



April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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

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Picnic with the Pops Commission  
c/o LFUCG Division of Parks and  
Recreation

469 Parkway Drive  
Lexington, KY 40504

Dear Mayor Gray,

On behalf of the Picnic with the Pops Commission, 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.

Picnic with the Pops is a commission of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government committed to improving quality of life in Lexington through outdoor performances with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra and popular guest artists. We are also chartered with finding suitable public spaces for these outdoor performances.

Town Branch Commons Corridor will have a tremendous and transformative impact on our community, creating a multimodal corridor throughout the heart of our city and better connecting our people to the neighborhoods, businesses, public spaces, amenities and natural features of Central Kentucky.

This project will improve quality of life and economic opportunity through improved accessibility for all. 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 enhance property values, spur neighborhood revitalization, and encourage business growth. This project will have a long-lasting positive regional impact on our people, economy, and culture.

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.

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 TIGER Grant funding for Town Branch Commons Corridor.

Sincerely,

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

Rob Morris  
Commission Chair