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July 14, 2006

Mr. Jose Sepulveda
FHWA Division Administrator
330 West Broadway
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Mr. Sepulveda:

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We would appreciate any comments that you or your staff may have regarding the Draft STIP. We will respond to all comments resulting from the public review process and advise you of our disposition of these comments when we ask for your approval of the Final STIP. We have provided a copy of this draft to the FTA and would appreciate your coordination with that agency.

Sincerely,

Ronald B. Rigney

Ronald B. Rigney, P.E.
Acting Director
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Enclosures

c: Marcie Mathews, State Highway Engineer
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Ms. Yvette G. Taylor
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Federal Transit Administration, Region IV
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ms. Taylor:

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We will respond to all comments resulting from the public review process and incorporate them into our final draft. We would appreciate any comments that you or your staff may have regarding the FY 2007-2010 Draft STIP. Please submit any comments to Mr. Marc D. Williams, Commissioner of Highways, 200 Mero Street, 6th Floor, Mail Code E6-S1-00, Frankfort, KY 40622.

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To: Highway District Office Chief District Engineers
Area Development District Executive Directors
Metropolitan Planning Organization Executive Directors
Director, Division of Planning
Director, Division of Program Management

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Your assistance in making this information readily available for public inspection would be greatly appreciated. Please arrange for this document to be prominently displayed in your place of business, and advise appropriate employees of its content and location. Also, you may inform the public that the Draft STIP is available for review on the KYTC's web site at: http://transportation.ky.gov/progmgmt/stip/stip06.htm. It is essential that we provide the public with the best possible opportunity to review and respond to the Draft STIP document.

As a means of announcing this stage of the STIP update process, we are requesting your review and comments. Please submit any comments to Mr. Marc D. Williams, Commissioner of Highways, 200 Mero Street, 6th Floor, Mail Code E6-S1-00, Frankfort, KY 40622.

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To: Kentucky's County Judge/Executives
Mayors of Kentucky's Cities (with population over 5,000)

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To: Local Transit Authorities

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To: Holders of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's
Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

This letter is to inform you that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's (KYTC's) Draft FY 2007-2010 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) will be available for public inspection at your local Highway District Office, Area Development District Offices, Metropolitan Planning Organization Offices, Division of Planning, Division of Program Management, and also available on the KYTC's web site at: http://transportation.ky.gov/progmgmt/stip/stip06.htm. The biennial STIP is mandated by the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the Congressional Act authorizing ongoing federal-aid transportation programs.

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Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Public Participation Process
For
Statewide Transportation Planning

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) has established procedures for the development of the Statewide Transportation Plan (STP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as mandated by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), the Congressional acts that authorized ongoing federal-aid transportation programs. In developing these procedures, the KYTC complied with 23 CFR 450.212 (a) which stated that "Public involvement processes shall be proactive and provide complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and opportunities for early and continuing involvement." At this writing, regulations have not yet been fully developed for implementation of SAFETEA-LU. However, the KYTC is attempting to be "pre-compliant" with SAFETEA-LU regulations to the extent practicable. The KYTC has established the following public involvement process to cover both the STP and the STIP:

1) The formal STP document will cover a 20-year planning horizon, with amendments and updates prepared periodically as changes occur. Metropolitan long-range plans will be incorporated by references to their specific, federally-required documents. The formal STIP document will be prepared on a biennial basis to coincide with state legislative approval of the biennial update of the Transportation Cabinet's Six-Year Highway Plan. To ensure that the public has ample opportunity to review and comment on the development of the STP and STIP documents, the KYTC proposes that each proposed update or major revision of the STP and STIP be subjected to a 30-day comment period to be advertised in statewide, significant regional, and demographically targeted newspapers. These newspapers are to include the Louisville Courier-Journal, the Lexington-Herald Leader, and the Kentucky Post; and as appropriate, the Clarksville Leaf Chronicle, the Tennessean, the Fort Campbell Courier, the Kentucky New Era, the Jessamine Journal, the Evening News-Louisville, the Tribune-Louisville, and others determined to be appropriate to reach minority or underserved populations within the state. These newspaper advertisements will specify a 30-day comment period, will identify an individual to whom comments can be sent, will inform the public of the appropriate website address, will state that copies of the document are available upon request at no charge, and that translation services are available upon request. Upon identification by the KYTC of minority and low-income populations within the state, the KYTC will pursue appropriate measures to reach these populations through tools such as translation services, notices on public transit systems and public libraries, and/or publishing the executive summary of the document or legal notices in Spanish as appropriate. The KYTC may hold public meetings in places where these populations are comfortable gathering and/or place legal notices in newspapers

such as Le Voz-Lexington, Hoy-Louisville, The Spanish Journal-Cincinnati, the Cincinnati Herald, and others as appropriate. If "low-literacy" or "limited English proficiency" population concentrations are identified, the KYTC will work to create a meaningful outreach proposal targeted specifically for such groups. Copies of the Draft STP and Draft STIP will be publicly displayed in each of the twelve Highway District Offices, each of the fifteen Area Development District (ADD) offices, and each of the nine regional Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) offices. Copies of the document will also be made available to transit providers, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), USDA Forest Service, FHWA Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, and other federal, regional, and state agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, historic preservation, and to any individuals who ask to be included on an official mailing list maintained by the KYTC. In reviewing a Draft STP or Draft STIP, the KYTC will involve various interagency groups that represent environmental, traffic, ridesharing, parking, transportation safety and enforcement, commuter rail operations, airports, port authorities, toll authorities, and appropriate private transportation provider concerns. The KYTC will also involve city officials as appropriate, as well as local, state, and federal environmental resources and permit agencies. In each case, the reviewing entity will be expected to provide comments within the specified review period. Letters announcing the availability of the Draft STP or Draft STIP document will be sent to each county judge/executive and to the mayors of all communities over 5,000 population. Public outreach will be considered in those instances where the complexity of the plan or magnitude of public response indicates to the KYTC the need for additional public information. This outreach effort may consist of public meetings, notices to neighborhood associations, legal notices in local newspapers, or any additional efforts that will significantly enhance the public's understanding of the planning-level recommendations being presented by the STP or STIP document. The number, time, and location of such meetings will be tailored to fit the circumstance being addressed. If such public outreach is deemed necessary, the Draft STP or Draft STIP comment period will be extended to allow adequate time for receipt of post-meeting comments. Wherever possible, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) public involvement processes will be coordinated with the statewide process to enhance public consideration of the issues, plans, and programs and to reduce redundancies and costs. The Draft STP or Draft STIP document will be posted to the KYTC web site.

2) After an initial 30-day comment period, the KYTC will aggregate comments, prepare responses, and finalize the STP or STIP document. Copies of the final edition of the STP or STIP document will be made available to both the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for review and comment. A summary of the aggregated comments and responses thereto will be prepared for the FHWA and/or FTA if so requested by those agencies.

3) When the FHWA/FTA comments have been addressed, the final STP or STIP document will be made available for public information in the same manner as the draft document was circulated for review and comment. In addition, the final STP or STIP document will be posted to the KYTC web site.

4) As outlined in 23 CFR 450.212(d), a reasonable opportunity for public review and comment must be afforded whenever major revisions to the STP or STIP are proposed between formal update cycles. The need for a STIP Amendment is determined by an action to add, delete, or materially change a project's fund source, MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) standing, or significant project scope adjustment. Changes determined to be "major" that are from areas outside of the MPO boundaries will require public involvement when it is agreed by the KYTC and the FHWA that such change significantly alters the planning level conditions set forth by the STIP. The need for public input is dependent upon the complexity of the proposed revision and will be determined by state and local officials on a "case-by-case" basis. For amendments determined to be "major" that are from areas outside of the MPO boundaries, a 30-day public review period will be provided, with newspaper advertisements and other possible public outreach efforts described above targeted to the specific region of the state directly affected by the proposed STP or STIP amendment. Copies of the proposed amendment will be displayed at the appropriate District, ADD, and MPO offices for public review and comment. At the conclusion of the 30-day review period, public comments will be addressed, additional public outreach will be conducted as necessary, and the final amendment will be provided to FHWA and FTA for approval. For Amendments to the STIP from areas within MPO boundaries, the public involvement conducted for the respective TIP may suffice as the required public involvement for the STIP. For minor revisions to the STP or minor amendments to the STIP, the official STP or STIP mailing list will be utilized to distribute information pertaining to the revision. Public involvement is not required for minor STIP Amendments, or additions and/or deletions to the list of projects that are grouped together and listed as "Z-Various." Administrative changes to the STIP also do not require public involvement since those types of changes are defined as minor data entry error corrections, splitting or combining projects without modifying the original project design, concept, and scope, or moving a project from one federal funding category to another.

5) The effectiveness of the Kentucky statewide planning public involvement process will be reviewed at a minimum once every two years in accordance with CFR 450.212 (a) (7) to ensure that the process is providing full and open access to the public. Process revisions will be pursued as deemed appropriate.

Any individual, agency, or organization may provide written comments to:

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GUIDELINES
FOR
IDENTIFICATION OF NEW PROJECTS FOR UNSCHEDULED PROJECTS LIST

- **New Projects** may include: Highway, Bikeway, Pedway, Intermodal Access, and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Projects.

- Safety projects, bridge projects, etc. should be noted as such and referred to the Highway District Office first. The Highway District Office Staff will advise you as to whether this project should be included in the Unscheduled Projects List (UPL) process or referred through another program.

- Check any NEW Project against the Current Six-Year Highway Plan and Unscheduled Projects List first, to make sure that this project has not already been added to the Six-Year Highway Plan or previously been identified. When the Six-Year Highway Plan is approved by the Kentucky Legislature, projects should be checked against the approved list of projects.

- All New Projects should include the following:
    - Route Number or "New Route"
    - A thorough description of the project and location (including road or street names, if applicable)
    - The beginning and ending termini
    - Milepoints, using HIS Route Log (accessible on the Internet) for state-maintained roads
    - Length of project to the nearest tenth of a mile
    - Any existing data concerning the condition, safety, or capacity of the roadway
    - A clear problem statement for the project
    - Any other information available to describe the purpose, need and/or justification for this project
    - Cost estimates to be prepared by the Highway District Offices, unless otherwise available.

- Problem Statement - Provide a problem statement that describes the need for the roadway in terms that can be verified by data analysis or from professional studies. Typical statements can include needs such as capacity, safety, system linkage, geometric deficiencies, transportation demand, social demands, economic development, and intermodal relationships. The problem statement should focus on the need for a project instead of possible solutions to solve the problems.

- Project Description - Provide as thorough a description of the project and termini as possible. Consult the Highway District Office for clarification of road/route names of state-maintained routes. The project description should utilize the information presented in the problem statement to identify the actions to be taken. These may include terms such as capacity additions, safety improvements, corridor completion, alignment improvements, freight movement, and connections to other transportation modes.

- Milepoints - Locate the beginning and ending points of the road improvement as closely as you can. If you have questions, call the Highway District Office or some other local expert to clarify this information.

- New Routes - For new routes on the state-maintained system, contact the Highway District Office and ask for help in determining the point where the new road diverges from an existing road, marking the milepoint and the route number on the project list, and then do the same at the other end. If the new route is to serve as a bypass or draw traffic off roadway, please indicate the existing route that is to be relieved along with the milepoint range affected.

- Project Cost - ADDs do not provide the cost for a totally new project. The Highway District Offices will provide the cost estimates for a project. For MPOs, the Highway District Offices will clarify any cost estimates. Cost estimates should be periodically reviewed and updated to reflect current year construction costs.

- Please provide the total miles of the project as accurately as possible, to the nearest tenth. For new routes and bypasses where the exact location is not known, please make an estimate as to the expected length of the project.

- Segmenting a New Project - When adding a new project, please try to determine the segments as realistically and logically as possible. Please consult with Highway District Staff if in doubt. Further segmenting of projects will not be allowed after the prioritization process begins.

- Segmenting an Existing Project - Segmenting of existing projects is allowed during the Identification/Evaluation Phase only. Please consult the Highway District Office for logical and realistic segmenting of projects.

- Format - Please use the most current electronic version of the Project Identification Form when submitting any new projects and include as much data as is possible. You may attach listings of new projects on separate sheets using the same format as the UPL Listing. Include a new Project Identification Form for each new project or an updated Project Identification Form for projects with changed or updated information.

- Please complete the Project Identification Form as thoroughly as possible. This form is available in electronic format and may be obtained by contacting the Division of Planning at 502-564-7183.

Rev. June 13, 2006

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Transportation Cabinet
Frankfort, Kentucky 40622

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July 6, 2000

Mr. Jose Sepulveda
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
330 West Broadway
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Mr. Sepulveda:

Subject: 1999 Statewide Transportation Plan (FY 1999 – FY 2018)

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.214 and 23 CFR 450.220, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has finalized and hereby certifies the 1999 Update of the Statewide Transportation Plan for the twenty-year period of Fiscal Year 1999 through Fiscal Year 2018 as the "Official Statewide Transportation Plan" for Kentucky. Kentucky has made every attempt to develop this update of the Statewide Transportation Plan in accordance with Federal statutes, regulations, and guidelines. Please note that the subject Plan supersedes the first Statewide Transportation Plan for Kentucky submitted to FHWA in 1995.

In accordance with the Cabinet's "Public Involvement Process for the Statewide Transportation Plan (STP)," the draft STP was available for public review for a period of sixty days (November 1, 1999-December 31, 1999) with copies made available at the offices of the state's 15 Area Development Districts, 12 Highway District offices, 7 Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and the Division of Planning in Frankfort. The attached public notice was placed in three major statewide newspapers (the Courier Journal, the Lexington Herald, and the Louisville Defender) for a two-week period providing notice of availability at these locations.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank your staff for the thorough and constructive comments provided to the Division of Planning through this review period. We have revised the Plan to incorporate comments made through the review and comment process, in particular the comments regarding Environmental Justice submitted by your office.

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"AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER M/F/D"

We have enclosed five copies of the subject plan for your office. If you have any questions or should need additional copies, please contact Annette Coffey at 502/564-7183.

Sincerely,

for Annette Coffey, P.E.
Director
Division of Planning

JCC:JMY:MWH:AC:NHM:LH

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