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April 18, 2013

The Honorable Jim Gray, Mayor 200 East Main Street Lexington, KY 40507

Dear Mayor Gray:

Inspections of all bridges in Fayette County were recently completed in April of 2013 by the Kentucky Department of Highways, District Seven Structures Section in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards. Enclosed are copies of the inspection reports for each bridge, with recommended posting, closure, maintenance, and/or repairs, and an updated location map.

Posting Status – these structures have weight limits below 18 tons:

Posting Recommendation	Posting Status
15 tons	Posted Correctly
15 tons	Posted Correctly
3 tons	Posted Correctly
15 tons	Posted Correctly
15 tons	Posted Correctly
	Recommendation  15 tons 15 tons 3 tons 15 tons

Before crossing any of these structures, the driver of any vehicle is responsible for knowing the vehicle's gross weight. This includes school buses, which have become larger and heavier. It is the responsibility of both the bus driver and the district school transportation director to ensure the bus's gross weight does not exceed the weight limit of these structures.



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In order for Fayette County to be eligible for Federal Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Funds for the coming year, the structures listed as recommended posted must be signed for the weight limits shown. Those listed as recommended closed must be physically barricaded. All signs and barricades must conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Upon receipt of this letter Fayette County has **30 days** to post the weight limit signs for any bridges listed as not being posted and return a signed copy of the enclosed Statement of Compliance form to this office. Counties that are found to be out of compliance will be made ineligible for Federal funding.

The enclosed reports give a detailed look at our findings and the condition of each bridge, but for your convenience, a summary of the recommended repairs and maintenance needs is also enclosed. Finally, a map is included to help determine the location of each bridge, with the highlighted locations being bridges that have recommended repairs and maintenance needs. If there are any questions concerning Fayette County bridges, please contact the District Seven Bridge Engineer, Michael Vaughn, P.E., of this office.

Sincerely,

James E. Ballinger, P.E. Chief District Engineer

**Enclosures** 

cc:

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