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Gov. Andy Beshear Announces \$3.25 Million in Discretionary Transportation Funding for Street, Road Improvements in 4 Cities, 17 Counties

Today, Gov. Andy Beshear announced approval of more than \$3.25 million in discretionary transportation funding to make much-needed travel and safety improvements on dozens of streets and roads in communities across Kentucky.

The award provides for 43 projects in 17 counties and four cities. Since taking office, Gov. Beshear has approved \$50.7 million in discretionary transportation funding for hundreds of projects that have benefitted Kentuckians in 105 counties.

“Modern and efficient transportation infrastructure involves more than interstates and parkways,” Gov. Beshear said. “Well-maintained city streets and county roads – the routes that lead to our homes and schools, our workplaces and houses of worship – are equally important in our daily lives and essential to thriving communities. I’m happy that we’re able to provide this funding.”

Most of the projects involve resurfacing or patching, but also include sidewalks and storm drains. Recipients are the counties of Bath, Breckinridge, Butler, Elliott, Graves, Hancock, Hart, Hopkins, Knox, Lawrence, McLean, Nelson, Nicholas, Pike, Rowan, Trigg and Washington, along with the cities of Harlan, Mount Sterling, Paintsville and Stanford.

The largest single award is \$544,342 to Pike County for resurfacing 9 miles of Brushy Road, which serves 250 residents, two businesses and an untold number of recreation seekers.

“This section of Brushy Road is beyond repair by patching. It needs a complete resurfacing,” Pike County Judge-Executive Ray Jones said.

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Managing Supply Chain Disruptions in the Construction Industry

Strategies for overcoming snags & coming out on top

Seemingly relentless volatility and disruption — driven by so many unexpected circumstances (COVID-19, labor shortages, geopolitical conflicts, war) — have caused significant hardships for supply chains. This has been true for every industry, but few have been as broadly affected as the construction industry.

The strength of a construction supply chain heavily depends on other industries — manufacturing, distribution and even retail-commerce — that siphon critical products to contractors and developers. Any compromised link in that chain can hamper the industry, and, over the past few years, all those links have been weakened.

But, though today's specific circumstances are new to the world, supply chain disruptions themselves aren't. (Lindsay Moore of TechTarget [lists 15 such "snafus,"](#) stretching from 1973 to today.) For construction businesses to stay afloat and remain competitive in the current global market, they must learn the steps necessary for managing supply chain disruptions. We'll talk about a few of those steps today.

Assess Vulnerabilities

Construction supply chains are naturally complex, and the operating principles that worked in the pre-COVID-19 marketplace may not be as successful today. So, to make future-focused problem-solving decisions, construction firms should step back and revisit the basics of their businesses to find and address vulnerabilities.

Begin this assessment by asking yourself four main questions.

- Where in your supply chain are disruptions occurring?
- Which suppliers are you relying on?
- How "healthy" do those suppliers seem to be?

About The KYTC

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on KYTC contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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