

# BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

June 4, 2025

### **Program Updates**

Bobbi Jo Lewis, Commissioner Department of Rural and Municipal Aid

## DEPARTMENT OF RURAL & MUNICIPAL AID

### COUNTY/CITY BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



# County/City Bridge Improvement Program

### **FY 2025 – Update**

- Phase I and II:
  - i. 45 Bridges funded:

30 replacement projects

15 repair/preservation projects

- ii. Total funding authorized \$18,450,614
- Phase III
  - a) Pending: \$26,445,748.20
  - b) Funding available: \$6,549,386



# County/City Bridge Improvement Program

### FY 2026 CYCLE DATES - \$25 million authorized for FY2026

- Phase I funding for FY 2026 opens July 1, 2025 closes August 29, 2025
- Phase II funding for FY 2026 opens September 1, 2025 closes November 14, 2025
- Phase III funding for FY 2026 opens November 17, 2025 closes February 13, 2026
- Phase IV funding for FY 2026 opens February 16, 2026 closes May 1, 2026



# County/City Bridge Improvement Program

#### **LOCAL BRIDGES 101**

#### Requesting Access to Local Bridges 101

• The Local Bridges 101: Local Bridge Ownership, course is being provided in an online format for informational purposes for state and local officials. To request access to the online Local Bridges 101 course, please complete the Google form located at <a href="https://forms.gle/NKvirJ3z6XhCTP218">https://forms.gle/NKvirJ3z6XhCTP218</a>. Once submitted, your eligibility will be reviewed within 24 business hours and you will receive a link to our course page on Canvas. If you have any questions, you may contact Miriam Reber at <a href="mairiam.reber@uky.edu">miriam.reber@uky.edu</a> for assistance.

#### Accessing the Course

• Once you have received a link via email from Miriam Reber, you will be able to access the course on Canvas. If it is your first time enrolling in a Canvas course, you will need to create an account and enroll in the course. You can follow the steps in the User Guide PDF or watch a how-to video for assistance with account set-up:

Canvas Account Set-Up PDF User Guide: https://kyt2.uky.edu/sites/default/files/2024-06/welcome-to-canvas-user-guide.pdf

Canvas How-To Video: https://youtu.be/J\_U8WncRpul?si=jN0sbnFVBrwzhJ6\_

• After your account is set up and you have enrolled in the Local Bridges 101 course, you may complete the modules. The course is comprised of five short video modules for a total of 2-hours.



# DEPARTMENT OF RURAL & MUNICIPAL AID

# COUNTY PRIORITY PROJECTS PROGRAM LOCAL ASSISTANCE ROAD PROGRAM



# County Priority Projects Program Local Assistance Road Program

- The Local Assistance Road Program (LARP) sets out modified requirements and guidelines for the County Priority Projects Program (CPPP) in HB 546 from the 2025 Legislative Session.
- Application Cycle opens June 1, 2025 closes on October 1, 2025.



# County Priority Projects Program

## Implementation Status of HJR 46 (25 RS)

- Preparing information for production of 106 MOAs from awards contained in HJR 46.
- MOAs to be sent out for processing on or about 7/1/2025, when funding is available.



# County Priority Projects Program FY 2025 & FY 2026

## Implementation Status of Local Assistance Road Program

- Updated application form includes LARP requirements:
  - a. Photos every 300 ft (17.6 per mile);
  - b. Project no more than \$500,000;
  - c. Local Match required;
  - d. Must be rehabilitation projects (designed to restore original condition).
- Reporting forms prepared and ready to capture required information as provided by local agencies.
- Scoring Matrix has been developed by KYTC Highways staff to be utilized by all districts.



# How Roads Are Scored

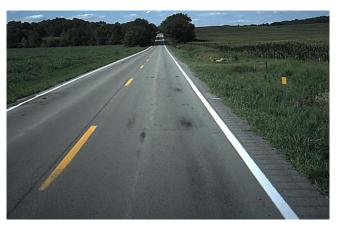
### Evaluation is calculated using the following:

- Preservation of assets
- ADT (average daily traffic)
- Recent Improvements (yes/no)
- Safety
- Cost
- Priority ranking within the highway district



# How Roads Are Scored: examples











**RUTTING = Poor** 

LONGITUDINAL CRACKING = Poor

UTILITY CUTS = Poor







PATTERN CRACKING = Poor

POTHOLES – Number & Depth

BASE FAILURE - Number



# FY 2025 & FY 2026 County Priority Projects Program Funding

#### HJR 92 – FY 2025

- Funds set out in HB 265: \$20,000.00
- Authorized in HJR 92: \$17,290,000 (\$19,991,000 less \$2,701,000 for projects already completed)
- 34 Counties/Cities with Completed Projects & 7 Partially Completed, totaling: \$10,024,438.02
- 30 Counties/Cities with Pending Projects: \$6,985,120.92
- Underruns following final payments: \$280,441.06 (these funds carry forward)

#### HJR 46 – FY 2026

- Funds set out in HB 546: \$21,147,000
- Projects authorized in HJR 46: 23,857,000 (\$9,000.00 over-authorized leaving \$271,441.06 for reauthorization)
- 89 Counties and 17 cities included for 149 projects



# DEPARTMENT OF RURAL & MUNICIPAL AID Office of Local Programs

### TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM



#### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

- Project must have a surface transportation relationship.
- Project must promote accessibility/connectivity.
- Project must meet the requirements of at least one of the eligible categories.
- Projects are funded at 80% and require a 20% local cash or property match.



### **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:**

- Bicycle, pedestrian or other non-motorized forms of transportation facilities
- Safe routes for non-drivers
- Construction of turnouts, overlooks and viewing areas
- Historic Preservation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities only

- Conversion of abandoned railway corridors
- Inventory, control and removal of outdoor advertising
- Archeology activities related to transportation projects
- Environmental mitigation
- Safe Routes to School
- Vegetation management



## **Federal Funding Categories**

TAP funds are apportioned to each state with suballocations of the total apportionment:

- 59% suballocated to "sub-State" areas based on relative population size.
  - Suballocated funds cannot be transferred.
  - Suballocated funds must be spent on TAP projects in areas that meet the population criteria.
- 41% for any area of the state, using a state competitive process, (Flex funds)



# Funding Amounts for 2025 (based on population)

under 5,000: \$5,420,261

5,000 - 49,999: \$2,133,051

50,000 - 200,000: \$864,929

\*over 200,000: \$4,539,263

\*\*Flex: \$9,004,367

TOTAL: \$21,961,871

\*Distributed based on population of certain Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

\*\*Can be used by KYTC anywhere in Kentucky.



### Awards Allocated 2022-2025:

2022 - \$19,377,672

2023 - \$18,679,366

2024 - \$17,337,849



#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

- Application cycles for TAP funding are held based on funding availability an early Fall 2025 application cycle is anticipated.
- Applicants must have and maintain a current Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) with the federal System for Award Management (SAM) while project is pending.
- Applicants must be Uniform Financial Information Report (UFIR) compliant at time of application and during project pendency.
- Application information can be obtained on the Office of Local Programs (OLP) website.
- Once application cycle closes, applications are reviewed by KYTC staff (Central Office & District Office) and competitively scored as required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
- Recommendations for funding are then made to the Transportation Secretarybased on funding availability and scores.







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