



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

**Matthew G. Bevin**  
Governor

January 26, 2016

TO: Recipients of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's  
2016 Recommended Highway Plan

As required by the *Kentucky Revised Statutes, Chapter 176*, the 2016 Recommended Highway Plan is the means by which major highway improvement project phases scheduled for the next six years are recommended for consideration by the Kentucky General Assembly during the 2016 Session. The *2016 Recommended Highway Plan* outlines scheduled highway project activities for FY 2016 through FY 2022.

Including the remaining dollars for Fiscal Year 2016 and looking ahead through the Year 2022, the *2016 Recommended Highway Plan* is based on expectations that \$6.0 billion of traditional state and federal highway dollars, augmented by approximately \$100 million of previously approved state road bond proceeds, will be available to address transportation needs throughout the state during that timeframe.

Governor Bevin has inherited a Highway Plan that contains many more projects than the \$6.0 billion in traditional revenues will cover. Accordingly, the Transportation Cabinet will manage projects and programs to the budget we have available while we work over the months ahead to make future highway plans more realistic and reasonable. One program area that Governor Bevin has instructed the Cabinet to prioritize is the Commonwealth's bridge structures. In addition to traditional bridge replacement project funding levels, we have added to this Highway Plan funds for a new preventative maintenance program for our bridges as well as additional dollars for bridge repair and rehabilitation. Through these programmatic changes, the Governor has directed increased spending on Kentucky's bridges by dedicating at least 15% of available state highway funds to taking better care of our bridges.




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Providing a safe and reliable transportation system that delivers economic opportunity and enhances the quality of life for all Kentuckians is the objective of the Transportation Cabinet. The *2016 Recommended Highway Plan* provides a core group of projects built around this objective in order to responsibly address our transportation system priorities within the funding resources available. We assure the citizens of the Commonwealth that we are working honorably, every day, to build trust and credibility in Kentucky's highway programs.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Hancock  
Acting Secretary