



**DATE:** July 28, 2022  
**TO:** Lexington Area MPO Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) and all TPC Subcommittees  
**FROM:** Christopher Evilia, AICP: MPO Transportation Planning Manager/Executive Secretary  
**SUBJECT:** Notification of DRAFT **Amendment #2** to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and **Amendment #3** to the FY 2021–FY 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 15 day public comment period.

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**ACTION PROPOSED: MTP Amendment #2 TIP Amendment #3:**

This action proposes to update the previously published TIP document and tables. Contingent upon approval by the Lexington Area MPO Transportation Policy Committee scheduled for August 24, 2022, this amendment updates the budget and scope for the **Richmond Road Restricted Crossing U-Turn** project, which is currently included in the TIP as the Richmond Road Safety Improvements project. This amendment also adds the **High Street Corridor Safety and Mobility Improvements** project to the MTP.

**Richmond Road Restricted Crossing U-Turn Project**

**Background**

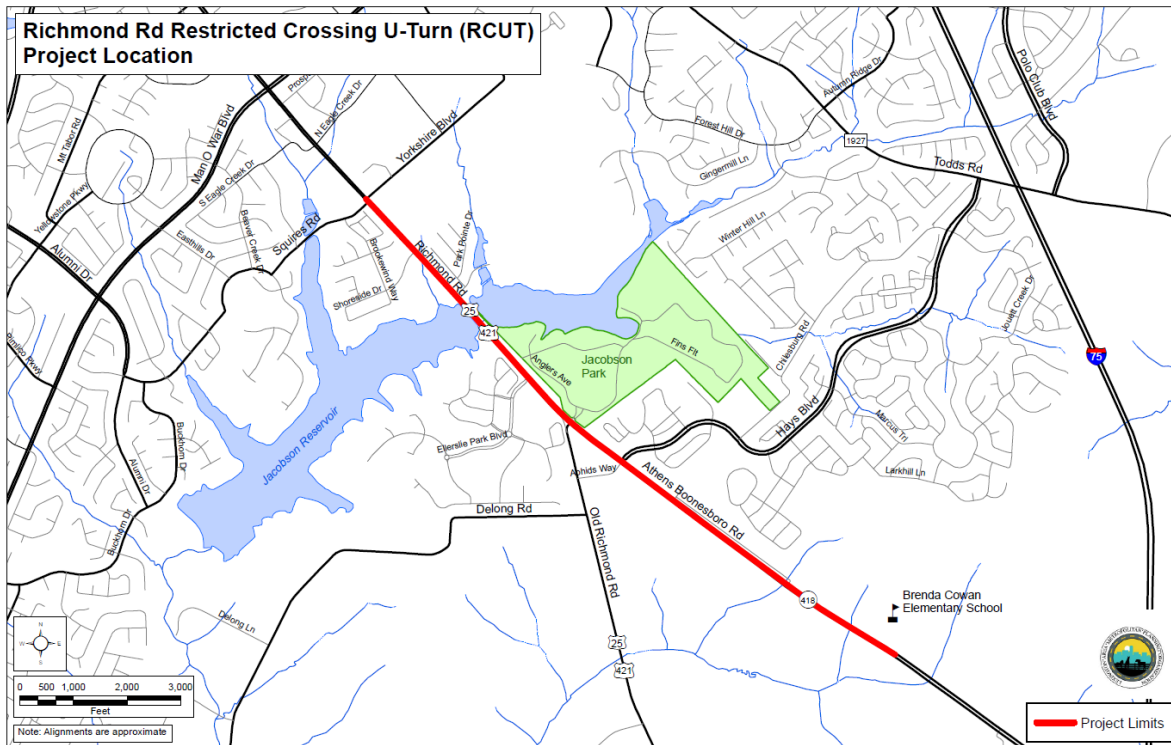
This Kentucky Transportation Cabinet project will construct a series of Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) Intersections along Richmond Road and Athens Boonesboro Road from Yorkshire Blvd to the entrance of the Brenda Cowan Elementary School. The purpose is to reduce vehicular conflict points, enhance safety and improve traffic flow. A shared use trail will also be constructed along the north side of Richmond Road from Yorkshire Blvd to Hays Blvd to improve bicycle and pedestrian access. Aphids Way will be re-aligned at Old Richmond Rd and will undergo minor widening as part of the project. The anticipated completion date for the project is September 2024.

**Project Budget**

This amendment proposes to commit \$8,340,000 in federal funds and \$760,000 in state funds to the project for right of way acquisition, utility relocation and construction. No local funds are required.

PHASE	FUND	FEDERAL	STATE	TOTAL
Right of Way (FY 2022)	Highway Safety Improvement Program	\$1,350,000	\$150,000	\$1,500,000
Utilities (FY 2022)	Highway Safety Improvement Program	\$540,000	\$60,000	\$600,000
Construction (FY 2023)	Highway Safety Improvement Program	\$4,950,000	\$550,000	\$5,500,000
Construction (FY 2023)	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$8,340,000</b>	<b>\$760,000</b>	<b>\$9,100,000</b>

## Project Map



## High Street Corridor Safety and Mobility Improvements

### Background

This project includes improvements in the area of Manchester, High, and Patterson Streets to address safety and multimodal accessibility. The project is divided into three segments:

**Segment 1 – Manchester Street:** Roadway reconstruction from High Street to Oliver Lewis Way to accommodate grade separated access to the county-wide trail network and Town Branch Park which will serve as a major trail head for the County's bikeway system. The improvements to Manchester Street will also include traffic calming roundabouts designed to increase safety and accessibility. Bus/vehicular drop-off zones will be incorporated to accommodate trail access for ride share and pedestrian user classes.

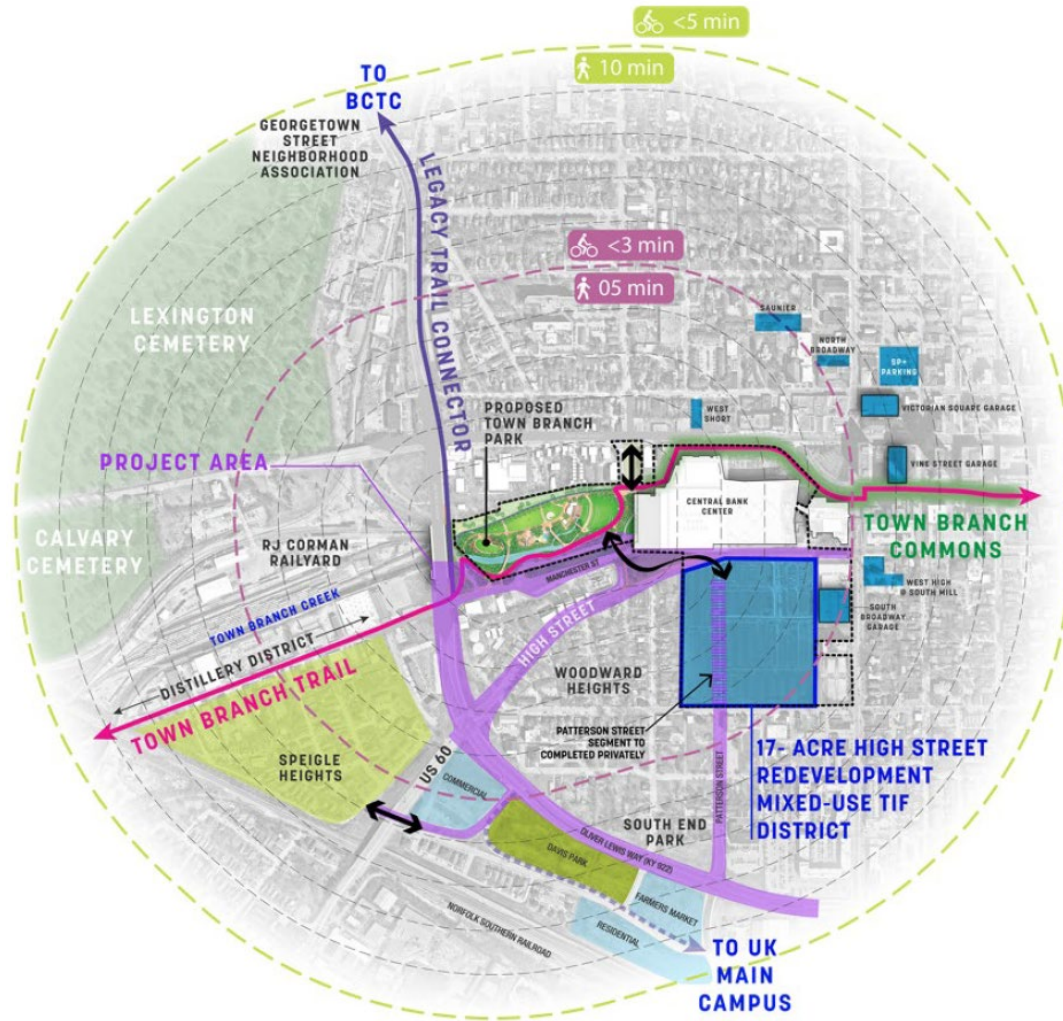
**Segment 2 – Oliver Lewis Way:** Multi-modal enhancements with off-road trail infrastructure and landscaping will be constructed to support the Davis Land Trust Area together with a direct connection to the Speigle Heights Neighborhood located on the west side of US 60. These facilities will provide connection to the new Farmers Market and a grade separated trail access to the Distillery District jobs center and Town Branch Park Downtown Trailhead. The improvements will also support the establishment of a new transit service for the area with a new EV bus.

**Segment 3 – High Street & Patterson Street:** Roadway reconstruction and streetscape enhancements from Broadway to Oliver Lewis Way along High St. to reduce roadway hazards, provide traffic calming, and encourage transit, bike, and pedestrian travel. Patterson St roadway reconstruction will accommodate increased vehicular traffic from redevelopment while improving bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. Two new signals are planned for traffic control which will be further complemented with the conversion of over 30 signals in downtown to adaptive signal control.

## Project Budget

The estimated total project cost is \$32.75 million. \$10.41 million of this has been committed in local match. The anticipated additional federal funds allocated to the Lexington Area MPO through 2045 as a result of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) should be sufficient to cover the additional \$22.34 million needed to complete the project.

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The proposed amendment has been posted on the MPO website at [www.lexareampo.org](http://www.lexareampo.org) and has been released for public review and comment. Public comments regarding this amendment will be accepted from July 28, 2022, through August 11, 2022.

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