

April 4, 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 myself and Anderson Communities, Inc., 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. My company is devoted to building walkable, healthy communities where residents get to know each other and can easily access retail and commercial development. Two prime examples of this are Townley Park and McConnell's Trace, located off of Leestown Road in Lexington. In order for neighborhoods to be walkable, safe and healthy, they need to be connected with their city. This trail will help better connect our communities with their city. It is my belief that 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.

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 citizens. Businesses, residents and visitors will all benefit from this visionary investment that both preserves our past and prepares for our future. We believe Town Branch Commons will be a catalyst in

improving property values, revitalizing neighborhoods, encouraging business growth and impacting the region.

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 support of federal TIGER Grant funding for Town Branch Commons Corridor.

Sincerely

Dennis R. Anderson

President

Anderson Communities, Inc.