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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET

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June 20, 2018 ALL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT PARTICIPANTS NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE THE RURAL AND SECONDARY 80/20 BRIDGE PROGRAM

Ensuring the safety and soundness of bridges across the Commonwealth is a top priority for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Department of Rural and Municipal Aid (RMA). RMA is dedicated to reducing the number of small rural bridges in poor condition.

After a thorough review of the Rural Secondary 80/20 Bridge Program – supported through the emergency fund account – RMA found that the funds required to maintain the program's large carry-forward dollars are insufficient. Fiscal responsibility necessitates that RMA discontinue the previous practice of carry-forward amounts, effective June 30, 2018. Accumulated carry-forward amounts will not rollover for fiscal year 2019 or future fiscal years.

Beginning July 1, 2018, *up to* \$80,000 per county will be made available for fiscal year 2019 to be used under the Rural Secondary 80/20 Bridge Program, subject to available funds. I do want to emphasize that any existing Memorandum of Agreement will be honored in its entirety.

Please continue to submit prioritized recommendations, along with your cost estimates and photos, to the Office of Rural Secondary Roads. Feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely.

Gray Tomblyn II

Commissioner, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid

