



University of Kentucky
Office of the President

April 26, 2021

Congressman Andy Barr
2430 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Barr,

Recognizing Congress is beginning dutiful consideration of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act's (Fast Act) reauthorization, I write to express our support for the inclusion of Newtown Pike Extension Phase III - Scott Street Connector funding request on behalf of the University of Kentucky.

As you know, the University of Kentucky is a public land-grant research university with the highest enrollment in the Commonwealth, with 31,057 students as of fall 2020. The university is located just south of downtown Lexington, Kentucky, with strong connections to the urban grid and surrounding residential neighborhoods.

The Newtown Pike connection at Scott Street will serve as a new gateway to the University of Kentucky, connecting I-75 to the historic Main Building front lawn. It will assist with pedestrian crossings of Limestone to improve pedestrian safety, control traffic speeds, simplify the intersection, and serve as a direct connection to UK's Medical Center located on South Limestone.

For these reasons, the University of Kentucky supports advancing this project through our partnership with the City of Lexington, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KTC) and the Federal Highway Administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eli Capilouto".

Eli Capilouto