



APPENDIX B: LETTERS OF SUPPORT



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Linda Gorton
Mayor

July 10, 2023

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: FY23 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program Financial Support Letter

Dear Secretary Buttigieg,

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is requesting funding for the Safe Streets for Lexington Project located in Lexington, Kentucky. A primary goal of the project is to reconstruct a portion of New Circle Road to implement significant safety upgrades.

The project will install restricted crossing U-turn (RCUT) intersections along the corridor, a proven countermeasure to reduce serious and fatal injuries at intersections. It will also double the number of signalized pedestrian crossings to address a history of serious and fatal mid-block pedestrian crashes. Existing right-of-way will be repurposed to install shared use paths on both sides of the street, connecting to a regional trail to the north and a major shopping center to the south. Other elements include improved lighting, intersection treatments, improved transit stops, streetscape upgrades, raised crossing islands, and other safety measures.

The request also includes a robust multi-year public education campaign and a Vision Zero Coordinator to provide follow-through on the city's safety initiatives. The project is expected to significantly improve pedestrian, bicycle and transit access and to increase safety for all modes both along the New Circle Road corridor and across the city.

As such, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is committing **\$1,450,000** to the Safe Streets for Lexington Project.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Linda Gorton in black ink.

Linda Gorton
Mayor

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LEXINGTON AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Transportation Planning for Fayette and Jessamine Counties

RESOLUTION 2023-14
MPO SUPPORT FOR LFUCG IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL PROGRAM (SS4A)

WHEREAS, Section 134, Title 23, USC requires that a continuing, comprehensive transportation planning process be carried out cooperatively in areas of more than 50,000 population; and

WHEREAS, the LEXINGTON AREA MPO Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lexington, Kentucky urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the TPC has adopted a goal to work towards eliminating fatal and serious injury crashes by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation has issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program (SS4A) to fund projects and strategies to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes within cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) and Lexington Area MPO (LAMP), in coordination with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has developed a data-driven Safety Action Plan for Fayette County to comply with federal eligibility requirements for the SS4A program; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette County Safety Action Plan identifies the section of New Circle Rd between Boardwalk and Russell Cave Rd as having a high number of fatal and serious injury crashes; and

WHEREAS, through coordination with the KYTC and subject matter experts with the LFUCG a conceptual reconstruction plan was developed for the said section of New Circle Rd incorporating concepts that have been shown to significantly reduce the types of fatal and serious injury crashes being observed; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette County Safety Action Plan also identified several regional systemic patterns of fatal and serious injury crashes that could be positively impacted through a robust public outreach campaign; and

WHEREAS, the LFUCG has determined that establishing a vision zero coordinator position would be beneficial in identifying additional efforts to eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes as well as assessing the effectiveness in previous projects and strategies; and

WHEREAS, the LFUCG intends to submit an application in response to the SS4A NOFO titled 'The Safe Streets for Lexington Project' which would reconstruct the aforementioned section of New Circle Rd, fund a 5 year outreach campaign and fund a vision zero coordinator position.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Policy Committee of the LEXINGTON AREA MPO hereby supports the LFUCG application titled 'The Safe Streets for Lexington Project' to the USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All Program.

Adopted by the LEXINGTON AREA MPO Transportation Policy Committee this 28th day of June, 2023.

David K West

Jessamine County Judge Executive, David West
Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) Chair

6/28/2023

Date

Attest:



Christopher Evilia, AICP
Director, Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

6/29/23

Date



Andy Beshear
GOVERNOR

TRANSPORTATION CABINET

200 Mero Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Jim Gray
SECRETARY

June 28, 2023

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of the Safe Street and Roads for All (SS4A) application submitted by the City of Lexington, or the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, to fund the Safe Streets for Lexington Project located in Lexington, Kentucky.

As the former Mayor of Lexington, I know the dangers of this corridor and fully support this significant safety improvement project. A primary goal of the project is to reconstruct a portion of New Circle Road (KY 4) to implement significant safety upgrades – including the installation of restricted crossing U-turn (RCUT) intersections, a proven countermeasure to reduce serious and fatal injuries, and doubling the number of signalized pedestrian crossings to address a history of serious and fatal mid-block pedestrian crashes. The existing right-of-way will be repurposed to install shared use paths, connecting to a regional trail and a major shopping center. Other enhancements include improved lighting, intersection treatments, improved transit stops, streetscape upgrades, raised pedestrian refuge islands, and a roadway safety education campaign.

I'm pleased to offer my support for this important project and strongly recommend the Safe Streets for Lexington Project for an FY 2023 SS4A Grant award. As such, if grant funding is received for this project, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is committing up to \$3,980,000 of state matching funds to this project along with Lexington's commitment of \$1,450,000 of local matching funds. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Jim Gray
Secretary



July 7th, 2023

Secretary Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590

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As the U.S. Department of Transportation considers applications for SS4A Grants, I wish to convey support for the Safe Streets for Lexington Project and the SS4A grant application submitted by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. The project will provide more equitable transportation options in Lexington and will help enhance our quality of life, our quality of place, protect the environment, promote successful and accessible neighborhoods, and connect communities, especially those who are considered Historically Disadvantaged, Areas of Persistent Poverty, and Justice40 communities.

I fully support the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and this project. The Safe Streets for Lexington Project will substantially reduce fatalities and serious injuries in the project area, create opportunities for educational outreach, connect residents to major destinations within the community, and provide safe travel options for people who bike, walk and use public transit. I ask that you consider this project for SS4A funding.

Sincerely,

Dan Wu
Vice Mayor

MAYOR LINDA GORTON



Denise Gray
6TH DISTRICT COUNCILMEMBER

July 7, 2023

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denise Gray".

Denise Gray
6th District Councilmember





Office of
James Brown
At-Large Council Member

June 28, 2023

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Sincerely,

James Brown
Councilmember, At-Large



LEXINGTON

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council

June 27, 2023

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles W. Ellinger".

Chuck Ellinger

Lexington Fayette Urban County Council Member At Large



Bluegrass Cycling Club
P.O. Box 1397
Lexington, Ky 40588-1397

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As the U.S. Department of Transportation considers applications for SS4A Grants, **the Bluegrass Cycling Club** wishes to convey support for the Safe Streets for Lexington Project and the SS4A grant application submitted by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. The project will provide more equitable transportation options in Lexington and will help enhance our quality of life, our quality of place, protect the environment, promote successful and accessible neighborhoods, and connect communities, especially those who are considered Historically Disadvantaged, Areas of Persistent Poverty, and Justice40 communities.

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Sincerely,

David Shaw
Bluegrass Cycling Club President

July 7, 2023

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Sincerely,



Alice Hilton

Chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION

July 7, 2023

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Sincerely,

Kristy Stambaugh, Director of Aging and Disability Services
Commission Member and Age Friendly Lexington Lead