



## **APPENDIX A: LETTERS OF FUNDING COMMITMENT**



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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RESOLUTION NO. 365 - 2023

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, ON BEHALF OF THE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION SEEKING \$21,720,000.00 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAFE STREETS FOR LEXINGTON PROJECT, AND TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS GRANT APPLICATION.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 - That the Mayor, on behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute and submit the Grant Application, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, seeking \$21,729,000.00 in Federal funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation, under the Safe Street for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant program, for the implementation of the Safe Streets for Lexington Project, and to provide any additional information requested in connection with this Grant Application.

Section 2 - That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL: June 29, 2023

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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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