



May 19, 2015

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

Dear Mayor Gray,

As legislators, we work every day to confront the many issues facing our state and especially our districts in Central Kentucky. It's not often that there is a public-policy solution that will address so many concerns – from transportation and economic development to public health and the environment – and help Kentuckians at every socioeconomic level.

The Town Branch Commons Corridor is one of those once-in-a-generation projects that will benefit the community and region for many decades. That's why we support this project and urge the federal government to become a partner through a TIGER grant.

Whether you bike, walk or ride public transportation, this project has something for you.

Whether you live and work downtown, or visit one of the many attractions in the city, this project has something for you.

The project will create a series of multi-modal transportation connections to better connect our community regionally through our network of already successful trail systems. It will activate Lexington's downtown corridor by linking established and emerging neighborhoods.

If citizens aren't using a car, the road currently is not set up to meet their needs. It drives up vehicular speeds, lacks dedicated space to make walkers feel comfortable and doesn't include dedicated bike facilities, which have been proven to attract new riders.

Mobility enhancements include completing critical gaps in trail infrastructure, separating bike infrastructure, improving pedestrian facilities, improving transit center access and transforming it into a multi-modal plaza, safety improvements and traffic calming. This rebalancing effort also will ensure that the corridor is ADA-compliant.

The project further allows us to set up environmental elements that will allow us to infiltrate rainwater, bypassing the already taxed closed storm sewer systems and also create green space.

The result will be better experiences for all residents and visitors who travel throughout the Town Branch network, an increase in healthy fitness activities, better connectedness for neighbors and bus riders, and better opportunities for businesses adjacent to the route.

Through the Town Branch Commons Corridor project, we will create better connectivity throughout the region and help other communities access our employment opportunities; health-care facilities, which serve people from more than half the state; and entertainment options.

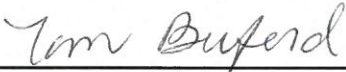
Sincerely,



Senator Ralph Alvarado



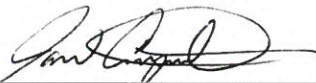
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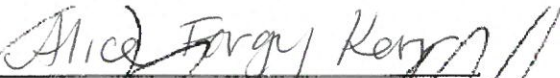
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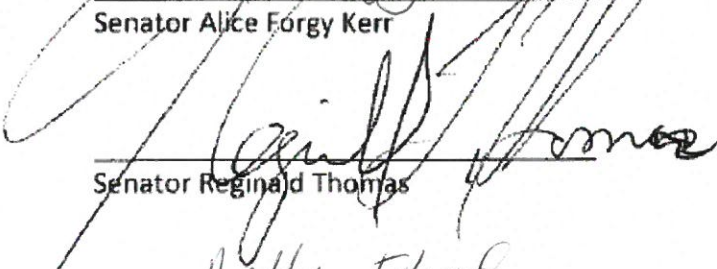
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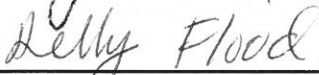
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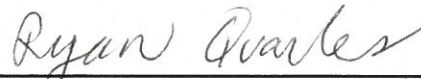
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Representative Ruth Ann Palumbo



Representative Kelly Flood



Representative Ryan Quarles



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