



March 29, 2016

The Honorable Jim Gray, Mayor
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
Office of the Mayor
200 E. Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Mayor Gray:

I would like to express Blue Grass Airport's support of the proposed Town Branch Commons Corridor project. This investment will create a multimodal corridor throughout the heart of our city and will better connect people to the neighborhoods, businesses, amenities and natural features of central Kentucky. We believe it will benefit Lexington and the surrounding Bluegrass region tremendously and will also provide a lasting impression for our visitors.

As the region's primary air service provider, Blue Grass Airport's vision is to serve as a catalyst for economic growth in our community. Through an array of commercial and private aviation services, the airport provides \$370 million in annual economic impact and supports 3,478 jobs. Much of this impact comes from business, tourism and convention travelers.

It is our belief that the addition of the Town Branch Commons Corridor would enhance Lexington and improve the downtown experience for visitors and convention attendees. We also believe that it may encourage business growth as employers realize that Lexington would be an excellent location to begin a business due to the high quality of life the community would provide potential employees. All of these elements combined could stimulate air service and provide a long-lasting positive impact to the airport and the Bluegrass region economy.

We enthusiastically support the Town Branch Commons Corridor project and hope that it will come to fruition in the near future. Both Blue Grass Airport and our community would benefit from the positive results of this project.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Frankl, AAE
Executive Director