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The Honorable Anthony Foxx Secretary of Transportation U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, D.C., 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, I ask for your support for a TIGER grant to fund a critical connection through the City of Lexington's downtown core – the Town Branch Commons Corridor. This investment will provide infrastructure improvements from the planned Town Branch Park, along the spine of the downtown business district and to the western edge of the city center.

The transportation challenge is complex: constructing sidewalks, bike lanes, roads, bridges and paths along existing neighborhoods, through a developed downtown and beside an urban stream. To date, we have invested or committed over \$10 million to design and develop more than six miles of this urban-to-rural passageway.

This investment will be transformational for Lexington and the Central Kentucky region. The many benefits include improved safety, expanded economic development, responsible stewardship, and enhanced livability.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is proud to partner with Lexington and ask you to join us by providing TIGER grant funding to move this project from vision to reality.

Sincerely,

Greg Thomas

Secretary

c: Patty Dunaway, KYTC State Highway Engineer Ron Rigney, KYTC Director of Program Management

