



## **Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet**

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### **Transportation Cabinet awards \$1.2 million in federal funding to Graves and Marshall counties for multimodal improvements**

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 2, 2019)** – Governor Matt Bevin and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) announce \$1.2 million in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds have been awarded to two Department of Highways District 1 counties – Graves and Marshall – to improve infrastructure for non-drivers in the community. The City of Symsonia in Graves County received \$540,848 for a pedestrian safety project to create a sidewalk to join the Sunshine Trailer Court and the Cedar Ridge subdivision directly to Symsonia Elementary School with continuous paved walkways. The sidewalk will also join the Westwood Apartment community with nearby retail stores. The City of Calvert City received \$687,017 to construct the final phase of the multi-use trail that links the downtown Calvert City sidewalk with the Kentucky Dam Village State Resort park and its network of trails.

“We are grateful for this significant federal TAP investment to benefit the city of Symsonia and Calvert City,” 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 federally funded reimbursement program administered through the Office of Local Programs in the KYTC’s Department of Rural and Municipal Aid. Funding assists communities in funding transportation improvements, such as safe bicycle and pedestrian pathways and/or facilities, safe routes to schools, scenic routes and overlooks and other investments. Projects may be a mix of elements and accessible to the general public or targeted to a broad segment of the general public. This year, 14 projects were awarded funding statewide.

“These funds support many Cabinet priorities such as improved safety, increased access and more efficient modes of transportation,” said KYTC Secretary Greg Thomas. “We’re pleased this community will be able to make needed improvements to enhance the quality of life for Kentuckians.”

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.

For more information, please visit <https://transportation.ky.gov/LocalPrograms/Pages/TAP.aspx>

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