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Office of the President December 13, 2016

Members, Board of Trustees:

<u>REPAIR/UPGRADE/IMPROVE CIVIL SITE INFRASTRUCTURE</u> <u>CAPITAL PROJECT (UNIVERSITY COURT)</u>

<u>Recommendation</u>: that the Board of Trustees approve the initiation of the Repair/Upgrade/Improve Civil Site Infrastructure Capital Project (University Court).

<u>Background</u>: Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 8:2, any capital project with an estimated cost of \$1,000,000 or more must be approved by the Board prior to initiation. The upgrade of University Court will improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists along University Court and improve traffic operations on Alumni Drive and Nicholasville Road.

This project will create a new connection point to the Baptist Health Lexington campus and widen University Court from that new connection point north to Alumni Drive. The upgraded University Court will include widened travel lanes, new bicycle lanes in each direction, and enhanced sidewalks. The new bicycle lanes will provide separation between vehicles and bicycles, enhancing safety and adding another section of a continuous, lane-separated bicycle route from the new Shady Lane/Arboretum Connector north to the intersection of Woodland Avenue and Euclid Avenue. Traffic studies have indicated that the new connection to Baptist Health Lexington campus will not add significant traffic to the Alumni Drive/University Drive/University Court roundabout. Additionally, the roundabout was designed and built in anticipation of this new traffic pattern. The new connection will serve to reduce the traffic using the signalized entrances on Nicholasville Road, thus improving traffic flow at the intersection.

The scope of this project is \$1,600,000 and will be funded with private funds (Baptist Health Lexington) and is well within the total legislative authorization of \$25,000,000. The 2016 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly authorized the project using agency funds. Pending Board approval, the change in fund source for this project will be reported to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other ------





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