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Transportation Cabinet awards \$4.1 million in federal funding to Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Lextran for air quality improvements

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 2, 2019) – Governor Matt Bevin and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) announce \$4.1 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds have been awarded to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and Lextran to improve safety and air quality in Lexington.

CMAQ is a federally funded reimbursement program administered through the KYTC's Office of Local Programs. Lextran received \$1.4 million for an electric vehicle replacement and the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government received \$2.7 million for multi-modal improvements and a trail crossing project.

"We are grateful for this significant federal CMAQ investment to benefit the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and Lextran," said Gov. Bevin. "Funds from this program enable local communities to implement important transportation projects that improve safety and traffic flow while promoting a healthier environment for citizens."

CMAQ is a transportation improvement program focused on funding innovative transportation projects or programs that will reduce congestion and improve air quality. Kentucky receives CMAQ funds each year for areas designated as non-attainment or maintenance for National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Nine projects statewide were selected for the awards.

CMAQ funds are available to state and local government agencies as well as private entities through public-private partnerships. Nonprofit organizations may also apply in partnership with a state or local government agency. Recipients provide a 20% local match and are responsible for executing the project.

"These funds support the Cabinet's priority to provide a safe, efficient and environmentally sound transportation network," said Secretary Greg Thomas. "CMAQ funds help reduce transportation-related emissions and traffic congestion while providing needed multimodal improvements."

The award will fund the following local projects:

- **Lextran Electric Vehicle Replacement** : \$1,388,800. Purchase of two electric long-range buses and depot charging stations to replace two diesel buses that are currently beyond their useful life. Additionally, the purchase of two Intelligent Transportation System packages to be installed on each of the buses.

- **Wilson Downing Sidewalks:** \$748,000. Funding for the right-of-way, utility, and construction phases to build new sidewalks on Wilson Downing Road.
- **Town Branch Trail Mid Block Crossing:** \$878,090. Funding for the construction phase of the mid block pedestrian and bicycle crossing for the Town Branch Trail.
- **Mt. Tabor Road Multimodal Improvements:** \$1,096,000. Construction of sidewalks, bike lanes and associated infrastructure along Mt. Tabor Road between Patchen Drive and the Richmond Road service road.

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