

May 4, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

I write again on behalf of my constituents at the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) regarding their competitive grant application with the Department of Transportation's TIGER discretionary grant program.

I am told that this funding, if awarded, would allow LFUCG to complete the Town Branch Commons Corridor (TBCC) project. TBCC is a comprehensive trail system that if funded to completion will connect Lexington's urban core to its rural areas. The innovative multimodal greenway and park system is intended to enhance accessibility to green space and improve mobility and safety in the area by connecting low and middle income neighborhoods to downtown Lexington and to a number of community facilities.

Over the past several years, LFUCG—along with its community partners—has committed significant resources to advancing the initial stages of this project, including with strategic planning. My constituents have informed me that LFUCG has secured \$24 million to build the related Town Branch Trail and Legacy Trail, with which TBCC will connect. In the past year alone, LFUCG secured funding to complete TBCC up to construction.

This comprehensive project in Kentucky's second-largest city has the potential to address multiple overlapping community needs by developing new public green space and by connecting neighborhoods with educational institutions, and tourist, entertainment, and historical sites. My constituents also believe TBCC will improve transit access and reduce pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular conflicts in the area. It is my understanding that the awarding of a TIGER grant for TBCC would allow LFUCG and its partners to complete this important project to benefit the Lexington community and the greater Central Kentucky region.

As our nation continues on a path of unsustainable debt, it is more important than ever that we in Congress, and you in the Administration, work to ensure every tax dollar is spent wisely. It is with this in mind that I draw your attention to LFUCG's application, which I believe merits your full and fair review.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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UNITED STATES SENATOR