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Federal-Aid Safety Program Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011

Mr Chuck Soules Public Works Director PO Box 708 Lawrence, KS 66044 RECEIVED

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## Dear Mr Soules:

The Kansas Department of Transportation is again developing a priority ranking of intersections that may qualify for federal-aid safety funding. As in the past, our objective in this program is to identify and initiate viable projects with a cost-effective scope aimed at reducing existing crash experience. In order for your city to be included in this priority listing, we request the following information be submitted to the Bureau of Traffic Engineering, to my attention.

- I. Up to four (4) high crash intersections may be submitted
  - Intersections may be on any system where the <u>major</u> street is not classified as a local street or rural minor collector.
  - We consider an intersection with at least eight (8) crashes eligible to compete for funding.
- II. Crash Reports and Collision Diagrams needed
  - Submitted for the 3-year period (1/1/05 to 12/31/07).
  - Eligible crash reports involve property damage exceeding \$1000 or injury/fatality.
  - Crash reports must utilize the official state form.
  - Collision diagrams must also be submitted.
  - Do not submit collision diagrams in lieu of crash reports.

## III. Traffic Volume Data needed

- 24-hour volume count broken into one hour intervals. The data will need to be broken into one hour intervals particularly if signals are to be considered.
- 2-hour turning movement count broken into 15 minute intervals.

## IV. Proposed Recommendations

• Please offer thoughts on the type of counter measure you believe will effectively reduce the existing crash experience.

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Upon receipt of the requested information, all candidate intersections will be evaluated to determine relative needs with respect to safety. Projects are prioritized based on the crash severity, frequency, and rate; projects are selected based on the estimated net-annual-return and benefit cost ratio of proposed countermeasures for each intersection.

The deadline for submitting this information is June 13, 2008. If we have not received the information by May 30th, we will assume the city is not interested in this program. Also, cities that do submit intersections cannot be guaranteed that any of their candidate intersections will qualify for safety funding. Federal-aid funds under this program are prorated on a 90/10 federal/local split with a cap on federal participation. The projects will be let between October 2009 through September 2011. If your city has an MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization), please inform them of those intersections submitted for funding.

It is **extremely important** that we receive the requested information by the deadline so we may begin our selection process as soon as possible. We have been informed that **federal funds must be obligated in the year it is given**; otherwise, the funds will be in jeopardy of being lost. This affects the selected letting date. We will not have the flexibility to be rescheduling lettings from one federal fiscal year to the next so we must stay on schedule with these projects.

- Federal Fiscal Year 2010: October 2009 through September 2010
- Federal Fiscal Year 2011: October 2010 through September 2011

If there are any questions, please contact me at (785) 296-0354 or kristyr@ksdot.org. Your cooperation and interest in this program is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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