



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

April 21, 2021

Mayor Linda Gorton
Lexington Fayette Urban County Government
200 East Main Street
Lexington KY 40507

Dear Mayor Gorton,

On April 21, 2021, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) voted to support the efforts of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to secure 20 million dollars in federal funding for the Newtown Pike Extension, Phase III - Scott Street Connector through the Transportation Reauthorization Bill.

In the event of an award, the MPO is committed to adding the project to our Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to provide 4 million dollars in federal Surface Transportation Block Grant – Lexington (STBG-SLX) funding to ensure delivery of this 30 million dollar project to the Lexington community.

The Scott Street Connector is a high priority project in the MPO's 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). We are enthusiastic to see this final phase of the Newtown Pike Extension Project advance, enabling our community to attain the full benefits envisioned for multimodal access, reduced congestion in our downtown, and direct access from Interstate 64/75 to the University of Kentucky and surrounding hospitals that serve our region.

We look forward to advancing this project through our continued partnerships with the City of Lexington, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Federal Highway Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David K West".

Judge David K. West, Chairman
Lexington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)