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Mr. Todd A. Jeter Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 330 West Broadway Frankfort, KY 40601

Subject: Kentucky Recommended 2020 Adjusted Urban Area Boundaries

Dear Mr. Jeter:

In conformance with the guidelines in Section 6 – Urban Boundaries of the 2023 edition of the "Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria, and Procedures" document, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is submitting our recommended 2020 Adjusted Urban Area Boundaries for your review.

Following the Federal Highway Administration's release of the updated "Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria, and Procedures" document in February, 2023, the Cabinet embarked on a concentrated, thorough process to produce the attached recommended 2020 Adjusted Urban Area Boundaries. More specifically, the Cabinet:

- Obtained the 2020 Urban Area Boundaries from the U.S. Census Bureau
- Established a multi-disciplinary team composed of both Central Office and Highway District Office personnel to guide the Adjusted Urban Area Boundary review process
- Provided background information, maps, and data to our Local Planning Partners (Metropolitan Planning Organization staff, Judge Executives, and Mayors) and offered webinars to discuss the review process in more detail and allow for questions to be asked
- Provided assistance to our Local Planning Partners in the review of their respective areas
- Gathered recommended boundary adjustments from our Local Planning Partners and thoroughly reviewed them to ensure their reasonableness, conformance with the Federal Highway Administration's guidelines, and consistency statewide
- Further reviewed each Urban Area Boundary for additional recommended adjustments



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Please review the attached recommended 2020 Adjusted Urban Area Boundary maps for each of Kentucky's sixty-two Urban Areas. The Cabinet respectfully requests your approval of these recommendations.

If you have any questions, please contact Mikael Pelfrey or Ramsey Quarles in the Division of Planning at (502) 564-7183.

Sincerely,

Jim Gray Secretary

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Attachments