

April 27th, 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 the Livery, 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.

The Livery is downtown Lexington's premier event space. In a renovated old horse livery, the space serves as a meeting space for events such as weddings, corporate events, fundraisers and community development. Much like the livery in the past, our transformed space serves downtown in a way that connects both the art of the city as well as its commerce. Our back entrance opens up to the KU lot on Water Street and we imagine the day we look out the back window and see the water features and parks proposed.

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 of 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. This 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 improves 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 stormwater facilities.

For these reasons, we enthusiastically raise our voice in support of federal TIGER Grant funding for Town Branch Commons Corridor.

Sincerely,

Corey Maple

Partner

The Livery