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Transportation Cabinet awards \$16.6 million for non-traditional community transportation improvements

Thirty-five counties receive funds to complete 42 projects across the state

FRANKFORT, Ky. (July 17, 2019) – Governor Matt Bevin and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) announced a \$16.6 million investment to fund 42 transformative community projects statewide through the Commonwealth's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Funding 80 percent of the total project costs, the awards support safe connections and accessibility primarily through sidewalk improvements for the general pedestrian, children and disabled populations.

"We are grateful for this significant federal TAP investment to benefit communities," said Gov. Bevin. "Funds from this program enable local communities to implement important transportation projects that increase connectivity for diverse populations, such as non-driving and disabled Kentuckians."

TAP is a federal reimbursement program administered through the Office of Local Programs in the KYTC's Department of Rural and Municipal Aid. Funding assists communities pursuing transportation improvements, such as completing bicycle and pedestrian pathways, constructing ADA-compliant ramps and sidewalks, and improving connections to schools, recreation and businesses. Twenty percent of the overall project funding comes from local matches. This recent cycle brings the total investment 2019 funding to date to \$21 million for 56 projects spanning the entire state.

"Improving safety, increasing access and investing in efficient modes of transportation is at the heart of what we do, and this program helps deliver projects that will impact citizens every day," said KYTC Secretary Greg Thomas. "We're pleased to support needed improvements that keep Kentuckians connected and on the move."

Funding for TAP is authorized as a dedicated portion of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding program under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which authorizes federal transportation funding from Fiscal Year 2016-2020.

To see a project list, click here.