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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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ABC: Enhancing Inclusion Creates Needed Change in the Construction Industry

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) today announced its strong support of the second annual Construction Inclusion Week, which kicks off today, and the need to champion and foster inclusion, diversity and equity throughout the construction industry.

Created by ABC members, Construction Inclusion Week harnesses the collective power of the construction industry to build awareness regarding the need to improve inclusion, diversity and equity in the industry.

“Building inclusive, diverse and equitable workplaces ensures job creators in the construction community offer a robust employee value proposition that is attractive to top talent from all communities,” said ABC Director of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Tia Perry. “Recruiting and retaining the best workers in the marketplace will foster more creativity, win more work and deliver the greatest value to the construction user. ABC is proud to be an integral part of this important week.”

“Associated Builders and Contractors of New Jersey is proud to support Construction Inclusion Week and a more inclusive construction industry,” said Samantha DeAlmeida, president of ABC of New Jersey. “We’ve recently partnered with the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey to bring our Apprenticeship Education & Training Fund, a U.S. Department of Labor-approved apprenticeship program, to underserved and low-income areas throughout New Jersey, where this type of upskilling program has not existed. By providing inclusive and equitable opportunities for well-paying jobs in these communities, our apprenticeship program helps achieve workforce equity while disrupting generational poverty.”

“One of the most important opportunities in front of us is ensuring that authentic and personal conversations happen in the field,” said Carolyn Ellison, managing director of community affairs at Clark Construction Group LLC and a member of ABC’s National Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee. “I’m proud that Clark Construction has placed increased focus on fostering engagement and personal connections with our craft workforce—both during CIW and beyond.”

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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