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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMONWEALTH CHAIR OF
TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees authorize the establishment of the Commonwealth Chair of Transportation Engineering in the College of Engineering.

Background: The Dean of the College of Engineering has had continuing discussions with the Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Kentucky about the importance of strengthening and expanding the education and research activities at UK in support of a more robust and diverse transportation network throughout the state. To that end, the Secretary has agreed to provide \$50,000 on an annual basis to support the research and professional activities of a highly qualified civil engineering faculty member. This commitment extends for five years, at which time the Cabinet can consider a renewal for a subsequent five-year period. The Transportation Cabinet has committed approximately \$30 million in research grant and contract funding to the University over the past five years and seeks to expand the expenditures in this area by assisting the University hire an internationally known leader in the field. Selection of the recipient will be governed by the rules of the College of Engineering.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____