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MEMO TO: County Engineers/Road Supervisors/Hwy. Administrators/Public Works Directors
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DATE: November 6, 2013

SUBJECT: KDOT Pipe Policy – MAP-21 Provision

RE: BLP Memo 13-14

This memo is a supplement to BLP Memo 09-02, dated February 2, 2009 and BLP Memo 10-09, dated June 30, 2010, and provides guidance that supersedes some of the instructions provided therein.

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal transportation legislation entitled “Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act” (MAP-21) and in particular Section 1525 of Map-21, this memo serves to clarify the application of the existing Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Pipe Policy for locally owned projects. Section 1525 of MAP-21 gives local public agencies (LPAs), with the approval of their State DOT, the authority to determine culvert and storm sewer material types to be included in their Federal-aid highway construction projects.

KDOT continues to encourage providing competition where it is appropriate regarding pipe materials allowed on a project. However, since the legislation no longer makes competition mandatory and grants the local agency discretion to make this decision themselves, KDOT hereby grants Kansas LPAs the approval to determine culvert and storm sewer material types to be included in their Federal-aid highway non-National Highway System (NHS) construction projects. For LPA-Administered projects on the NHS, approval will be granted by KDOT-BLP in association with the “approval to administer” process. The technical requirements provided within the KDOT Pipe Policy are still in effect and LPAs are obliged to follow all engineering requirements as set forth in the KDOT Pipe Policy.

For questions regarding the Pipe Policy, please contact Ed Thornton, Road Team Leader at (785) 296-3861.

Thank you for your support in accommodating the revised pipe policy criteria. Through this effort our intent is not to hold Kansas LPAs to any constraints not required by Federal or State law.

Sincerely,

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