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MEMORANDUM

TO: COUNTY ENGINEERS

FROM: Michele Risko, CSTP/LBR Program Manager

SUBJECT: Sign Upgrade Projects Fiscal Year 2011

DATE: June 9, 2010

This is the time of year when The County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO) routinely accepts applications for safety study projects and sign upgrade projects. **However, this year, CEAO will only be accepting applications for sign upgrade projects.** The reason for this is that CEAO is working with ODOT to reduce our FY 2011 HSIP allocation by \$2.5 million with a corresponding increase in the FY 2011 LBR program. This additional \$2.5 million of LBR funds will be used to fund more bridge load ratings. Additional information will be forthcoming regarding this funding for bridge load ratings.

The reduction in the FY 2011 HSIP allocation makes it necessary to suspend the safety study program for one year in order to preserve the fiscal integrity of the program. The safety study program is scheduled to resume in FY 2012.

Since the CEAO sign upgrade projects are funded out of the CSTP allocation, they are not impacted by the proposed HSIP/LBR funding allocation adjustments. Therefore, this office wishes to notify you that applications for eligible sign upgrade projects are now being accepted by CEAO. These studies will again be managed by the Ohio Department of Transportation, and they will be funded at 80% federal up to a federal maximum of \$50,000. As in past years, the funds can be used to purchase signs, posts, and reflective strips and/or sheeting. All materials purchased with these funds must be installed by County forces. Although counties may submit projects that include sign upgrades on Township Roads, priority will be given to projects on County Roads.

Sign Upgrade applications for the Fiscal Year 2011 program must be submitted to CEAO by July 30, 2010. A blank application form is enclosed. All counties that have projects approved will be notified in August. This notification will include the procedure the county will need to follow to complete the project.

As a reminder, CEAO does have HSIP funding available for Location Based Response System (LBRS) projects. These funds can be used to pay for 10% of the project cost up to a maximum of \$50,000. Applications for these funds can be submitted any time throughout the year.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact this office at (614) 221-0707.

Enclosure