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CITY HOSTS SECOND STREET COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

FRANKFORT, KY. – The City of Frankfort is celebrating the completion of the Second Street TIGER Construction project with a grand opening community block party on Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.

The block party will be held on Second Street, from the intersection at Bridge Street to the Shelby Street. Live music will be featured on the newly renovated patio of City Hall from 10:00 – 12:00, and an official ribbon cutting ceremony to open the Second Street corridor will also take place in front of City Hall at 9:30 with the Chamber of Commerce. Throughout the morning food trucks will be available, Yes Arts will be offering kids’ activities, and several Second Street businesses will be open for customers. My Old KY Om is hosting a yoga class at 10:00 on Second Street, and those interested can participate for \$10 through the studio. Frankfort Fire and EMS and Police Department will be hosting a Touch a Truck event beside the Public Safety Building, featuring official vehicles for kids to explore. City Hall will host an open house with several staff members on hand to greet the public.

The Second Street block party celebrates the culmination of the \$12 million TIGER grant construction project on Second Street. The City was awarded \$7.99 million in federal TIGER Grant money to improve the 2nd Street corridor in 2018 and several agencies matched the remaining amount to complete the entire project. The goals of the Second Street Corridor improvement project were to manage traffic on the Second Street Corridor by implementing traffic calming measures; to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety; to expand access to bus transit facilities; to strengthen connections with the state capitol building and downtown to attract tourists and visitors; to enhance streetscapes to encourage brownfields cleanup and mixed-use development; to separate the combined sanitary and stormwater system; and to reduce stormwater runoff entering the drainage system to minimize impacts on the Kentucky River. Total construction lasted approximately 18 months and the entire project will be completed by December 2022.

The City of Frankfort is proud of the progress of the Second Street TIGER Grant project and looks forward to hosting the community on Second Street to showcase this important project. For Second Street TIGER Grant construction updates, please contact Chuck Knowles, project manager, cknowles@frankfort.ky.gov. For event questions, contact Blair Hecker, bhecker@frankfort.ky.gov.