes an impact on so many parties for the better.

For these reasons, we enthusiastically raise our voice in support of federal TIGER Grant funding for Town Branch Commons Corridor.

Sincerely,

Salvador Sanchez

Principal/Owner

A Cup of Common Wealth, LLC