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Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Publishes Final Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Plan

Today, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) announced that the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for fiscal years 2021 through 2024 is now available online following a 30-day public comment period that concluded this summer to seek input from Kentuckians, agencies and organizations.

The FY 2021-2024 STIP was reviewed and approved by the Federal Highway Association (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). A final version is available at: <https://transportation.ky.gov/Program-Management/Pages/2021-STIP-Book.aspx>.

“Thank you to all the local transportation partners and Kentuckians who played a role in the development of the STIP,” KYTC Secretary Jim Gray said. “This plan got more than federal approval but also commendation from FHWA on KYTC initiatives, plans and studies – some currently underway – that help us chart a path forward to improve transportation across multiple modes.”

The STIP includes all federally funded, scheduled projects in the 2020 State Highway Plan recommended by Gov. Andy Beshear and enacted by the 2020 Kentucky General Assembly. It also contains links to Kentucky’s nine Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) that identify federal projects in their individual transportation improvement plans. MPOs represent the following urbanized areas: Bowling Green, Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky, Clarksville-Oak Grove, Evansville-Henderson, Huntington-Ashland-Ironton, Lexington, Louisville, Owensboro and Radcliff-Elizabethtown.

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3 Modern Solutions To Help Your Business Tackle Challenges

In early 2020, the construction industry was experiencing levels of growth not seen since the Great Recession, while also navigating obstacles that have plagued the industry for years, including a qualified worker shortage and slower rates of adopting new technologies.

With the COVID-19 pandemic came a host of other challenges that have forced many to adjust their day-to-day workflows to keep their construction companies in business and technology has played an integral role in this process.

Mobile and cloud-based technologies have kept teams connected and projects moving throughout this period of disruption and uncertainty. Some businesses used the downtime to overhaul their technology solutions, and others sought temporary fixes to quickly increase mobility among their teams.

While most agree that technology is an important part of a construction business, with so many competing priorities and so little time, technology often gets put on the back burner.

However, technology should become a top priority for construction firms and throughout the industry. Its benefits and efficiency gains are countless, including increased mobility, better business visibility and greater collaboration.

1. Increased Mobility

In recent years, mobile solutions have gained popularity in the industry, especially on the jobsite. The 2021 Construction Hiring and Business Outlook report, conducted by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and Sage, found that 68% of contractors surveyed are using mobile software for daily field reports, 60% are using mobile technology for employee time-tracking and approval, 56% are using it for field access to customer and job information and 55% are using mobile technology for the sharing of drawings, photos and documents.

These apps help simplify workflows and free up employee time. Cloud adoption rates have been lower when it comes to project management and accounting solutions but, with more back-office teams working remotely, there has been greater interest in cloud-based solutions.

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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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