



April 27, 2016

Honorable Mayor Jim Gray
Lexington Fayette Urban County Government
200 E. Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Mayor Gray:

On behalf of Central Bank, I am writing to support the Town Branch Commons Corridor project, an investment in improved transportation and mobility for Lexington and the greater Bluegrass Region.

A member of the community since 1946, Central Bank has grown to become Central Kentucky's largest, locally-owned community bank. We serve our communities through a wide range of banking, insurance, investments and wealth management services that are well-suited to consumer and business customer needs. A large majority of our 500 Central Bankers actively serve local communities through their involvement and participation in charitable and civic organizations. As a member of the Lexington community, I believe this project will have profound benefits for a large number of our citizens.

This 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 have a catalytic effect by improving property values, revitalizing neighborhoods, encouraging business growth and creating 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.

For these reasons, we enthusiastically support federal TIGER Grant funding for Town Branch Commons Corridor in downtown Lexington.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact my office at 859-253-6184.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Luther Deaton Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'L' and a trailing flourish.