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The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write to you in strong support of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's (LFUCG) application to the Department of Transportation's TIGER grant program.

With funding from the Department of Transportation, LFUCG will complete the Town Branch Commons Corridor (TBCC) project, an innovative multimodal greenway that removes barriers, increases mobility, enhances safety, and connects the larger regional Legacy and Town Branch Trail systems.

TBCC brings together a strong coalition of public and private sector partners to make a transformative impact on the community and region, by improving transit access, fixing operational challenges, and reducing pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular conflicts, while producing multiple, long-term benefits to area residents. It simultaneously addresses multiple overlapping community needs through a single project: connecting low-income and middle-income neighborhoods with downtown; educational institutions; and tourism, entertainment, and historical sites.


TBCC has widespread and diverse stakeholder support from throughout the region. Public and private sector partners have invested \$25 million to bring the project to its current state, with an additional \$22.7 collectively committed by LFUCG, the Transit Authority of Lexington (LexTran), the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program.

TBCC offers an opportunity to increase the economic competitiveness of the area by enhancing the attractiveness of Lexington to potential employers and talent, while fostering and supporting approximately \$1 billion of ongoing and announced public and private construction in the downtown area.

As you receive many worthy applications to the TIGER grant program, I ask that you give the LFUCG application full and fair consideration. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the application, please contact Eric Bunning on my staff at 202-225-4706 or at [eric.bunning@mail.house.gov](mailto:eric.bunning@mail.house.gov).

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Andy Barr  
Member of Congress