



April 8, 2016

The Honorable Jim Gray, Mayor
Office of the Mayor
200 E. Main St.
Lexington, Ky. 40507

Dear Mayor Gray,

Lextran strives every day to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Lexington and beyond by providing optimal mobility solutions. Our goal is to connect people to work, school, home, shopping and entertainment by providing timely, safe and reliable transportation.

That's why we whole-heartedly support the TIGER grant for the Town Branch Commons project. If awarded, this project has the ability to transform our entire downtown area by making transportation safer for all modes of travel.

Currently, approximately 57 percent of Lextran passengers are commuting to work or medical facilities, and most do not have access to a car. In addition to serving 13 Lexington bus routes, the downtown Transit Center is also used by smaller bus systems from more rural areas that bring passengers into Lexington to access services they may not have in their home county.

Our customers currently face many obstacles from speeding traffic to inconsistent pedestrian accommodations to allow them to safely move through the City. The Town Branch Commons project, with the support of TIGER grand funding, will improve safety and access to all its users. It also will provide a much needed link to make it a regional, multimodal facility.

So whether they are riding Lextran as a necessity to get to work or health-care appointments, taking public transportation for environmental reasons, or using our services for pleasure to travel to equestrian or University of Kentucky sporting events, Lextran fills an important role in our city.

The Town Branch Commons project, and its investment in a multimodal plaza, is a key component to improving transportation in our city and the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Fugate", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jeff Fugate
Chairman, Lextran Board of Directors
President, Downtown Development Authority