

April 26 2016

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



Dear Mayor Gray,

On behalf of West Sixth Brewing 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.

West Sixth Brewing is a production brewery and taproom located in an urban revitalization project called the Bread Box. We, along with several other tenants have redeveloped a 100-year-old abandoned bread factory and have turned a 90,000 square foot empty warehouse into a bustling center of commerce. West Sixth Brewing is one of the largest breweries in Kentucky, producing and distributing over 11,000 barrels of beer in 2014. We distribute our beer throughout the state of Kentucky, and are completely committed to our amazing city of Lexington.

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 . All of which will make our downtown more vibrant, having a positive impact on our business as well as our personal lives!

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 be catalytic in how it will improve property values, revitalize neighborhoods, encourage business growth and have 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 raise our voice in support of federal TIGER Grant funding for Town Branch Commons Corridor .

Sincerely,

Ben Self, co-founder, West Sixth Brewing