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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief District Engineers

FROM: O. Gilbert Newman, P.E. 
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SUBJECT: Maintenance Projects

Each biennium, the Kentucky General Assembly appropriates funds in the Transportation Cabinet's budget to maintain and operate the existing highway system. These funds are appropriated in the Highway Maintenance (FE) Program. The intent of these funds is to conduct routine maintenance and traffic operations functions.

The Field Operations Guide, which supports the Operations Management System, defines a wide variety of routine maintenance and traffic operations project types. These are the project types for which FE Program funds are to be expended. Funds from the FE Program are not intended to be spent on highway improvements or upgrades. Some examples of improvements or upgrades include construction of turn lanes, sight distance improvements, upgrading rock shoulders to asphalt, or widening shoulders. There are occasions when state forces may be used to perform highway improvements or upgrades; however, the costs for these non-maintenance projects shall be paid for with non-FE funds.

When a Chief District Engineer identifies an improvement or upgrade that can be accomplished by state forces, the Chief District Engineer is to request non-maintenance project funding from the State Highway Engineer. If approved by the State Highway Engineer, a Project Authorization (TC10-1) will be executed to establish project funding and accountability. All relevant costs for the improvement or upgrade shall be charged to the approved, non-maintenance project.

There are many routine maintenance and traffic operations needs so we must protect those funds appropriated to address these needs by not using them for existing system improvements or upgrades.

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