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

Dear Mayor Gray:

On behalf of Kentucky League of Cities, 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.

Established in 1927, the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) is a non-stock, nonprofit membership association that serves more than 360 Kentucky cities as well as municipal agencies. KLC provides legislative advocacy, legal services, community consulting, training, research and grant writing/administration among other services. KLC also offers municipal finance options, and KLC Insurance Services insures more Kentucky municipal members than all other insurance carriers combined. KLC is the united voice of cities with a mission to support community innovation, effective leadership and quality governance.

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.

The 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 multimodal 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. The Town Branch Commons Corridor will be catalytic in how it will improve property values, revitalize neighborhoods, encourage business growth and have a long-lasting positive regional impact.

The 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 raise our voice in support of federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant funding for the Town Branch Commons Corridor.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Steiner
Executive Director/CEO
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