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## TRANSPORTATION CABINET

200 Mero Street  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Jim Gray  
SECRETARY

**SUBJECT: US 25  
Laurel County, KY  
Item No. 11-8515.00  
Archaeological Survey**

Dear Property Owner:

As you are aware, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has proposed a reconstruction of US 25 between US 25E to KY 1007 in Laurel County, Kentucky. Many factors are considered when designing and constructing a project of this type. In addition to ensuring that appropriate safety and engineering criteria are met in the roadway design, all applicable environmental laws, regulations, and policies must be followed. One such law, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), requires that archaeological investigations be conducted on any property that may be impacted by roadway construction.

To complete this research, we ask that you allow archaeologists from HMB Professional Engineers, LLC on to your property to identify any archaeological sites that may be present. They will walk the potential area for roadway construction on your property and hand-excavate small holes with a shovel. The shovel probes are dug every 60-70 feet (sometimes less if something interesting is found) and are usually around a foot deep and 8-10 inches wide. All soil will be put back in the hole and tamped down, and if possible, grass will be removed before digging the hole and replaced after it is filled.

If an archaeological site is identified on your property, you will be asked for permission to store any recovered artifacts at the William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology at the University of Kentucky. If you prefer, you may also have artifacts returned to you once the NEPA process is complete, though you may wish to review the recovered artifacts before making that decision.

KYTC staff or our representatives from HMB Professional Engineers, LLC will make every attempt to leave your property in the same condition it was before the investigations are completed. This means we will refill all holes, tamp them down, and try to replace the grass on top, and that all

gates will be closed. If you have livestock or animals in certain areas of your property, we ask that you let us know in advance.

Our job at KYTC is to make sure infrastructure meets the needs of our growing community and supports the safe travel of people and goods across our region. If KYTC determines that your property will be affected in the future, there are strict laws that the department must follow, and you will receive additional correspondence regarding this process.

If you choose to allow the Cabinet to proceed with this investigation, you may either contact me by the phone or email address listed below, or you may sign the attached form and return it in the pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope. **Please note that your decision to grant or deny permission for access to your property will not in any way affect future right of way negotiations.**

Sincerely,

Ms. Sherri Chappell, PE

cc: Joshua Higgins, KYTC D-11  
Susan Neumeyer, KYTC DEA

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### PERMISSION TO ENTER PROPERTY

By signing above, I am granting permission for representatives of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to enter my property and conduct archaeological investigations.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_