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Kentucky Transportation Cabinet names new State Highway Engineer

Sam Beverage appointed to post

Frankfort, KY (December 10, 2004)-Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Maxwell Clay Bailey today announced the appointment of Sam Beverage as State Highway Engineer. "Sam Beverage brings new talent, leadership and vision to the Department of Highways and will serve an important role in the management team within the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet," Bailey said.

The State Highway Engineer is a registered professional engineer who works under the direction of the Commissioner of Highways to administer the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the more than 27,000 miles of state maintained roads in Kentucky.

"Earlier this year I appointed Marc Williams as Commissioner for the Department of Highways in order to provide immediate oversight and management control of the organization. Since this appointment, we've seen dramatic improvements in efficiency

and cost savings within the Department of Highways. Just last week the cabinet announced a \$74 million savings to taxpayers during the past year due to our efficiency initiatives," Bailey added. "With the addition of Sam Beverage as State Highway Engineer, we are going to begin the work of administering those savings in new road projects and improved services to our highway users across the state."

Before being appointed as State Highway Engineer, Beverage served as Chief District Engineer over the Department of Highways District 10 in Jackson and District 11 in Manchester. Prior to serving in those districts, Beverage served as Chief District Engineer for District 6 in Covington, and also held a number of leadership positions within the West Virginia Department of Highways, serving as Commissioner, State Highway Engineer, and District Engineer.

"Sam was charged with an unique responsibility to oversee the direction and management of two districts in Eastern Kentucky in order to improve and coordinate operations in both of these districts. I'm excited to be bringing his leadership into the position of State Highway Engineer," said Marc Williams, Commissioner of Highways.

During his time with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Beverage successfully worked with local officials to address highway needs in their areas.

"I think this is a great opportunity for the people of Kentucky, not only because of Sam's knowledge and background in transportation, but because of his understanding of the needs in both urban and rural areas of the state," said Harrison County Judge-Executive Dean Peak.

"Sam already had a grasp of our needs early on in his job as District 6 Chief District Engineer, " said Campbell County Judge-Executive Steve Pendrey. "He is always very even handed in the decisions that he makes. Sam always gave us the straight scoop."

"During his time as Chief District Engineer in District 6, Sam did so much to improve the customer service. He was always accessible, and I always appreciated his honesty. I look forward to working with Sam in his new role," said Boone County Judge-Executive Gary Moore.

Beverage is replacing Mac Yowell, P. E. as State Highway Engineer. Mr. Yowell served more than 12 years as State Highway Engineer in Kentucky, making him the longest serving State Highway Engineer in the nation. Yowell will continue to serve the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet in an executive advisor role.

"Mac Yowell's tenure as State Highway Engineer has been a long and remarkable period of service. I am personally appreciative for his past and future commitment to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet," Bailey said.

