TO: Recipients of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s 2020 Enacted Highway Plan

On behalf of Governor Andy Beshear, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is pleased to present the 2020 Enacted Highway Plan. As required by the Kentucky Revised Statutes, Chapter 176, this plan is the result of the process by which major highway improvement project phases scheduled for the next six fiscal years were submitted to, and enacted by the 2020 Kentucky General Assembly. The 2020 Enacted Highway Plan outlines scheduled project phases for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 through FY 2026.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s (KYTC) 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 2020 Enacted Highway Plan, KYTC sought to balance priority asset management projects with needed safety, regional access, and economic development projects located across the Commonwealth.

The plan provides $80 million/year in state and federal funding to address the backlog of deficient bridges. It also provides $80 million to $125 million/year, supplemented as necessary with the annual KYTC Resurfacing Program dollars, to address the backlog of pavement needs on Kentucky’s highway system. KYTC also used its data-driven project prioritization process, SHIFT, to prioritize roadway projects across the Commonwealth. Working with legislators, Area Development Districts (ADD), and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), the prioritization process used technical data analyses 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 included in this edition of the Highway Plan.

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The 2020 Enacted Highway Plan is based on a total of $6.1 billion in available funding. This funding consists of $1.1 billion to address the backlog of pavement and bridge needs, $0.9 billion in federally dedicated funds, and another $0.5 billion for federal GARVEE debt service payments. Beyond these obligations, there is $3.6 billion left for highway project funding through FY 2026. The plan consists of projects to address bridge and pavement needs, as well as critical roadway safety improvements, road widening, reconstruction, construction of new routes, and interchange improvements.

The 2020 Enacted Highway Plan provides a core group of projects to responsibly address infrastructure priorities across Kentucky. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is proud to present a fiscally responsible, regionally diverse, prioritized highway program.

Cordially,

Jim Gray, Secretary
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet