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### **Transportation Cabinet awards \$4.1 million in federal funding to Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government, TARC for air quality and infrastructure improvement projects**

**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 Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government and Transit Authority of River City (TARC) to improve safety and air quality in Louisville.

CMAQ is a federally funded reimbursement program administered through the KYTC's Office of Local Programs. TARC received \$2.7 million to purchase two electric vehicles and expand service areas, and the Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government received \$1.5 million for signal system upgrades and research.

"We are grateful for this significant federal CMAQ investment to benefit TARC and the Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government," 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 award.

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 helps reduce transportation-related emissions and traffic congestion while providing needed infrastructure improvements that fund signal upgrades and extend transit access to serve more commuters."

The award will fund the following local projects:

- **Connection 21 - Signal System Upgrade and Research:** \$1,450,000. Funding for Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) infrastructure improvements, including the purchase and installation of signal controllers, project management/networking engineer support, training, traffic signal synchronization, data management, and research.
- **TARC Outer Loop Circulator:** \$1,111,200. Expansion of public transportation service to the outer loop corridor and provide a connection between homes and jobs in the South Central Metro area. This would add eight peak morning and eight peak afternoon weekday trips along the corridor from Iroquois Park to Renaissance Business Center and Commerce Crossings via National Turnpike, Outer Loop and Preston Highway.
- **TARC Electric Buses:** \$1,564,160. Funding to purchase two electric buses to replace two diesel buses to help move toward a diesel free fleet.

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