

WORK ELEMENT 5 - STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PRIORITIZATION AND RANKING PROCESS

PURPOSE:

The statewide transportation planning process is accomplished through a cooperative program with the Cabinet's 12 Highway District Offices (HDOs), 15 Area Development Districts (ADDs), and 9 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Regional Transportation Committees, local officials and public involvement committees. This process identifies transportation needs, based on data and public input, documents available data on each project, sets priorities for input to the Statewide Transportation Plan, Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and the Six-Year Highway Plan. This Statewide Transportation Planning Identification, Prioritization and Ranking Process complies with federal reauthorization and legislation requirements to inform, solicit input from and consult with transportation users, publicly elected officials, and representatives from all transportation modes and the underserved populations.

The ADDs are also responsible for coordination with MPOs and other agencies in the region, as appropriate. Additional input on needs and priorities is solicited from other Kentucky Transportation Cabinet offices, including the 12 Highway District offices, as well as other state agencies. Statewide priorities are established by Central Office staff through a scoring system which includes and considers the local, ADD, MPO, and District priorities and rankings, performance data such as adequacy ratings, crash data and traffic data, system continuity and connectivity, system priorities, recommendations from various planning studies, and socioeconomic and economic development factors.

Kentucky's planning process basically includes: the identification of needs, collection of data and evaluation of the problem and data, prioritization and ranking of transportation needs; coordination with MPOs and other planning agencies; coordination with the Division of Air Quality to assure compliance with the State Implementation Plan, and the active solicitation and consideration of public involvement. Each of these processes will be described in more detail through additional guidelines provided by the Cabinet.

FY 2008 TASKS:

- Transportation needs identified from all sources are recorded in a single "Unscheduled Projects" database until all project phases are advanced into the Six-Year Highway Plan, which is the Cabinet's programming document submitted to and approved by the Kentucky General Assembly every two years.
- A Project Identification Form (PIF) is completed for every new project. Data is reviewed and PIFs, prioritized as a "High" in the most recent prioritization cycle will be updated as needed or at a minimum on a two-year cycle, beginning in June of even numbered years and completed no later than November of even numbered years. The revision cycle for other PIFs will be provided at a later time by the Cabinet.
- ADDs/MPOs/HDOs will prioritize all UPL projects and rank projects per the guidelines provided by the Cabinet every two years (in odd numbered years). This process will begin in April of 2007 and conclude in July of 2007 following a schedule and guidelines to be provided by the Cabinet.
- Document the public involvement process utilized to prioritize and rank the Six-Year Plan Projects and the Unscheduled Projects List during Fiscal Year 2007 and early Fiscal Year 2008, including all efforts to educate/inform the committee and the public and any methods used to build consensus for priorities/rankings. This documentation should be submitted to the Cabinet

no later than two weeks following the submittal deadline for all priorities to the Cabinet (July 31, 2007).

- Critique the prioritization/ranking process for UPL and Six-Year Plan projects at the conclusion of this process, providing input to the Cabinet to improve this process.

FY 2008 PRODUCTS

	<u>Anticipated Time</u>	<u>Staff Responsible</u>	<u>Months</u>
• Prioritization/Ranking Process	___person hours	_____	<u>April-July 2007</u>
• Documentation of Process	___person hours	_____	<u>July 2007</u>
• Critique of Process	___person hours	_____	<u>August-Sept</u>
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ESTIMATED Percent of Budget _____