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Mr. Pete Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert and I are appreciative of the efforts of the Delta Regional Authority to focus on transportation, along with rural health and information technology, as its three major policy development areas. Within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the priority highway segments we have identified on US 60, the US 68/KY 80/KY 121 corridor, and the emerging I-69 corridor are essential elements in our transportation system for Kentucky's part of the designated Delta Region. Development along these three corridors and improved connections to our neighbors in Indiana near Evansville and to the I-55 corridor near Wickliffe are vital not only for Kentucky's economy but also to facilitate essential transportation movements in times of national emergencies.

Best wishes as you continue your efforts.

Sincerely,

Marc D. Williams, P.E.
Commissioner of Highways

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7. KENTUCKY

There are 21 counties in Kentucky that are a part of the DRA region. There are a total of 230 DDHS miles identified in Kentucky, which constitutes 6 percent of the total DDHS miles, of which 65 miles are 2-lane facilities. The Kentucky DDHS improvements consist of widening and upgrading portions of US 60, US 68/KY 80/KY 121, and I-69. **Table 8** provides a project description, priority and cost estimate details on each DDHS corridor in Kentucky and **Figure 10** shows the Kentucky DDHS.

Table 8 – Kentucky DDHS (planning-level cost estimates are in millions)

Corridor / Route	Project Description	Cost Estimate	Priority
US 60	New US 60 Bridge to replace existing US 51 bridge at Wickliffe	300.0	Short-Range
I-69	New bridge between Evansville, Indiana and Henderson, Kentucky	325.0	Short-Range
US 60	Widening to 4-lanes remaining sections of US 60 between Wickliffe and Kevil	140.0	Short-Range
US 68/ KY80/KY121	Widen to 4-lanes US 68/KY80/KY121 between Cadiz and Mayfield	50.0	Short-Range
I-69	Upgrade Approximately 135 Miles of Parkways to Interstate Standards	270.0	Medium-Range
TOTAL		1,385.0	

7.1 Highest Priorities

KYTC's top three (3) projects regardless of cost are:

1. US 60 bridge to replace US 51 bridge at Wickliffe,
2. I-69 New bridge between Evansville, Indiana and Henderson, Kentucky, and
3. US 60 widening to 4-lanes between Wickliffe and Kevil.

KYTC's top three (3) project segments if provided a total of \$15 million are:

1. 4-Lane US 60 from 1 mile east of Denis Johns Road to Bethel Church Road (includes Kevil Bypass).
 - a. Right of Way phase: \$9.5 million, and
 - b. Utility Relocation phase: \$ 5.5 million.

KYTC's top project segment, given \$5 million:

1. Right of way cost of \$9.5 Million for 4-Lane US 60 from 1 mile east of Denis Johns Road to Bethel Church Road (includes Kevil Bypass).

Figure 10 – Kentucky DDHS Corridors

