

April 8, 2016

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

Dear Mayor Gray,

As a business located along Vine Street, Kentucky Utilities sees the transportation challenges our employees, customers and visitors to downtown face every day – limited bike lanes, speeding car and an unwelcoming, cramped paths for pedestrians.

As an active member of our local chamber of commerce and a key economic development partner, we understand that recruiting jobs is as much about selling the city and lifestyle as it is about statistics and tax incentives.

And as corporate citizen, we realize that our city can do a better job connecting all our citizens to each other and to opportunity.

The Town Branch Commons Corridor project will improve transportation safety for walkers, bicyclists and bus riders while making the city more attractive to businesses, entrepreneurs and employees through enhanced quality of life in a vibrant downtown.

We wholeheartedly support this project, which will transform the community and boost our collective economic development efforts.

The Town Branch Commons Corridor project is a visionary approach that will help improve property values, increase commerce and revitalize neighborhoods. The time is now to start this project.

Sincerely,

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