

Andy Beshear GOVERNOR

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TO: Recipients of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's 2022 Enacted Highway Plan

On behalf of Governor Andy Beshear, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is pleased to present the 2022 Enacted Highway Plan. As required by Kentucky Revised Statutes, Chapter 176, this plan is the result of the process by which major highway improvement projects scheduled for the next six years were submitted to, and enacted by, the 2022 Kentucky General Assembly. The 2022 Enacted Highway Plan outlines scheduled highway project activities for FY 2022 through FY 2028.

KYTC's mission is to provide a safe, efficient, environmentally sound, and fiscally responsible transportation system that delivers economic opportunity and enhances the quality of life in Kentucky. In developing Kentucky's 2022 Enacted Highway Plan, KYTC is using highway system performance data to accentuate bridge and pavement needs as never before. This data-driven approach brings focus to "asset management," i.e., the art of taking care of our existing highway infrastructure. Alongside the use of KYTC's SHIFT (Strategic Highway Investment Formula for Tomorrow) mechanism for ranking proposed highway improvement projects across the state, the 2022 Enacted Highway Plan is a data-driven document, seeking to balance priority asset management projects with needed safety, regional access, and economic development projects located across the Commonwealth.

The plan provides almost \$600 million/year in state and federal funding to address the backlog of deficient bridges and needed pavement repairs. Through the SHIFT Process, KYTC worked with legislators, Area Development Districts (ADD), and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to complete a prioritization process that used technical data to produce relative scores for projects being considered for the Highway Plan. The scoring process was supplemented and enhanced with specific project knowledge to settle on a list of projects to be considered for inclusion in this edition of the Highway Plan.

The 2022 Enacted Highway Plan is based on \$2.3 billion in anticipated state revenues and \$6.2 billion in federal-aid highway program funding from 2023 through 2028. Those federal dollars are based on the recent Bipartisan Infrastructure Law enacted by Congress in November 2021. The new federal law reauthorized existing federal transportation programs and provided numerous opportunities for competitive discretionary highway grant funding. It is KYTC's goal to compete favorably for those grants to help fund some of our larger projects while also working closely with local governments to aggressively pursue grant funds for locally important projects.

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The 2022 Enacted Highway Plan provides a core group of projects to responsibly address infrastructure priorities across Kentucky. KYTC is proud to present a fiscally responsible, regionally diverse, prioritized highway program.

Sincerely,

Jim Gray

Secretary