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Dear Citizens of Kentucky:

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is pleased to present the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan (STP). The STP is a long-range planning document which identifies goals, policies, needs and analyses tools to provide the basis and direction for meeting our vision for Kentucky's transportation system over the next twenty-five years.

The STP is the means by which KYTC defines its philosophical approach to meeting our state's unique transportation challenges. In preparation for this Plan, KYTC elected to solicit input from its customers to ascertain the most prominent needs for our transportation system, both through our annual survey and evaluation of customer satisfaction and through a specific "visioning" process. Through this "visioning" process, KYTC solicited input from stakeholders with backgrounds and interests ranging from economic development to the various transportation modes to help us develop a long-range transportation vision.

This Plan also reflects the goals and objectives developed by the transportation committees of the fifteen Area Development Districts and nine Metropolitan Planning Organizations throughout the Commonwealth. These committees are comprised of citizens, local and regional transportation users and providers, and elected officials who analyze the transportation needs of their respective regions throughout the year.

As a result of this process, we found that Kentuckians consider safety, reliability (system preservation), and economic opportunity to be the top priorities for Kentucky's Transportation System over the next twenty-five years. A review of our existing transportation system and analyses of our resources and transportation data have also reflected these to be the greatest needs for our Commonwealth.

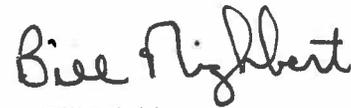


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As required by Kentucky's Public Involvement Process, the Draft STP was provided for public review and comment for a thirty day period which began October 16, 2006, and extended through November 14, 2006. Documentation of our public involvement process is provided in a separate document and is available upon request.

The STP is of critical importance in that it sets the direction for the utilization of Kentucky's limited transportation resources and the type of expenditures that we should make to meet our most critical transportation needs. Because this is so important to the future of the Commonwealth, we thank you for your comments and input to our Statewide Transportation Planning Process. Our desire is to reflect the needs of the Commonwealth accurately and responsibly, with full opportunity for citizen input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Nighbert". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill Nighbert  
Secretary