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Subject: Rural Consultation Report 23 CFR 450.210 (b)

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Sincerely,

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I. INTRODUCTION

Federal legislation, enacted by TEA-21 in 1998, requires all States to consult with and consider the concerns of non-metropolitan officials when making transportation decisions in their Statewide Transportation Planning and Programming processes. The final rule, published in the Federal Register on January 23, 2003, took effect on February 24, 2004. This legislation also requires the States to consult with non-metropolitan officials regarding the effectiveness of the consultation process and any suggested modifications and report findings every 5 years as of February 24, 2006.

II. KENTUCKY'S RURAL CONSULTATION PROCESS

As noted above, all States were required to have a documented and implemented consultation process with local officials in place no later than February 24, 2004 (See Appendix A). In 1995, Kentucky established a formal Regional Transportation Planning Program with the State's fifteen Area Development Districts (ADDs). This Program relies heavily on the participation and involvement of local officials. The roots of this Program date back to 1975 when the Cabinet first engaged the ADDs in the development of Regional Transportation Plans and in 1989 the Cabinet circulated the first Unscheduled Projects List (UPL) for prioritization. A brief overview of the ADDs Regional Transportation Planning Program can also be found in Kentucky's current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

III. EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RURAL CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet solicited comments and suggestions, for a period of 60 days from 161 local officials in non-metropolitan counties and urban areas on the effectiveness of the Regional Transportation Planning Program. This occurred from November 24, 2010, to January 25, 2011. Additionally, the Cabinet invited comments from the Kentucky Association of Counties, Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts, Kentucky League of Cities and the Executive Directors of the Area Development Districts. To measure the effectiveness of the planning program, the Cabinet prepared a survey for local officials consisting of 16 questions with a focus on the following issues:

- Awareness, understanding and participation in the ADD Regional Transportation Planning Program
- Understanding and presentation of transportation issues and project priorities to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet by the ADD program
- Performance of the Cabinet's Programming processes in the areas of consideration, decision-making, communications and access to decision makers.



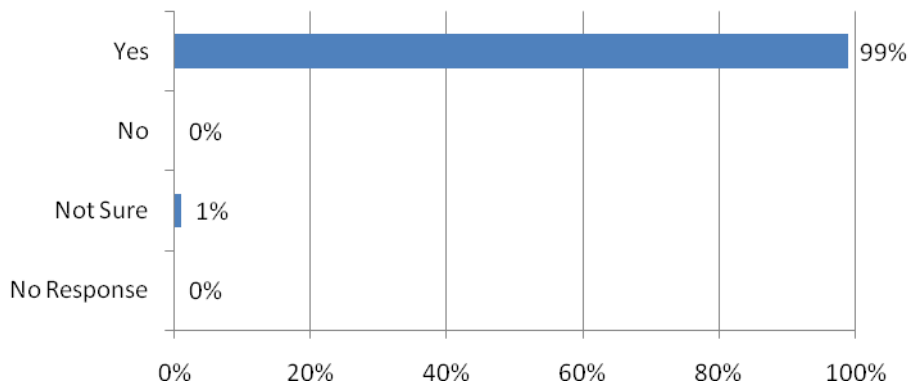
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See Appendix B for the transmittal letter to local officials, mailing lists and the Rural Consultation Survey form. The Cabinet sent the Survey to 161 local officials and received 101 completed Surveys from local officials and other interested parties.*

IV. FINDINGS OF THE RURAL CONSULTATION SURVEY

As the Rural Consultation Surveys were returned to the Cabinet, the response to each question was entered into an Excel spreadsheet along with any comments or suggestions. A bar chart was then created showing the findings, in summary form, representing the 101 returned surveys. Following each question and bar chart below, issues have been summarized resulting from the comments and suggestions the Cabinet received with each question. The number reported after each Comment bullet represents the number of responses associated with that issue.

1) Are you aware of the Regional Transportation Planning Program administered by Kentucky's Area Development Districts?



Comments related to Question 1:

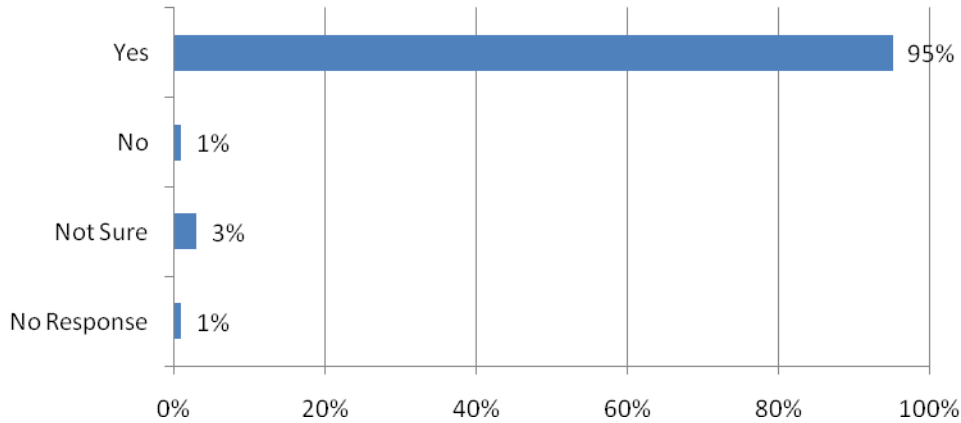
- Very helpful Program!
- Good Job
- Member

*One factor in the number of returned surveys could be attributed to turnover in locally elected offices.



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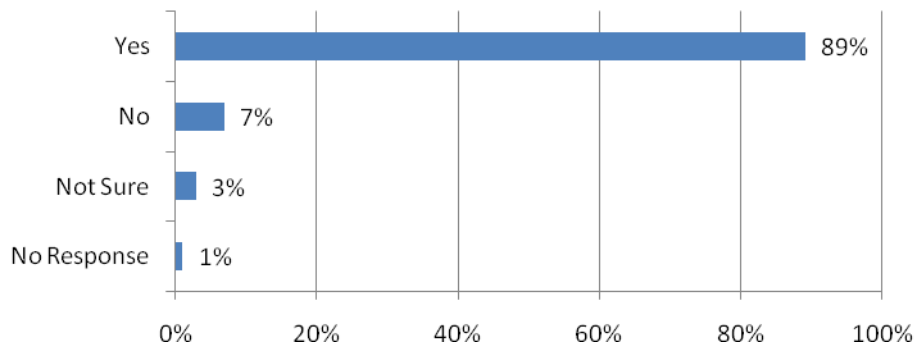
2) Do you believe that you understand the purpose of the Regional Transportation Planning Program?



Comments related to Question 2:

- I don't think we are well informed by our District Office

3) Are you aware of and have you seen the Regional Goals and Objectives for your region, which were developed by the ADD Regional Transportation Committee?



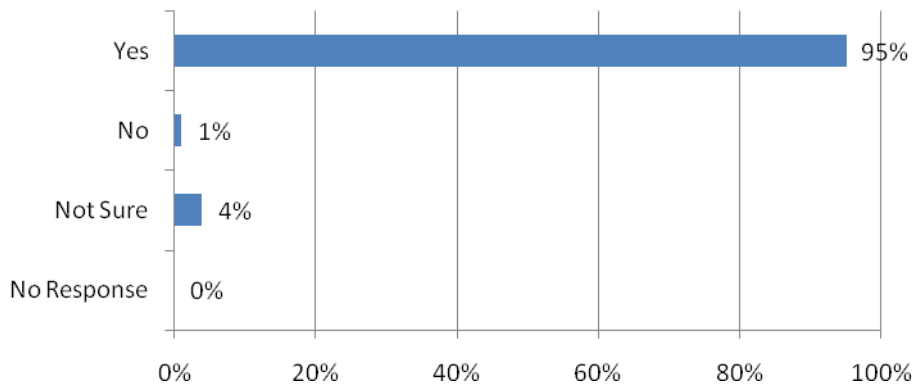
Comments related to Question 3:

- Stacey Courtney does an outstanding job
- Too many projects don't go through the committee



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4) Do you believe that you have been given an adequate opportunity to participate in the Regional Transportation Planning Program?



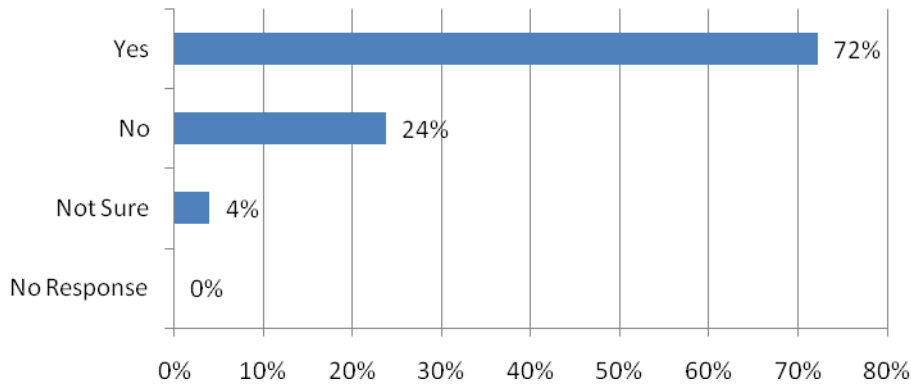
Comments related to Question 4:

- Hart County is located in the BRADD region, but our transportation office is in Elizabethtown, which makes it hard.
- Was aware of 1 meeting and attended.
- After the mayors were made a part
- Great Meetings!
- Attended one meeting.



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**5) Are you a member of the ADD Regional
Transportation Committee of the Regional
Transportation Planning Program?**



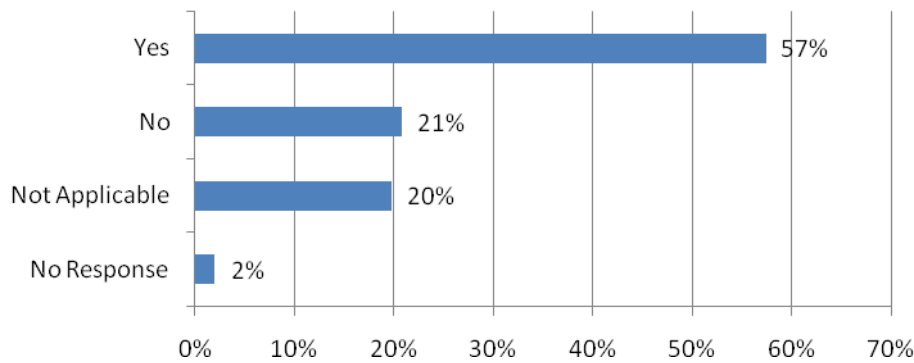
Comments related to Question 5:

- My road supervisor is my appointment and he does make all the RTC meetings.
- PROXY
- I assume that I am, I have been attending the meetings.
- City of Berea has a member on Committee
- Was recently appointed
- Public Works Director attends these meetings



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6) If you are a member of the Regional Transportation Committee, are you a regular attendee of scheduled meetings?



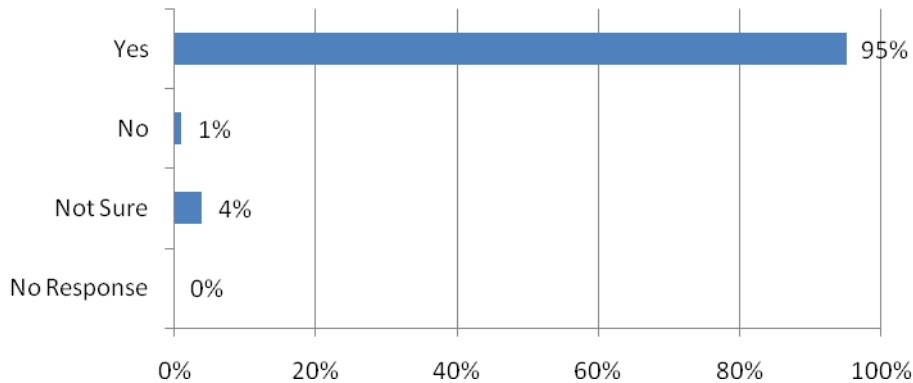
Comments related to Question 6:

- Most of the time I attend.
- I previously attended all meetings, but found them to not be of any benefit. The legislature decides which projects are priorities.
- I attended the RTC.
- I missed several meetings. My schedule and appointments did not allow me to go to all meetings.
- Send a representative
- Send road foreman most of time.
- Send designated representative
- I intend to be in the future.
- At this moment I also teach school which keeps me from being able to attend all meetings. Hopefully I'll be retiring after this year.



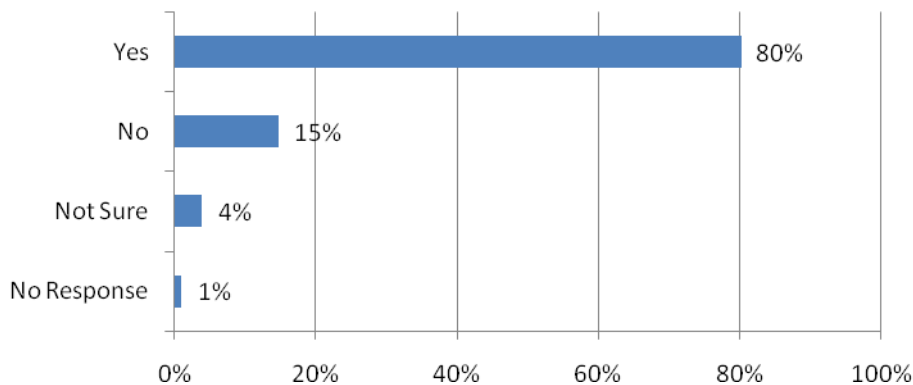
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7) Do you believe that you have been given adequate opportunity to attend scheduled meetings of the ADD Regional Transportation Committee?



No Comments related to Question 7:

8) Were you actively involved in discussions during 2009 regarding LOCAL project priorities with the Regional Transportation Planning Program?



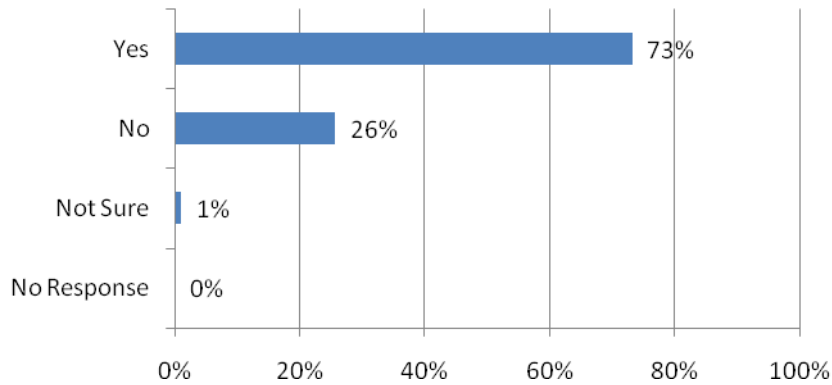
Comments related to Question 8:

- I was not in office in 2009
- Somewhat, but I feel the plan had already been determined.
- A major project is being let that did not come to the committee.
- Even though I cannot attend meetings regularly, the ADD works with me so I can be involved.



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9) Did you participate in setting the 2009 REGIONAL project priorities with the Regional Transportation Planning Program?



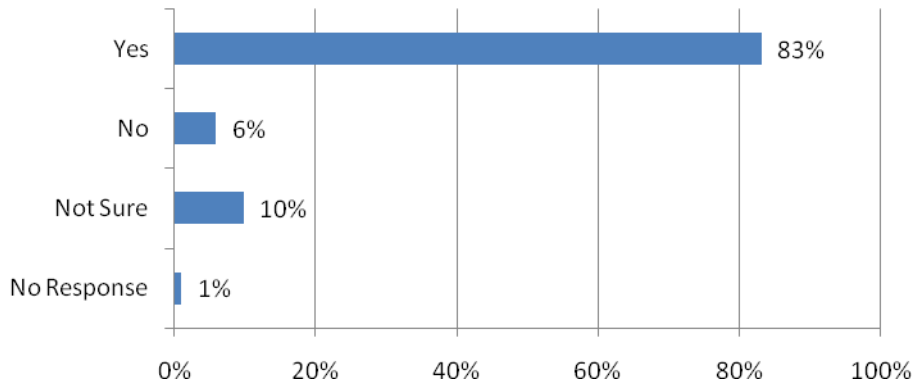
Comments related to Question 9:

- PROXY DID
- Chair Person
- I do not fully agree with the process. At times, it seems like high priority project list must include at least one project from each county to be fair. However, sometimes, growing areas like Lexington or Georgetown need a bigger share of the "monopoly" money due to our growth needs. In other words, "we get one, they get one". May not be fair when we have 2 or 3 projects that are all needed to solve congestion in our area.
- Not completely. Had some input.



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10) Do you believe that the Regional Transportation Planning Program has given you adequate information to understand the transportation issues in your area?



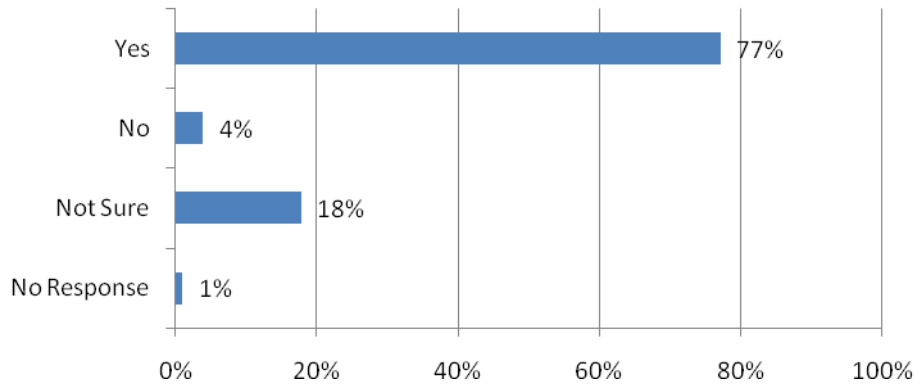
Comments related to Question 10:

- I would like to understand more about the long range plan for the rural counties.
- District office does not always attend or furnish information.



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11) Do you believe the Regional Transportation Planning Program is properly presenting your project priorities to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet?



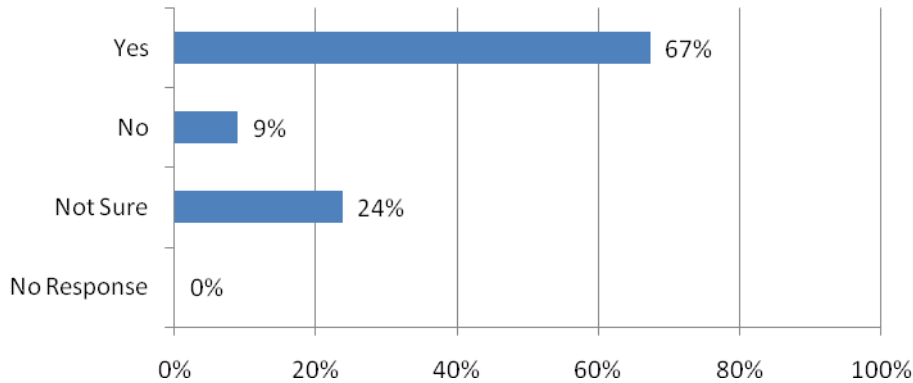
Comments related to Question 11:

- It is a little difficult for small communities to score high, though you do have projects recognized.
- I believe the rural counties are overlooked when it comes to funding.
- Have had concerns on what projects are the most needed and why some are changed in priority.



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12) Do you believe the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is properly considering your project priorities when programming the Highway Plan?



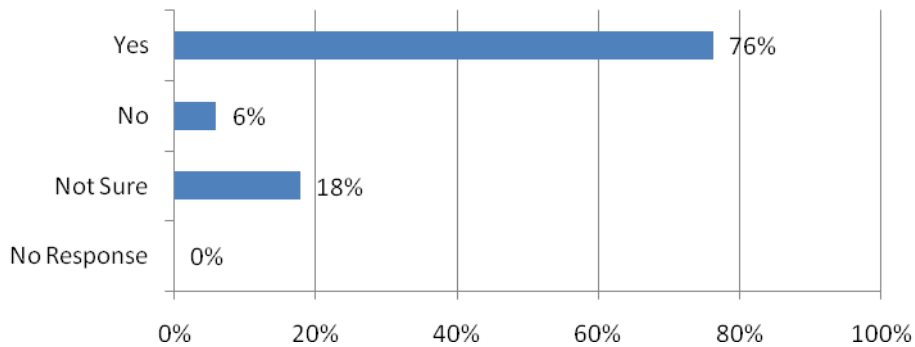
Comments related to Question 12:

- We need 21 miles of 3 lanes on I-65 as a priority working from Elizabethtown South and Park City North. It should not take 10 + years to complete. Too many fatalities.
- Highway 92 was on the 6 year plan for 20 + years. Thankful it is finally being completed.
- I think the Cabinet probably is, but there is no follow-up communication on projects rejected.
- I believe the rural counties are overlooked when it comes to funding.
- Only the Transportation Cabinet knows this.
- Projects that are low priority get funded ahead of high priority.



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13) Do you believe the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has given you an adequate opportunity to participate in the decision making process through the Regional Transportation Program?



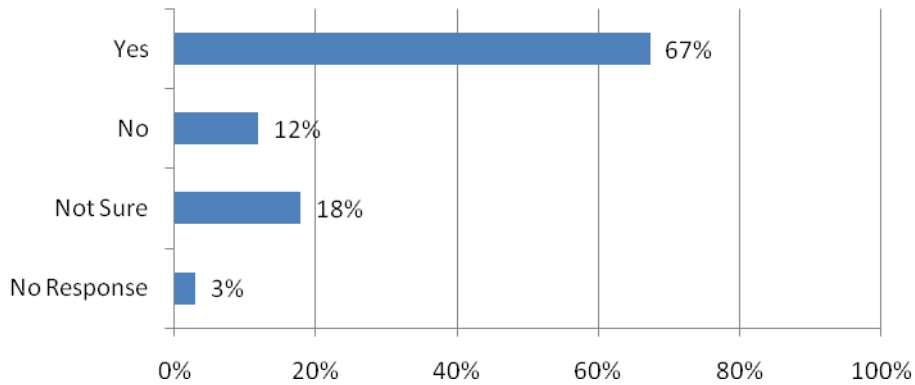
Comments related to Question 13:

- But they could do better
- Decisions made locally are seldom considered.
- Given opportunity, but have not funded rural projects.
- The projects we get to look at!



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14) Do you believe the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is properly communicating to you decisions made with respect to the Highway Plan?



Comments related to Question 14:

- We are given a list that was chosen by State dept. and approve their list - no local choice.
- This is a yes & no. They could do better in communicating.
- I think more updates could (be) given.
- At least if communicating, the legislature is not responding.
- Most of the time.



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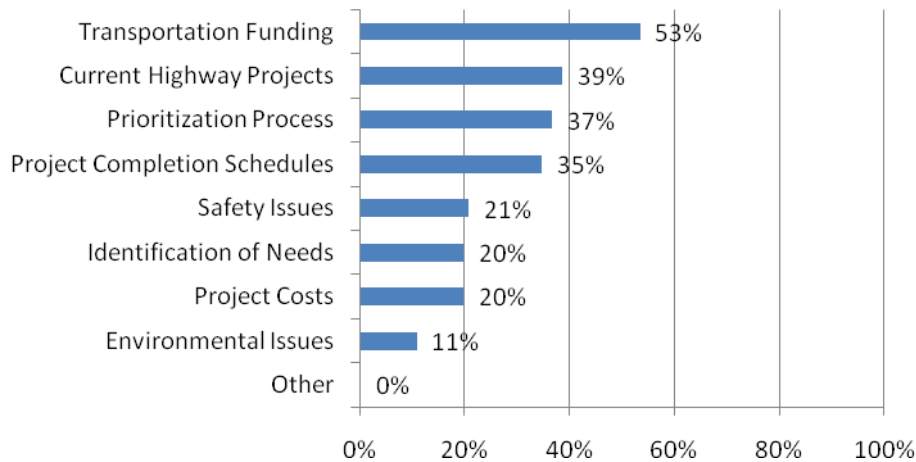
15) What changes, if any, would you make to the Regional Transportation Planning Program?

- More funds, KYTC does a great job for us small counties.
- RTC should have more input on highway projects. Better communication with Districts.
- More opportunity to take part in the decision making.
- Do away with it. It is a waste of time.
- Have someone from the Cabinet to attend ranking meeting.
- I think it works quite well as is. As always, communication is the key to an effective program and it can always be better.
- Though changes have made it better for small communities to be competitive, some recognition of traffic count or life safety should be utilized in scoring.
- None at this time
- Stay focused
- No Changes, just keep the program.
- Have more participation by member of legislature on the committee.
- Everyone has an opportunity to be involved; some choose to ignore the process.
- Have more than one meeting per year at the ADD
- Prioritization Process is confusing.
- Keep it
- Increased participation from members
- Need to have more meetings.



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16)What issues would you like more information about?



Comments related to Question 16:

- The Transportation Cabinet is very helpful to our County and has always addressed our concerns. It is a pleasure to work with Jim LeFevre, Stacy Courtney and the Frankfort Office. We thank you very much.
- I have recently been appointed CJE and am not yet familiar with this program. I will try to get involved and learn the details ASAP so I can offer better suggestions.
- We as officials should know the needs and issues.
- Need to see US-27 completed to 150 in Stanford
- In Hart County
- I compliment our District 11 CE and his staff for the cooperation I have received working with them. They furnish information I request and they help me on our projects. I also appreciate Rick Long, B.D. Wilson and Sec. Hancock for all the good work they have helped me with in Laurel Co. and you need to convey my comments to let them know they have been appreciated by me.
- Participation should be required of each CJE or Mayor, or at least a representative of their office.
- We are very happy with the way the KYTC works with us in Woodford County. We were pleased to have the garage open back on Crossfield Drive.
- We appreciate the way that the KYTC has worked with us. They are always responsive to any information that we need.
- Look forward to continued partnership with the KYTC in the years ahead. We must strengthen our efforts as budgetary restraints are going to be the norm for the foreseeable future. One question: Why did only the mayors of 5,000 + get surveyed?



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V. OBSERVATIONS

Questions 1 through 9 of the Rural Consultation Survey focused on the awareness, understanding and participation of local officials in the ADD Regional Transportation Planning Program. The Cabinet is very pleased to see an overwhelming majority of our local officials reporting positive answers to these questions. A review of the issues raised by a few of the local officials does not seem to indicate any needed structural changes for this area of the ADD program.

Questions 10 and 11 of the Survey examined local officials' understanding of the transportation issues and if the ADD program is properly presenting these issues and project priorities to the Cabinet. Again, an overwhelming majority of local officials reported positive answers to these questions. However, with the issues raised and a somewhat significant number of local officials reporting either "NO" or "NOT SURE", a new educational effort may be justified with regards to project prioritization, project timelines and funding.

Questions 12 through 14 examined the Cabinet's performance with consideration, participation, communication and access to decision makers during the Programming process. With a significant number of local officials reporting either "NO" or "NOT SURE" to these questions there appears to be a somewhat negative perception or lack of understanding, on the part of local officials, of the Cabinet's Programming process. This, together with the issues raised, would seem to suggest the Cabinet needs improved communications to local officials on the value of the issues and project priorities presented by the ADD program.

Questions 15 and 16 provided local officials with the opportunity to comment on the Regional Planning Program and other issues that were most important to them. With Funding, Current Highway Projects, Prioritization Process and Project Completion Schedules dominating as the most important issues, the Cabinet's better communication of decisions made during the Programming process appears needed.



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VI. CONCLUSIONS AND PLAN OF ACTION

Since 1995, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has conducted a formal Regional Transportation Planning Program with the state's fifteen Area Development Districts. As mentioned earlier, the roots of this program date back to 1975 and have served Kentucky effectively in meeting the federal statewide planning requirements enacted by ISTEA in 1991, TEA-21 in 1998 and now SAFETEA-LU in 2005. In addition to the public involvement component, Kentucky's planning program is also serving as an effective consultation process with local officials through the setting of project priorities leading to effective programming of the Six-Year Highway Plan and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. In 1999, the Regional Transportation Planning Program was recognized by the National Association of Development Organizations for innovation in transportation planning and has served as a planning model for other states.

In consideration of the findings and observations resulting from the Rural Consultation Survey, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet intends to take the following actions to improve and enhance the planning and programming processes:

- Make this report publicly available by posting on the Cabinet's website
- Continue to make known to local officials the value of the transportation issues and project priorities presented by the ADD program
- Continue to monitor new federal regulations arising from SAFETEA-LU and implement any new planning and programming initiatives as appropriate
- Prepare an updated report on the effectiveness of the Rural Consultation Process within the next 5 years.
- Make known to local officials the availability of the Cabinet's recommended and final versions of the Highway
- Continue with an ongoing educational process with local officials stressing the importance of continued participation in the ADD program and the contributions made to the programming process.



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**Appendix A
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Statewide Transportation Planning Process -
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In 1995 Kentucky established a statewide transportation planning process in response to the directives of the Intermodal Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA). This process was later expanded to include more comprehensive public involvement and consultation with local officials following the directives of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) enacted in 1998. The statewide transportation planning process in the non-metropolitan areas of Kentucky is accomplished through a cooperative program with the Cabinet's 12 Highway District Offices (HDOs), 15 Area Development Districts (ADDs), Regional Transportation Committees, County Judges, City Mayors, other local officials, and often county transportation committees. Through this process, the Regional Transportation Committees establish regional goals and objectives, identify the current transportation system, research and analyze data, identify and prioritize transportation needs for input to the Long Range Statewide Transportation Plan, Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and the Highway Plan.

The major portion of the rural consultation process is accomplished through the 15 ADDs. Each ADD maintains a regional transportation advisory committee with representatives of local government (county and city), transportation interests, other special interests, and the general public. The ADDs are encouraged to include representatives from all transportation modes in their region, planning and zoning commissions, and underserved populations as well as elected officials or government representatives. These committees play an important role in identifying, analyzing and prioritizing transportation needs and goals in their respective regions. Through the ADDs and Highway District Offices, local governments are directly consulted and given an opportunity to identify transportation needs and priorities on the state system. Highway needs identified from all sources are recorded in a single "Unscheduled Needs" database (UNL). Projects remain in the "Unscheduled Needs" database until all phases of a project have been advanced into the Highway Plan (short-range plan) with full funding, which is the Cabinet's programming document, or it is determined that the project is no longer needed.

An Annual Work Program (AWP) is developed each year by both the Cabinet and each ADD which defines the guidelines and the work elements of the Regional Transportation Planning Program and the specific tasks to be performed within that year. The ADDs are then reimbursed on a quarterly basis for work satisfactorily completed as required in their Annual Work Program. Some work elements included in their AWP include: Regional Concept Plans, Access Management Studies, Industrial Access Studies, Identification of Major Traffic Generators, Corridor Needs Studies, Bicycle and Pedestrian Needs Studies, Truck Facility Inventories, Regional Transportation Inventory and Directories, Collection of Socioeconomic



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Data, Development of Regional Goals and Objectives, Local Coordination and Assistance and primarily, participation in the Identification, Data Analysis, Ranking of Unscheduled Needs (Highway, Bicycle, Pedestrian and Intermodal Access.) The local and regional committees are often involved with the ADD Transportation Planner in researching and providing environmental justice data for various planning studies, helping obtain local/regional input on planning studies conducted by consultants or central office Cabinet staff, and reviewing numerous statewide documents such as the Statewide Rail Plan, Statewide Transportation Plan and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan for accuracy and input.

The Regional Transportation Committees must meet at least quarterly to accomplish these tasks with the ADD transportation planners and the planning staff from the highway district offices. Each committee elects a chairperson to conduct the meetings and the committee may meet more often if needed. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet planning personnel also meet quarterly for a one-day meeting with the ADD Transportation Planners and the Highway District Planning Staffs for training and discussion/exchange of ideas/processes on the Statewide Transportation Planning Program. The agendas include discussions of the various work elements of the program, new directions for the program, schedules for tasks and any schedule changes, the status of projects, any problems which may have arisen, and informational presentations are made to the group on various areas of interest. The ADD Transportation Planners then share this information with their committees in their bimonthly meetings.

While the identification and analyses process is an on-going process of studying the data, reviewing the needs and goals of their communities and region, the local officials (and/or a local committee), the regional transportation committees and the Highway District Office Staff prioritize the transportation projects in their respective area every two years. Each project is assigned a numerical ranking by the local elected officials, the regional transportation committee and the Highway District Office. The regional transportation advisory committees and the highway district offices also rank the top ten projects, in order of importance to the region, as well as provide a "top ten ranking" of projects divided into three funding categories: projects with costs of \$10 M or more, projects with costs of less than \$10M but \$2M or more, and those projects with costs of \$2M or less. This "tiering" of projects provides the opportunity for the local officials and the regional transportation committees to provide their priorities on lower cost projects as well as identifying the overall priorities for the entire region.

These priorities and rankings are recorded in the Cabinet's UNL Database as the local and regional input for the project selection process. These ranked projects are then considered for inclusion in the Cabinet's short-range and long-range transportation plans.

While local and regional rankings do not dictate final decisions in this process, all project rankings are a key factor in the selection of projects for inclusion in the Cabinet's short-range



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and long-range transportation plans. This information is also often consulted by elected state legislators to ascertain the priorities of their constituents.

The Cabinet places emphasis on various key considerations identified including the priorities established by local officials, regional transportation committees and the Cabinet and the goals of the Cabinet – Improving Pavement Conditions, Improving Traffic Flow, Improving Highway Safety and Embracing Community Values. Examples of those components are as follows: pavement condition, bridge condition, intersection factors, access control, critical crash rate factor, traffic volume, MPO/ADD priority rankings, access to economically distressed counties and multimodal opportunities. Each of these factors is considered to reflect the priorities of the Cabinet. In addition to the above, UNL projects are displayed on maps using GIS, to thoroughly cross-check the UNL projects, Highway Plan projects, top ten rankings of the ADD/MPO and Highway District, Highway Information System (HIS) data, and system information. It is the Cabinet's intent to continually improve this system so that comprehensive information can be provided to the local officials and the regional transportation committees to assist them in evaluating and prioritizing projects in their respective areas for future project selection cycles.

The ADDs are also responsible for coordination with Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and other agencies in the region, as appropriate. The ADDs adjacent to MPO areas coordinate their efforts with those of the MPOs as part of the statewide transportation planning process. The ADD Transportation Planners attend MPO meetings, review MPO materials, consider MPO plans in identifying and prioritizing needs, and providing input into the MPO process as needed. Some ADDs function also as MPOs. Some rural counties adjacent to some MPOs have become members of the MPO and have representation on its policy and technical advisory committees.

The consultative process in Kentucky also covers all public transportation planning, including public and specialized transportation services in rural areas. The governing bodies and authorizing boards of the transit/specialized systems are comprised of local officials and citizens. Letters of support from local officials are required with each public transit grant application.

It should be noted that there is not a state statute mandating a transportation-planning program through the local or regional units in Kentucky. However the Kentucky Revised Statutes 147A.080 and 147A.090 establish the 15 Area Development Districts and authorize the ADDs to accept funds for specific purposes including planning activities throughout the state. The funds for the rural transportation-planning program are then authorized through the State Biennial Budget Process, approved by the Kentucky Legislature, specifically identifying funds to be used for the transportation planning process through the ADDs. A Memorandum of Policies



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and Procedures authorized by the Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet delineates the procedures and processes to be followed for this program.

This statewide transportation planning process ensures public input at the local level through elected officials, local county committees, regional committees and public meetings, as required by the federal transportation reauthorization legislation.



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«COURTESY_T» «NAME»
«COUNTY» «OFFICE»
«ADDRESS1»
«ADDRESS2»
«CITY» KY «ZIP_CODE»

Dear Judge «LAST_NAME»:

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is interested in knowing what you think about the ADD Regional Transportation Planning Program and how well this program is responding to the transportation issues that concern you. We have prepared the enclosed survey and a brief overview of our process. We ask for a few minutes of your time to provide feedback on this program and process. This survey is being sent to all County Judges and Mayors for cities with a population of 5,000 or greater who are outside of the urban MPO areas.

The goal of this survey is to gain a better understanding of your transportation needs and how we can reshape our program to better address your needs. We have enclosed a postage paid return envelope for your convenience. Your time in completing and returning the survey no later than January 25, 2011, will be very much appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (502) 564-7183.

Sincerely,

Keith R. Damron, P.E.
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«COURTESY_T» «NAME»
«OFFICE», City of «CITY»
«ADDRESS1»
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«CITY» KY «ZIP»

Dear Mayor «LAST_NAME»:

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is interested in knowing what you think about the ADD Regional Transportation Planning Program and how well this program is responding to the transportation issues that concern you. We have prepared the enclosed survey and a brief overview of our process. We ask for a few minutes of your time to provide feedback on this program and process. This survey is being sent to all County Judges and Mayors for cities with a population of 5,000 or greater who are outside of the urban MPO areas.

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November 24, 2010

Name
Title
Organization
Address Line 1
Address Line 2
City State Zip

Dear Name:

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is interested in knowing what the Non-MPO County Judges and Mayors think about the ADD Regional Transportation Planning Program and how well this program is responding to the transportation issues that concern them. We have prepared the enclosed survey and a brief overview of our process. We ask for a few minutes of your time to provide feedback on this program and process. This survey has been sent to all Non-MPO County Judges and Mayors for cities with a population of 5,000 or greater, who are outside of the urban MPO areas.

The goal of this survey is to gain a better understanding of our rural transportation needs and how we can reshape our program to better address these needs. We ask that you encourage your membership to complete this survey and return it to us in the enclosed postage paid return envelope that we have provided. We have enclosed a postage paid return envelope for your convenience. Your time in completing and returning the survey no later than January 25, 2011, will be very much appreciated.

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1) Are you aware of the Regional Transportation Planning Program administered by Kentucky's Area Development Districts?

Check One Yes No Not Sure

Comments \ Suggested Changes

2) Do you believe that you understand the purpose of the Regional Transportation Planning Program?

Check One Yes No Not Sure

Comments \ Suggested Changes

3) Are you aware of and have you seen the Regional Goals and Objectives for your region, which were developed by the ADD Regional Transportation Committee?

Check One Yes No Not Sure

Comments \ Suggested Changes

4) Do you believe that you have been given an adequate opportunity to participate in the Regional Transportation Planning Program?

Check One Yes No Not Sure

Comments \ Suggested Changes

5) Are you a member of the ADD Regional Transportation Committee of the Regional Transportation Planning Program?

Check One Yes No Not Sure

Comments \ Suggested Changes

6) If you are a member of the Regional Transportation Committee, are you a regular attendee of scheduled meetings?

Check One Yes No Not Applicable

Comments \ Suggested Changes



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7) Do you believe that you have been given adequate opportunity to attend scheduled meetings of the ADD Regional Transportation Committee?

Check One Yes No Not Sure

Comments \ Suggested Changes

8) Were you actively involved in discussions during 2009 regarding **LOCAL** project priorities with the Regional Transportation Planning Program?

Check One Yes No Not Sure

Comments \ Suggested Changes

9) Did you participate in setting the 2009 **REGIONAL** project priorities with the Regional Transportation Planning Program?

Check One Yes No Not Sure

Comments \ Suggested Changes

10) Do you believe that the Regional Transportation Planning Program has given you adequate information to understand the transportation issues in your area?

Check One Yes No Not Sure

Comments \ Suggested Changes

11) Do you believe the Regional Transportation Planning Program is properly presenting your project priorities to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet?

Check One Yes No Not Sure

Comments \ Suggested Changes

12) Do you believe the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is properly considering your project priorities when programming the Highway Plan?

Check One Yes No Not Sure

Comments \ Suggested Changes



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13) Do you believe the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has given you an adequate opportunity to participate in the decision making process through the Regional Transportation Program?

Check One Yes No Not Sure

Comments \ Suggested Changes

14) Do you believe the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is properly communicating to you decisions made with respect to the Highway Plan?

Check One Yes No Not Sure

Comments \ Suggested Changes

15) What changes, if any, would you make to the Regional Transportation Planning Program?

Comments \ Suggested Changes

16) What issues would you like more information about?

Check all that apply:

- Transportation Funding
- Current Highway Projects
- Project Completion Schedules
- Environmental Issues
- Project Costs
- Identification of Needs
- Prioritization Process
- Safety Issues
- Other



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Submitted By: (Please Print) _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Please return completed survey in enclosed postage paid envelope to:

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