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Transportation Cabinet awards \$85,800 in federal funding to Floyd County for new sidewalk

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 2, 2019) – Governor Matt Bevin and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) announce \$85,800 in Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds have been awarded to the City of Wayland in Floyd County to improve connectivity and infrastructure for non-drivers in the community. The award will fund the construction of a new sidewalk adjacent to KY 7 to connect the city from end-to-end, improving safety for both pedestrians and motorists. The new sidewalk will be designed to improve the visitor experience and is part of the city's overall economic development plan, which includes the construction of a pedestrian bridge and an area for a scenic overlook.

"We are grateful for this significant federal TAP investment to benefit the city of Wayland," 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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