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Dear KDOT Local Partners:

The Kansas Department of Transportation is soliciting requests for projects from cities and counties to use funds made available for road and bridge improvements through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), signed into law earlier this week by President Obama.

Kansas will receive approximately \$348 million through ARRA for road and bridge projects. Of that \$348 million, approximately \$70 million will be shared with our local partners, including \$38 million sub allocated by the legislation to the Kansas City and Wichita metropolitan areas. Projects developed by counties and cities outside the metropolitan areas will be eligible for the remaining \$32 million. These funds will be distributed to KDOT's six districts in proportion to the share of the Special City and County Highway Fund dollars distributed to the local agencies in each district. KDOT's District Engineer and Area Engineers will select projects from the applications within each district.

Approximate distribution of the funds by district is as follows:

North East Kansas, District I	\$11 +/- million
North Central Kansas, District II	\$4 +/- million
North West Kansas, District III	\$2 +/- million
South East Kansas, District IV	\$4 +/- million
South Central Kansas, District V	\$8 +/- million
South West Kansas, District VI	\$3 +/- million

Attached is a summary of the criteria for a project to be eligible for ARRA funding.

In general, we anticipate the funds to be used for construction and construction engineering. Preliminary engineering, right of way acquisition, and utility relocations are also eligible for funding, but due to the time constraints on these funds, we see these activities as problematic and would place some financial risk on the local agency. These costs will be considered if the agency is willing to accept those risks.

Projects will be evaluated on a variety of criteria, including the criteria to be eligible for the funding and the likelihood of the project development being completed in the required timeframes. In addition, the projects within a district will be prioritized based on the intent of the legislation (economic impact, job creation, etc.) and the impact to the system (safety, system preservation, regional impacts, etc.).

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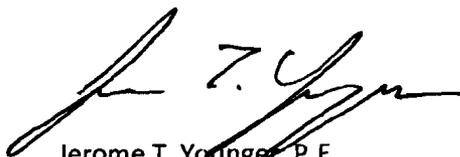
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Local agencies will need to submit to your local District Engineer a "Request for Construction Project Using Recovery Funds 2009" for each project you are requesting. This form can be downloaded from our website www.ksdot.org. To be complete, the form must be signed by the appropriate local officials. **Project request must be in the office of your local District Engineer to be considered for this funding by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2009.** There are no exceptions. KDOT Area Engineers and staff will be contacting you to answer your questions and assist you in completing the applications. We strongly encourage you to discuss your project with your Area Engineer or District Engineer before submitting your application.

KDOT plans to announce the projects selected on March 20, 2009.

Please contact your District Engineer or Area Engineer if you have any questions. If you do not have their address, that information is also available on our website as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. T. Younger", written over a horizontal line.

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