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SUBJECT: Safety Studies & Inventories, Sign Upgrade Projects, and HSIP Curve Sign

Upgrade Projects for Fiscal Year 2027

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The County Engineers Association of Ohio has set as a priority the improvement of safety on the county highway system throughout Ohio. Therefore, we wish to notify you that applications for eligible safety study & inventory projects, sign upgrade projects, and HSIP curve sign upgrade projects are now being accepted. Applications for FY 2027 funding are due to CEAO by September 14, 2025.

The list of studies, the list of funding limitations for each study, and a blank application form are enclosed. The Safety Study Inventory and Compliance projects will be funded at 90% federal (or as indicated on the Prioritization Guidelines) using HSIP funds.

CEAO has advertised for consultant services for the Safety Study Inventory and Compliance projects. The Statements of Qualifications (SOQ's) will be posted on the CEAO website (http://www.ceao.org/aws/CEAO/pt/sp/cstpprograms_consulqualifications). You will need to enter your CEAO webpage username and password in order to access this page. If your total project cost is \$50,000 or more, a qualifications-based selection must be used (including short-listing the consultants based on their SOQ's and then ranking the short-listed consultants using ODOT's consultant ranking form). If the project cost is under \$50,000, a consultant may be direct-selected.

The Sign Upgrade projects will be funded at 80% federal using HSIP funds. Funds can be used to purchase signs, posts, hardware, and reflective strips and/or sheeting. All materials purchased with these funds must be installed by County forces. A blank application form is also enclosed.

The HSIP Curve Sign Upgrade projects will be funded at 100% federal. Funds can be used to purchase curve related signs, posts, hardware, and reflective strips and/or sheeting. All materials purchased with these funds must be installed by County forces. Enclosed is a map of eligible curve locations. The application form for these projects will be e-mailed to you and can also be found on the CSTP page of the CEAO website.

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

Enclosures