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MEMORANDUM FOR SUBMISSION OF COUNTY PRIORITY PROJECTS PROGRAM REQUESTED PROJECTS

TO: Legislative Research Commission
Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue

FROM: Commissioner Bobbi Jo Lewis

DATE: November 1, 2024

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS FOR CONSIDERATION FOR FY 2026 COUNTY PRIORITY PROJECTS PROGRAM FUNDING

During the 2024 legislative session, the General Assembly passed HB 265 which sets aside \$20 million dollars each fiscal year to establish the County Priority Projects Program. These funds will assist counties and cities with their local roads. The bill requires KYTC to collect funding requests from local governments, evaluate them, and rank them, then submit those projects that rank 8, 9, or 10 by November 1, 2024.

A total of 1,672 requests were received by KYTC's Office of Rural and Municipal Aid. KYTC's engineers have been working diligently to get these requests evaluated and ranked, but the large volume of requests, some of which were received close to or on the deadline for submission to our offices, means we were not able to get them all sufficiently evaluated before the required November 1st deadline.

To be compliant with HB 265's November 1st deadline, we have attached the spreadsheet containing the most current listing of requests. Our engineers are continuing to evaluate those projects and plan to have the completed list to you by November 15th.

Thank you.

Bobbi Jo Lewis
Commissioner, KYTC Office of Rural and Municipal Aid